

BEACH

Amid subzero temperatures, here are the warmest beaches in the US

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If lying on the beach with a daiquiri in one hand and a good book in another has moved way up on your priority list this frigid winter, and you want to get warm — really warm — without leaving the U.S., your best bets are south Florida, Southern California and Hawaii. Here's our list of the warmest beaches in the U.S. from December through February.

9. Santa Monica, Calif.



Just minutes from traffic-filled downtown Los Angeles is a beach oasis with hip bars and restaurants, haute couture shopping, coastal biking paths and a carnival-like boardwalk. It's not unusual to catch sight of a celebrity in Santa Monica, and you'll certainly dig its relaxed vibe.

Winter temperatures stay at around 67 degrees, though they often reach the 70s, and the sun is out more than 300 days a year. If you're not biking the beach with views of the Pacific Palisades or working out at nearby muscle beach, try the free poolside yoga weekends at the **Viceroy Santa Monica**, a stylish hotel with ocean views that offers gourmet dining and complimentary bike rentals to guests.

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