

BEACH LIFE AROUND THE WORLD

Sea, sun and sand: beautiful beaches are the same all around the world. Or are they?

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Brazil's most famous beaches, Ipanema and Copacabana, are very busy. You can play football on the sand, shop for the world's coolest beach fashions, or buy food from the many food sellers. Watch people on the beach practising *capoeira* – a Brazilian martial art. When the sun goes down, dance all night to Rio's fantastic *samba* music.



Capoeira on Copacabana beach

Hawaii, USA

The islands of Hawaii are in the Pacific Ocean, and they have hundreds of beautiful beaches. Because of the volcanoes on the islands, there are beaches of green, red and even black sand! The waves are great for surfers and some waves are more than six metres high!



The Côte d'Azur, France

The Côte d'Azur has been popular with British, French and American visitors since the nineteenth century. You have to pay to go on some of the beaches. But it's fun to watch the boats of the rich and famous go past. The best time to visit is in May, when the biggest names in the film business are there for the Cannes Film Festival.



Bali, Indonesia

The island of Bali is great for surfers, and the snorkelling is good too. There are fish of every colour. You can visit Bali's beautiful old buildings by motorbike. Then go to a night market to eat some wonderful Indonesian food.



The Baltic Coast, Germany

On this coast in north Germany, there are often strong winds. But the wind isn't a problem if you are sitting in a *Strandkorb*. It's a special beach chair. The sea is only 18 degrees in summer, but the people are friendly and the cake shops are fantastic!

Which of these beaches would you most like to go to? Why?

What do these words mean? You can use a dictionary.
martial art **island** **volcano**
surfer **snorkelling**