

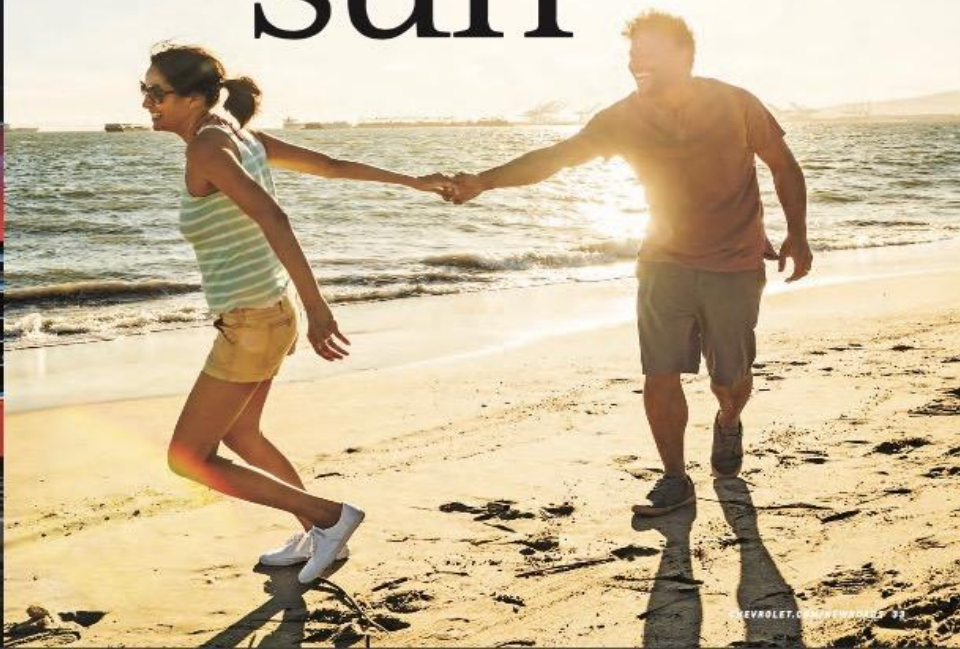


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URBAN BEACH LOCATIONS COMBINE FUN IN THE SUN WITH TRENDY SHOPPING AND DINING SPOTS

It's tough to have it all in any destination. Invariably, somebody has to compromise. Usually, you either get sun and sand and an idyllic day at the beach, or you get culture, museums, shopping, sights and great dining. But there are a few cities where you really can enjoy a day at a great beach and everything else that a world-class city offers.

fun in the sun



FUN IN THE SUN

TAKE LONG BEACH'S BELMONT SHORE. From its bustling main street with an old-town vibe to its scenic harbors and beaches, this is L.A.'s up-and-coming urban beach. Known as "the Shore" to locals, this burg was established during the 1920s when an oil boom in adjacent Signal Hill created an overwhelming demand for affordable housing.

Today, Belmont Shore remains hip and trendy, and a vibrant village—one that's much the same now as it was some nine decades ago—for locals and visitors alike. Mike Sheldrake, owner of Polly's Gourmet Coffee and president of the Belmont Shore Business Association, said, "One of the things that sets Belmont Shore apart from other beach neighborhoods is that it's a real community."

"People get to know each other, and whether you're new to the area or a local, we welcome and get to know everyone, which really makes it a unique place."

CLOCKWISE: Nearby restaurants make it easy to go from the beach to grab a bite to eat and relax; windsurfing and relaxing on the beach are enjoyed in Long Beach, which also has the popular Bike Share program.



ATTRACTIONS PLUS OUTDOOR FUN

The renowned Aquarium of the Pacific and the historic Queen Mary Hotel are the twin pillars of Long Beach. But there's far more to Long Beach than these two well-known attractions. You can walk, jog or bike along the scenic 3.1-mile waterfront. Or rent kayaks, take windsurfing lessons or cruise the canals of nearby Naples Island on a gondola.

Biking is especially popular, thanks in part to the Long Beach Bike Share program, which gives users the option of renting a bike on an hourly basis or purchasing a monthly membership.

You also can enjoy a variety of ethnically diverse cuisine on 2nd Street, the quaint community's main drag that boasts 14 blocks of shops, bars and outdoor eateries.

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

BIKING

The Long Beach Bike Share program lets you rent bikes by the hour; monthly memberships also are available.

WINDSURFING

Long Beach is the single most popular place for windsurfing on the West Coast.

ATTRACTIONS

The historic Queen Mary Hotel has 346 original First-Class Staterooms, all above sea level.



