

OVERSEAS

## 20 of the best seaside properties on sale around the world

Pick a continent, pour yourself a cocktail, then sit back and dream of your very own parcel of land on the coast. By Daniel Pembrey



**W**hich is yours? Fantasy beachside escape, that is. The hot sun — and hot people — of Saint-Tropez, Tuscany or Greece? Do you prefer the remoteness of wild British Columbia or Pacific-bound Vanuatu?

Lockdown has made us covet beachfront like never before, and by “us”, we’re talking about the world. Estate agents on every continent are reporting choice parcels of coastline being snapped up by city evacuees, among others. In coastal hubs such as Dubai or Cape Town, some are even managing to “have it all”.



“Since the pandemic, people have been travelling to fewer locations and spending more time in each one,” says Edward de Mallet Morgan, a partner in Knight Frank’s global super-prime department. “People are putting down roots and increasingly buying instead of renting in these places. For increasing numbers of buyers, that involves waterfront property.”

Nothing soothes the pandemic-wearied soul like a sundowner and a panoramic sea view, so mix a cocktail, sit back and let yourself dream.



### **Australia, A\$4.5 million**

The number of celebrities visiting this country has led it to be nicknamed Aussiewood. Queensland is the state of choice for sun, beach and reef. Jewel of the Reef is a relatively cosy home with just two bedrooms, yet it rests on 43,000 sq ft of beach and coral frontage. The covered deck, resting above a natural granite tidal pool, measures 1,600 sq ft.

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### **The Bahamas, \$3.2 million**

The Bahamas has launched a significant sustainability programme. Feel close to nature on Kamalame Cay, a private island resort. Two-bedroom Driftwood's indoor-outdoor design takes maximum advantage of an acre-plus coconut grove, which fans out to 190ft of deeded beachfront.

*Sotheby's, [sirbahamas.com](https://www.sirbahamas.com)*



### **Brazil, \$8.1 million**

Brazil is a continent-sized country. While it has struggled through the pandemic, parts of it remain so undisturbed they'd feel familiar to Robinson Crusoe. This property, on a gated community in Laranjeiras, Rio de Janeiro, has 420 acres and two private beaches. Go for the self-sufficiency (water supply from two springs, power generator), stay for the 10,000 peach palm trees.

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## British Columbia, \$14.9 million

The rugged west coast of Vancouver Island may feel remote, but once you get there you'll find a funky community of yoga and surf aficionados, not to mention some of North America's best hotels and dining. "Sited on 1.21 acres fronting Chesterman Beach, this waterfront estate's wooden boardwalks meander through lush forest . . ." The four-bedroom main residence has an outdoor surf shower. There is also a two-bedroom guest house, a children's tree house and a single bedroom/caretaker cottage.

*Sotheby's, [sothebysrealty.com](https://www.sothebysrealty.com)*



## British Virgin Islands, \$5 million

There's a reason Richard Branson decamped to this part of the world (besides the favourable tax treatment of arrivals such as him): the love of the beautiful British Virgin Islands. Surfsong, on a private gated estate with 2.5 acres and more than 500ft of private water frontage, has seven bedrooms, a Balinese-inspired dining pavilion, guest villas, mature gardens — oh, and planning consent for a swimming platform.

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### **Dubai, £9.3 million**

Low taxes and the expat social life have made Dubai a Covid-era haven. This palatial seven-bedroom villa sits on a 19,000 sq ft plot that forms part of a gated community, giving privacy, security, space — and beachfront — in the heart of the city.

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### **Florida, \$7.9 million**

A favourite destination for Brits — you can find ample charm in the Florida Keys and channel your inner Hemingway to boot. Set in Islamorada, on a two-acre estate that began life as the LaBranche Fishing Camp in 1937, the main home has a three-bedroom guest wing. There's also a three-bedroom guest home and a two-bedroom caretaker's cottage, each with verandas that overlook the ocean.

*American Caribbean Real Estate, [christiesrealestate.com](https://www.christiesrealestate.com)*





## Greece, €25 million

The Greeks have been quick to try to welcome back British tourists, and Porto Heli on the “Peloponnesian Riviera” offers the best of all worlds: cosmopolitan amenities, white sand and turquoise waters. This 24-acre estate with rolling hills and 2,600ft of coastline offers total privacy. The 6,835 sq ft villa has six bedrooms, a home cinema room, staff quarters, two kitchens and an outdoor dining table for 30 people facing the beach.

*Ploumis Sotiropoulos Real Estate/Christie's, [christiesrealestate.com](https://www.christiesrealestate.com)*





## Ibiza, prices start at €4 million

Known for its party scene, Ibiza offers so much more including respite at a new class of serviced residences and villas — Six Senses Ibiza will open in July.

