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8 Gorgeous Coastal Getaways Around the World

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Not all coastlines are created equal—**unless you're referring to these eight destinations**, whose award-winning restaurants, stunning hotels, and jaw-dropping ocean views do their coordinates serious justice.



Cape Town, South Africa

The beauty of Cape Town is undeniable—the plateau-topped mountain range that drops into a shimmering sea; the free-roaming wildlife, from whales breaching offshore to baboons that sunbathe on the roadside; the Georgian mansions and Victorian homes that line its residential streets. But there's more to this city than its looks, including a dynamic urban center chock-full of world-class art, food, and design. The new place to stay—and be seen—is the Silo Hotel, on top of the V&A Waterfront's much-anticipated Zeitz Museum of Contemporary African Art. Here, 28 rooms feature bulging multi-faceted windows that look out towards Table Mountain. Its Granary Café is also the latest in the Mother City's emergence of haute cuisine—though The Shortmarket Club (from the minds behind local favorite The Test Kitchen) is worthy of a look for its deco interiors and flavorful plates like Scotch eggs with truffle and kingklip with tamarind. Squeeze in some time outdoors, be it hiking at Lion's Head or Cape Point, spotting penguins at Boulders Beach, or testing your surfing chops in chichi Camps Bay, home to the legendary Twelve Apostles Hotel.

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