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Best for 1 Beaches

Just a few minutes gazing at the blue water, listening to the surf and feeling the sand between your toes can be enough to soothe the wounds from that final-hole double bogey. If you are drawn to the sea, whether it is the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico, your search for a golf home should start with these eight communities where you'll be happy to find the sand.

DeBordieu

Georgetown, S.C.

Residents at this community near Myrtle Beach enjoy not only miles of pristine beaches and tranquil marshes but also hundreds of undeveloped acres that have been established as wildlife preserve.

debordieu.com

Fripp Island Golf & Beach Resort

Fripp Island, S.C.

It's no coincidence that the beaches and forests of Fripp Island have been used as sets for *The Prince of Tides, Forrest Gump* and *The Jungle Book*. The resort community occupies one of South Carolina's most beautiful barrier islands. frippislandresort.com

Grand Harbor

Vero Beach, Fla.

Whether residents are taking a stroll along the coastline, basking in the sun or enjoying a cocktail by the pool, Grand Harbor's beach club is the ideal place to enjoy the best of what the Sunshine State is about.

grandharbor.com

Hammock Dunes

Palm Coast, Fla.

Located just south of historic St. Augustine, Hammock Dunes features more than a mile of oceanfront property that forms a backdrop for the community's 36 holes from Rees Jones and Tom Fazio.

hammockdunes.com

Kiva Dunes

Gulf Shores, Ala.

Surrounded by rolling dunes covered with a diverse assortment of indigenous plants, the beautiful beach at Kiva Dunes is as inviting as the bunkers at the Jerry Pate-designed course are not.

kivadunes.com

Newport Beach and Golf

Port Aransas, Texas

The warm water of the Gulf of Mexico is great for beachgoers, who can swim, relax or ride bikes, but the crashing surf can be a distraction during a round at the Arnold Palmer-designed Newport Dunes course.

newportbeachandgolf.com

Orchid Island Golf and Beach Club

Vero Beach, Fla.

After a round of golf on the 7,131-yard Arnold Palmer course or a couple of sets of tennis, residents unwind in a privately owned cabana or under the covered loggias at the West Indies-inspired beach club.

orchidislandrealty.com

Seabrook Island

Seabrook Island, S.C.

Whether it's a twosome playing one of the community's two courses, a late afternoon stroll on the beach, or a memorable dinner in Charleston, located just 30 minutes away, the ingredients for a perfect romantic day are within reach at Seabrook.

discoverseabrook.com

Lake Toxaway Estates

Lake Toxaway, N.C.

The largest private lake in North Carolina, the 640-acre Lake Toxaway offers a serene mountain getaway, especially because jet skis are not allowed.

laketoxaway.com

Reserve at Lake Keowee

Sunset, S.C.

The Reserve's 200-slip marina provides everything for a day on 18,5000-acre Lake Keowee, which is fed by the clear water coming off the Blue Ridge Mountains.

reserveatlakekeowee.com

Rivé Isle

Parrish, Fla.

Whether from a private dock or the River Lodge, residents can explore inland waterways or head out to the Gulf of Mexico for world-class sport fishing.

riveisle.com

Sailfish Point

Hutchinson Island, Fla.

Along with playing the 7,088-yard Jack Nicklaus course, members can cruise the Indian River, St. Lucie Inlet or the Atlantic Ocean for unique fishing and boating trips.

sailfishpoint.com

Trillium

Cashiers, N.C.

Members enjoy more than 26 miles of shoreline along Lake Glenville, as well as the dramatic contrasts of the surrounding Blue Ridge Mountains.

trilliumnc.com

Wexford Plantation

Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Deep canals flow through this community, enabling owners to dock vessels up to 65 feet long in their backyards and allowing for easy access to the waters beyond. **wexfordplantation.com**

Best for Boating

If there is one experience to rival the exhilaration of catching a drive on the screws, it is feeling the salt air rushing through your hair as you cruise the open seas. Whether your craft is a yacht or a sailboat, these 10 communities offer the best golf and boating combinations and are the perfect place to set your anchor.

Admiral's Cove

Jupiter, Fla.

Water is easy to find at Admiral's Cove, which has five miles of waterways and a full-service 74-slip marina. But residents try to avoid the wet hazards on the 45 holes of golf designed by Robert von Hagge.

admiralscove.net

Carnegie Abbey Club

Portsmouth, R.I.

When not negotiating the community's Donald Steel course, Carnegie Abbey residents can be found on the waters off Newport, a favored destination for some of the world's finest sailors.

carnegieabbeyclub.com

Governor's Land at Two Rivers

Williamsburg, Va.

Members not only can take advantage of nearby Williamsburg and the community's Tom Fazio layout, but they also can enjoy cruising on the James and Chickahominy rivers, as well as Chesapeake Bay. **governorsland.com**

Jonathan's Landing

Jupiter, Fla.

At this 54-hole community, members don't need to own a boat to take the short two-mile cruise to the Jupiter Inlet and the Atlantic Ocean—they can join the Boat Fleet and have unlimited use of a variety of vessels.

jonathanslanding.com