



Top 10 UK Beaches

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1	Whiterocks, Northern Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White sand, arches, stacks and castle-clad cliffs • Crystal waters • Huge dune for running • Both wild and city beach at the same time 	Beach tip: Head east for wilderness and west for beach front cafes
2	Porthcurno, Cornwall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jump off Thai style yellow boulders • If you dare, follow the stairway, carved into the rocks leading to the open-air cliff-top Minack theatre • Spot seals as you surf in the bluest of seas 	Beach tip: Head down early for a car parking space.
3	Porthmeor, St Ives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the cobbled streets of St Ives behind you. • Breakfast at West beach café • Hike the emerald water fringed headland (with seals). • Hang out at beach cafes and bars right on the sand. 	Beach tip: Book ahead for a table at the glass fronted Porthmeor Beach Cafe

4	Durdledoor, Dorset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White cliffs • Golden sands • Natural arch for dive bombing 	Beach tip: Don't jump from the top.
5	West Bay, Dorset	Crazily steep and bright orange cliffs.	Beach tip: Don't sit directly under the cliffs. "Rocks may fall at any time"
6	Kynance Cove, Cornwall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquamarine water and back-to-back dramatic rocky bays. • Accessed by way of a steep coastal path 	Beach tip: The beach is only accessible at low tide.
7	Barafundle Bay, Pembrokeshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stone arch entrance – like a Welsh Ancient Greece • Remote location accessed via of coastal path • Calm seas are great for swimming and boating 	<p>Beach tip: Don't miss the National Trust cafe for pre/post beach cream teas by the car park at Stackpole Quay.</p> <p>Use the loo at the carpark before you go.</p>
8	Perranporth, Cornwall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vast swathes of empty white sand • Huge run-down-me dunes • Don't miss the Watering Hole café/bar right in the middle of the sand 	Beach tip: A headland path takes you back the campsite when the tide comes in.
9	Croyde, Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do some surfing • Play in and or run down sand dunes big enough to get lost in 	Beach tip: Hide and seek is a bad idea.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk the headland to Baggy Point (if it's not too windy) • Hire a lodge just behind the dunes • Head into the village for dinner and a drink in thatched Thatch 	
10	Sennen Cove, Cornwall	Winner of my UK's whitest sand/bluest sea award.	Beach tip: Check out the pictures of the towering storm wave over the headland.