

TRAVEL

THE BEACH RESET

Do-nothing SANDY GETAWAYS not your thing? There's still time this SUMMER to learn how to love to lounge at these new resorts.

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The beach is not my natural element. Tell me I'm going to London and I dream of martinis. The Bahamas? I think of how uncomfortable sand is. But I've lived through enough beachless seasons to know that avoiding them is no way to summer. If you get through September without breathing in some salt air, life just feels kind of flat. There's a richness in the contrast of lazy and busy days-it's apt that the glare of the ocean sun makes virtually all phones annoying to use. Mother Nature is telling you to be alone with your thoughts. Would it hurt to ponder the curvature of the earth where the sky touches the sea for a while? Email and Facebook will still be there in the fall. Pro-level beach fans have always instinctively known how reinvigorating the coast can be. For the rest of us, here are some new places to test the waters. Sand washes away pretty easily, after all.

1. Idyllic Suite

Andaz Mayakoba Resort, near Playa del Carmen, Mexico

The newest property of the luxe Mayakoba ecoresort development has minimalist rooms with plunge pools and patios that open up directly onto the shore. Just step out and choose where to dip—they're fantasy beach hangouts come true.

2. Baller Escape Faena Hotel, Miami Beach

Can over-the-top be a compliment? It can be when you're talking about this hotel, a maximalist's fever dream of a property in the Faena district of Miami Beach. Damien Hirst's gold-plated mammoth skeleton will stir up as many existential thoughts as the ocean.

3. Baja Hideaway

Hotel San Cristóbal, Todos Santos, Mexico

Liz Lambert's Bunkhouse group, the company behind Austin's Hotel San José and Marfa's El Cosmico, brings its own brand of Texas cool to the boho fisherman/surfer town of Todos Santos. Details like kimono robes and a gong that's hit when the sun sets are impeccable. But it all takes a backseat to ridiculous views of the Pacific.

4. Unsung Beach The Shore Club,

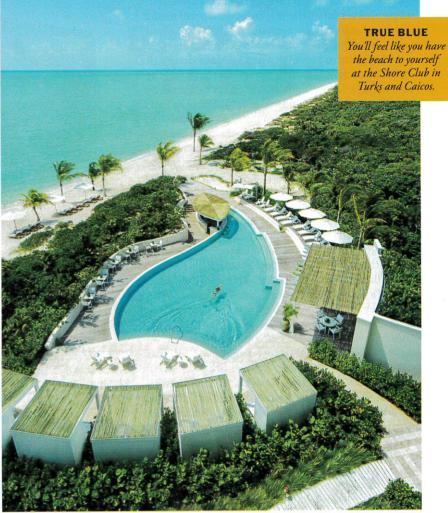
Providenciales, Turks and Caicos

Long Bay beach, despite having three miles of soft white sand and warm shallow water, was relatively under the radar until the Shore Club opened last December. Key amenities: a private yacht you can charter and a complimentary kids' club (so parents can have a bit of a *real* vacation).

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Pop the top: On-the-go imbibing doesn't have to mean boxed wine or beer in Solo cups. Work cocktails into the mix this summer with a Lilliputian canned rock and rye from Hochstadter's. Potent (84 proof) yet delicious, it's like an old-fashioned made with whiskey, raw honey, rock candy, and Angostura bitters. \$5; drinkslowandlow.com