Located on the peaceful northern tip of the island, with unobstructed westerly sunset views, Six Senses comprises a resort spa and a residential community that includes four to six-bedroom residences ranging from 3,000 to 6,460 sq ft, and additional larger villas. Each comes with its own pool.

[sixsenses.com](https://sixsenses.com)



## Italy, €7.5 million

Where else combines history and waterfront quite like the Tuscan coast?

Recently restored, this 16th-century tower near Talamone has five bedrooms and a stone staircase that leads down from the garden to the sea. It measures 3,766 sq ft.

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## Japan, \$21.6 million

The Japanese Olympics are three months away. This “resort house”, less than 90 minutes from Tokyo, could serve as your own private Olympic village. This 8.5-acre estate on the Manazuru peninsula has an array of sporting facilities including an outdoor pool, tennis court and golf simulator. The living and dining rooms look out over the Sagami Bay. There’s a home theatre with karaoke system too.

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## Mexico, from £1.3 million

SHA Mexico claims to be the first serious global wellness brand to open in Latin America. Once we’re past the pandemic, we’ll want in. Residences at this holistic health clinic, which sits on 17 acres on Mexico’s Atlantic coast, should open in 2022. The properties range from ocean-front 2,580 sq ft, two-bedroom apartments to beach houses with pools.

[shawellnessclinic.com](https://www.shawellnessclinic.com)





## Morocco, €1.7 million

Winston Churchill felt inspired by Morocco to take up the brush; his wartime painting of Marrakesh recently sold for £8.2 million. Perhaps Villa Debra, a “small palace” dating back to 1935, will provide similar inspiration. Set on the water and displaying Moorish flair, Villa Debra has 5,382 sq ft of interior space and six bedrooms.

*Kensington/Christie's, [christiesrealestate.com](https://www.christiesrealestate.com)*



## Mustique, £11.5 million

You can find Moroccan style on the charmed island of Mustique too, where the chances of also finding yourself rubbing shoulders with an A-lister at Basil's Bar are reasonable. Oceanus is a Moorish castle-style villa built from natural materials and set around four ornamental pools — perfect for large families and house parties. It has five bedrooms, a library, a sunset-view living room and a 260-degree view overlooking Britannia Bay.

*[mustique-island.com](https://www.mustique-island.com)*





## Portugal, €3.25 million

Another timeless favourite for Brits, and now beloved by surfers. This seven-bedroom, 5,100 sq ft villa at the top of a cliff in Aljezur, on the Algarve, has its own pool, terrace and Atlantic views. There's also a gym, spa bath and sauna.

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## South Africa, \$1.3 million

South Africa offers that rare combination of being a world away while being just one hour ahead of the UK. This seven-bedroom, easy-to-maintain, lock-and-go beach house in Hermanus on the Western Cape, has mountain views and staff quarters.

*Greeff Properties/Christie's, [christiesrealestate.com](https://www.christiesrealestate.com)*





## France, offers over €20 million

Saint-Tropez, beloved by the party set, never goes out of fashion. It's never cheap, either — but few locations worldwide are as likely to retain their value. This 3,700 sq ft property, on 0.7 acres, has seven bedrooms, a caretaker's apartment, a pool and a boat garage on the sea.

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## Thailand, \$2.8 million

Pattaya, on Thailand's eastern seaboard, is popular with Bangkok residents seeking second homes as well as foreign retirees. It has recently hosted the Jet Ski World Cup. Located on a 9,000 sq ft plot on Jomtien beach, this seven-bedroom villa has a gym and fitness centre. Jomtien beach is more relaxed and family-friendly than neighbouring Pattaya City.

*Richmont's Luxury Real Estate/Christie's, [christiesrealestate.com](https://www.christiesrealestate.com)*





## **Turks and Caicos Islands, \$15 million**

According to the Turks and Caicos Weekly News, social gatherings of up to 30 people are now allowed at home or at the beach. Where better to celebrate than at Point House on Parrot Cay? A beachfront estate adjacent to a nature reserve, this five-bedroom residence has 30ft ceilings, a 12ft-long hand-carved wooden table, lava stone pool and botanical gardens.

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## **Vanuatu, A\$5.3 million**

Vanuatu — where HRH Prince Philip was venerated — is a South Pacific nation comprising more than 80 islands, once known as New Hebrides. It is renowned for coral reefs, underwater caverns, wartime wrecks and of course scuba diving. Paradise Cove offers an ideal base for exploration. This five-acre beachfront estate with walled tropical grounds has a private white sand beach and reef. The calm and clear waters are perfect for swimming, snorkelling, kayaking and paddle boarding. There are three oceanfront residences with six bedrooms in total. The landscaped gardens feature bougainvillea, fruit trees, a thatched gazebo, a fire pit — oh, and a private helipad.

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