TRADITION AND PROGRESS ARE COMPATIBLE HERE

Saint & Second, for example, is a comparatively new restaurant, but has its roots in three generations of a family that has fed locals and visitors for more than 60 years.

"The neighborhood," said Saint & Second manager Ray Gonzalez, "is such that 2nd Street has anything you could want, from clothing and jewelry stores—some in business since the 1930s—to French and Mediterranean cuisine, upscale wine bars and casual spots that cater to students at nearby Cal State Long Beach. It doesn't matter if you're dressed up or in beachwear, you're always welcome at the Shore."

ONE BIT OF TRIVIA

A near-perfect steady wind force makes it the single most popular place for windsurfing on the West Coast. And while many Southern California beaches are notorious for being overcrowded, Sheldrake said, "The beach access here couldn't be any easier. If you drive instead of walk, there's plenty of parking everywhere. The beach is huge and there's a lot of space to relax and have a good time. It's a beautiful place."



ACTIVE AND ENERGETIC

Belmont Shore local Christian Brooks, who works at neighborhood staple Jones Bicycles, sums it up: "People here are really active. They like being outside, so 2nd Street and the waterfront are always the most popular places to hang out."

"The energy of Belmont Shore is great. When you're here, it feels like a haven or a hideaway. You get the urban feel of Long Beach—LA is to the north. And just a little ways south you have Huntington Beach, so you get the whole surf city vibe of Orange County. Belmont is right in the middle of everything, so it gives you the best of both worlds."

2018 Equinox

LIGHTER AND LEANER

Overall, the all-new Equinox is about 400 lbs. lighter, which helps with efficiency.

COMFORT FEATURES

Heated and ventilated front seats and heated rear seats are available.

MORE CHOICES

Three turbocharged engines will be offered. The 1.5L turbo is standard with a 1.6L turbo-diesel and a 2.0L turbo available.

SUMMER IN THE CITY: The Best of Urban Beaches Around the U.S.

REVERE BEACH, BOSTON:

May through September winds make kite flying ideal here. Satisfy your hankering for New England seafood and roast beef at Kelly's, a Revere Beach staple, just steps from the sand.

MISSION AND PACIFIC BEACH, SAN DIEGO:

These classics combine the city with laid-back beach communities. Rent bikes, learn to surf or rent a catamaran. Lively bars and restaurants are near when you're beaching out.

ROCKAWAY BEACH, NEW YORK:

An easy trip from Manhattan, this spot is teeming with summertime fun. Rockaway Beach Surf Shop specializes in surf, skim and body boards. Diverse ethnic cuisine is nearby.

Available Surround Vision gives you a bird's-eye view of your surroundings.



All-New Equinox Combines Smart Tech, Beautiful Design So You Can Have It All

The all-new 2018 Chevrolet Equinox is the perfect vehicle to take you from beach to street because it is the perfect balance of style, versatility, performance and safety.

The completely redesigned, sculpted exterior complements a refined, spacious and comfortable interior offering intuitive technology. The 7-inch diagonal and available 8-inch diagonal MyLinkTM touch-screens are designed to support Apple CarPlaySM and Android AutoTM, making it easier to stay connected and offering just a taste of leading tech features found in Equinox.

With the flat load floor and split-folding rear seatbacks, you can easily bring people, bikes or other gear with you.

Innovative storage solutions include a new rear load floor above the spare tire for items you want to remain hidden.

Available advanced safety features¹ include Surround Vision Camera, Low Speed Forward Automatic Braking, Lane Keep Assist with Lane Departure Warning and Forward Collision Alert.

Four trim levels (L, LS, LT and Premier) and a choice of three turbocharged engines—including a diesel (available fall 2017)—will be offered.

In addition to its upscale look and feel, the Premier model works hard for you. When you have your hands full, the available hands-free power liftgate opens with the simple motion of your foot.

A programmable memory height for the liftgate can be set for easy reach or to accommodate areas with low ceilings.

Learn more at Chevrolet.com/2018Equinox

MADISON PARK BEACH, SEATTLE:

Near this abundant green space are Washington Park Arboretum and the Seattle Japanese Garden. Then head to McGilvra's with its classic pub food, live music and prime beachfront location.

OAK STREET BEACH, CHICAGO:

Ride solo or as part of a tour along Lake Michigan's shore with Bike and Roll or explore inside the Prohibition-era Drake Hotel. Listen to live jazz and enjoy classic Italian dishes at Carmine's, a Gold Coast staple.



CLOCKWISE: Saint & Second restaurant is a staple of Long Beach; urban beaches let you have it all—just like the all-new Equinox.

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