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2003 Beach Guide

Best beaches for nightlife



The sand, sun and skimpy outfits of beachgoing are all well and good during the day, but what happens after the sun goes down? These beaches turn into nightlife hotspots, with numerous clubs, bars and all sorts of late-night action. To help nail down the top five beaches for nightlife, we asked Dan Ackerman, editor-in-chief of [Clubplanet.com](#) for his picks. Clubplanet.com is a leading Web site dedicated to nightlife.

1. South Beach — Miami Beach, Fla.

"Celebrities and moneyed Eurotrash rub shoulders (and other body parts) with drug kingpins and supermodels at swank beachfront hotels. South Beach also plays host to the annual Winter Music Conference, a trade show for DJs and nightlife industry types." For more information: [Greater Miami Convention and Visitor's Bureau](#)



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Neon lights the skyline at sunset along Ocean Blvd. in South Beach.

2. South Padre Island, Texas

"During the day it may have a *Girls Gone Wild* vibe, but when the sun sets, this Texas beach town has a thriving bar scene that would put a good-sized college town to shame." For more information: [South Padre Island Visitor's Bureau](#)

3. Venice Beach, Calif.

"Sure, Venice Beach may have an excessive share of muscle heads, but there's still a lot to like about this LA-area beach. A massive boardwalk scene means the party goes on all night, with tourists and locals mixing easily in the many area nightspots." For more information: [Venicebeach.com](#)

4. Coney Island — Brooklyn, N.Y.

"Not your traditional beach scene, Coney Island is enjoying a renaissance of sorts, injecting new life into this old-fashioned slice of New York. Nighttime revelers enjoy bars, major concerts and, of course, Coney Island's famed carnival atmosphere." For more information: [ConeyIslandUSA.com](#)

5. Myrtle Beach, S.C.

"A Spring Break bastion of drinking and debauchery, Myrtle Beach keeps the action up at night with an impressive selection of large-scale dance clubs. Superstar DJs may not have this beach on their tour schedules, but local jocks provide an amazing simulation." For more information: [Myrtle Beach Visitor's Bureau](#)

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