

# TOP 10 MOST DESIRABLE BEACHES IN FRANCE



Once again, they are going to be a summer hit! Which beaches in France have the locals targeted this summer? Online vacation rental platform Likibu counted the number of Google searches containing the name of a beach across France over the past twelve months. While Corsican beaches occupy many top spots in the rankings, Marseille and its Calanques remain the most desirable.

Tourism Review presents the most attractive beaches in France.

## 10. Plage de l'Estagnol, Bormes-les-Mimosas

Discover a serene cove with soft sand, perfect for unwinding under the cool shade of pine trees. Estagnol Beach, nestled in Domaine de Brégançon, offers many amenities, such as playgrounds for kids and shallow waters ideal for swimming. You can also enjoy a delicious lunch at one of the nearby restaurants.

## 9. Côte des Basques beach, Biarritz

This beach is renowned among surfers and is considered the birthplace of local surfing. The beach is closed during high tide due to limited sand and access. However, the stunning XXL landscape attracts many visitors. Cliffs surround the beach, and walking down the winding stairs is a favorite activity for many, allowing them to appreciate the ocean powerfully. Visitors can enjoy panoramic views from the iconic Villa Belza to the Spanish mountains. The renovated pedestrian promenade is a pleasant spot to stroll. Prepare to be wowed by the breathtaking scenery!

## 8. Palombaggia Beach, Porto-Vecchio

The jewel of the Camargue, Espiguette beach stretches for more than 10 kilometers. It is home to numerous wind-blown dunes with exceptional plant and animal species, just 10 minutes from the center of Le Grau-du-Roi.

## 7. Calanque de Port-Miou, Cassis

The only Calanque in the commune of Cassis, Port-Miou ("best port" in Provençal), can be reached on foot from the town center in 30 minutes. Built into the cliffs and 1.4 km long, it is also a famous marina with dozens of sailboats.

## 6. Utah Beach, Sainte-Marie-du-Mont

The name "Utah Beach" refers to an American state that was chosen as the code name for a landing site. Operation Overlord began here in June 1944. Opposite the hamlet of La Madeleine, this beach - the westernmost of the D-Day landings, lined with dunes and marshes - was chosen by the Americans as their route to the port of Cherbourg. It is also one of the most visited beaches in France.

## **5. Santa Giulia Beach, Porto-Vecchio**

Located on a strip of sand wedged between the pond and the gulf of the same name, Santa Giulia Beach, a few kilometers south of Palombaggia Beach, is one of the many corners of the paradise surrounding Porto-Vecchio.

## **4. Omaha Beach, Vierville-sur-Mer**

The most famous of the five landing beaches, Omaha Beach is appreciated for the cliffs of Pointe Hoc and its large stretches of golden sand.

## **3. Prado Beach, Marseille**

Since the 1970s, the Prado seaside park has been a popular swimming spot in Phocaean City. With over three kilometers of coastline, it offers a wide range of water activities.

## **2. Calanque de Sormiou, Marseille**

Interestingly, we value the top spot in the ranking not for its beach (which is too narrow) but for the stunning view from the ridge of Morgiou. From there, hikers can behold the breathtaking beauty of Calanque de Sormiou, the widest in the National Park.

## **1. Calanque d'En-Vau, Marseille**

In the Calanque d'En-Vau, an arm of crystal-clear water winds between the cliffs anchoring the pebbles of a small beach where wild boars sometimes sunbathe with holidaymakers.

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