

Southeast Getaway Travel Newsletter

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The Top Two Beach Destinations



We have visited [Myrtle Beach](#) twice now in both Spring and Fall and have enjoyed the city immensely. There is so much to offer visitors of every age and Myrtle Beach is particularly popular with families and golfers. We fell in love with the beautiful La Belle Amie Winery, the incredibly fabulous oceanfront Sea Captain's House restaurant and the new trend in shopping villages at Broadway at the Beach.

South Carolina's Grand Strand is gifted with blue skies, sun-bleached sand, golden sunshine, curling breakers and gentle breezes. The extraordinary natural beauty of this coastline has attracted visitors for nearly a century. The Grand Strand is an island with a 60-mile oceanfront and three roads connecting it to the mainland. Surrounded on the north and the west by the Intracoastal Waterway, the east by the Atlantic Ocean and the south by Winyah Bay, the Grand Strand can be shut off from the outside world by closing four bridges, which gives the impression of its being a world unto itself. Myrtle Beach and the other towns that dot this long island stretch, have become havens for visitors year round. From Little River to [Pawleys Island](#), there are a dazzling variety of restaurants, as well as fantastic nightlife, concerts and theater, museums, interesting shops, and recreational pursuits for the whole family.

Be sure to make reservations soon. [For Myrtle Beach Accommodations](#)

DESTIN, FL is another great beach destination voted number 1 by the Southern Living Readers and quite special to us at Southeast Getaway. Unpretentious, uncomplicated and breathtakingly beautiful, the Emerald Coast is simply irresistible. Famous for 24 miles of dazzling sugar white sands and brilliant green waters, the Southern sea towns of Destin, Fort Walton Beach, and Okaloosa Island present simple pleasures -- the "World's Luckiest Fishing Village," spirited seaside celebrations, links of great golf, undeniably fresh seafood and some of the world's finest shelling - all embraced within an unassuming charm. The easy pace of Destin, Fort Walton Beach, and Okaloosa Island revolves like a slow ceiling fan caressing visitors with a refreshing breeze of Southern pleasantries and warm-hearted hospitality accented with a "ya'll come back" character.

Be sure to read our [travel articles](#) on both these destinations.

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Dear Harry,

Each year Southern Living Magazine polls its readers for their votes on the best Southern destinations in many categories and publishes them as the Readers' Choice Awards results. As an avid reader of Southern Living I look forward to this issue each January. I also vote each and every year for my favorite spots. This year I find it both interesting and rewarding that we at Southeast Getaway have featured many of these destinations in our 2006 [monthly newsletters](#).

Based on Southern Living Readers' choices, latest travel trends from many other sources and our own visits to these popular destinations we have compiled travel recommendations for our January Newsletter. We also publish [travel articles](#) on our segetaway website highlighting the special spots we enjoyed during our visits. Here in the Southeast we are still in shorts and sandals enjoying record warm temperatures, low gas prices and a season with no hurricanes. It's time for you to plan a trip to visit one or more of this spectacular spots and maybe this year you too can vote for your favorite.

• The Best Southern Cities

This choice comes as no surprise to anyone. [Charleston, SC](#) is the most incredible, romantic, historic, charming destination you could ever choose. Visitors to this southern city are overwhelmed by the sense of history and romance combined to create an ambience found in few other cities. Whether taking a carriage ride along Battery Row, strolling the cobblestone streets, or in audience at the famous Dock Street Theatre you will be carried away by the experience. Charleston is the host city to many internationally recognized annual [events](#). Be sure to make your reservations early because this little southern city is no longer the best kept secret in the South. [For Charleston Accommodations:](#)



Our hometown, [Beaufort, SC](#) once again voted the Best Small Southern Town lies right between the first and second place winners, Charleston, SC and Savannah, GA so we know all about these spectacular destinations. [Savannah's](#) old world grace and Southern hospitality give the city a unique flavor found nowhere else in the world. The meticulous preservation of its historic treasures extends to buildings, parks, and other properties and draws tourists from all over the country. While visiting Savannah, be sure to take advantage of all that the city has to offer. The city proudly showcases many fine restaurants, shops, boutiques, and quality museums. Savannah's historic district, beautiful beaches and majestic scenery combine to make any visit to the Hostess City of the South an unforgettable experience. Visitors can relax and enjoy each day of their visit in what is considered to be one of the most beautiful cities in America. The number one Southern family restaurant chosen by the Southern Living readers is The Lady & Sons, owned by the Food Network star Paula Deen. Don't wait to make those reservations ya'all.

[For Savannah Accommodations:](#)

• Spotlight on Myrtle Beach Resort Condos

The oceanfront Myrtle Beach Resort Condos offers a variety of condominium rentals on 33 beautifully landscaped acres. Resort amenities include 24-hr security, a water park with lazy river and wet deck, 6 pools (2 indoors and 1 beachfront), an oceanfront cabana bar, 4 lighted tennis courts and 3 spas with steam rooms, saunas and Jacuzzis.



• Plan Ahead Events

Mardi Gras [New Orleans, LA](#) will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2007. It is New Orleans' premiere party season! It's time to enjoy life, party, and have a good time! It's irresistibly fun, vibrant, sarcastic, and sassy! If you understand how this city hums during the day and sings at night, you may be able to envision its celebration of Mardi Gras. [For New Orleans Accommodations:](#)

Springfest on [Hilton Head Island, SC](#) kicks off on Saturday March 10, 2007 with Winefest and March 11 with the St. Patrick's Day Parade. [For Hilton Head Accommodations:](#)

• Little Gem of the South:Blackberry Farm



Once again the Southeast Getaway team picked a winner with Blackberry Farm coming in as the Southern Living Reader's Choice number 1 Country Inn/Bed-and-Breakfast in the South. We highlighted this Inn in the February 2006 newsletter. Blackberry Farm in East Tennessee has been selected as the number one Country Inn by Southern Living Readers since 2002. Tucked away into a rustic setting Blackberry Farm caters to those in search of fine dining, luxurious accommodations, and a full slate of outdoor activities. Situated on a pastoral 4,200- acre estate in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, Blackberry Farm has earned its reputation as one of the most highly acclaimed small luxury hotels in the country through myriad international awards and press coverage.

[For Blackberry Farm Accommodations:](#)

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