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These Are the Best Undiscovered Beaches in the World

A certain type of New Yorker has complaints about the beaches in Tulum, Mexico, Saint Barth's, or Mykonos in Greece. "Why escape New York," they ask, "just to be surrounded by New Yorkers?"

Do not hang out with these people.

But do heed their warning: If you want to go to a beach to get away from other humans, you'll have to try a lot harder than visiting those popular, luxurious, seaside spots. At the six under-the-radar destinations listed below, you won't know a soul anywhere in a hundred-mile radius—and the locals will make you feel like one of their own. Not just that: These untrammeled landscapes are postcard-perfect, free of photo-bombing tourists and full of secret coves just waiting for you to discover them. As icing on the cake, they're all within close proximity to places you already know and love.

Time's ticking though. These spots won't stay secret much longer.

You've Done Punta del Este, Uruguay ... Now Try Mancora, Peru



The Himalaya Suite, at Mancora's Kichic boutique hotel. Source: Kichic

“This beach is popular with locals, but few Western visitors have discovered it,” said Ashish Sanghrajka, Latin America enthusiast and president of [Big Five Tours](#). That’s because most travelers to Peru head inland to the Sacred Valley, rather than up the coast. That’s a big mistake.

Not only does Sanghrajka say that the beach town of Mancora—close to the border of Ecuador and a four-hour flight from Lima—has “some of the best banana board surfing in Latin America.” It’s also home to a stunning nine-room resort, [Kichic](#). Nearby, at Túcume, you can still accomplish some of that requisite Peruvian ruin-spotting; the adobe complex is nearly a thousand years old. And soon enough, the country’s luxury resort standard setter, Inkaterra, will open a beach retreat [in the vicinity](#)—in a fishing town that inspired Ernest Hemingway’s *The Old Man and the Sea*.