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THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE SAND BETWEEN YOUR TOES. WHETHER IT'S A THATCHED-ROOF CASITA IN BELIZE OR A VILLA ON THE AMALFI COAST, THESE SEASIDE RESORTS—ALL \$250 OR LESS PER DAY—PROMISE SUN AND THE SIMPLE LIFE.

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along Ditch Plains beach, on Long Island's South Fork. With wood paneling, floral bedspreads, and not a flat-screen TV in sight, the 28 unassuming rooms are the perfect antidote to the Hamptons. Take a morning yoga class, amble along the coastal path, or settle in on the oceanfront deck, fringed by bayberry bushes. *40 Deforest Rd., Ditch Plains; 631/668-2334; eastdeckmotel.com; \$90.*

OREGON ▶ Just 400 feet from the sand, the 35-room **Inn at Cape Kiwanda** is the perfect base for a weekend at the shore. Suites are cozy—gas fireplaces; down comforters—and offer amazing views of the surf crashing into Haystack Rock, a 327-foot-tall basalt monolith jutting out of the bay. Owners and beer aficionados Mary Jones and Jeff Schons make you feel right at home: on Friday nights they host a tasting of their brewery's dark ale, made with hops grown near Mount Hood. *33105 Cape Kiwanda Dr., Pacific City; 888/965-7001; innatcapekiwanda.com; \$169.*

SOUTH CAROLINA

▶ At **Beachside Bed & Breakfast**, the four quirky rooms and a tiny backyard garden are only three blocks from the Atlantic. There's a 70's crash pad with tie-dye décor and a tree-house room with a canopied twig bed. But the best digs are in a private bungalow that has tongue-and-groove paneling and vintage mahogany furnishings. Bikes are provided for pedaling around the island's tiny seaside village—to buy kites or to snack on ribs in one of the local bars. *Folly Beach; 843/633-0184; follybeachsidebb.com; \$129.*

ASIA

INDIA ▶ The delicate ecosystem of the Andaman Islands is carefully guarded at the eco-sensitive **Barefoot at Havelock**. The 19 cottages are filled with teak furniture sourced from renewable forests, and the showers have skylights and are open to the elements. A short path through the mahua trees leads to Beach No. 7, where you can stroll along the white sand or swim with Rajan, the resort's resident elephant. *Radhanagar Beach, Havelock Island; 91-44/2434-1001; barefootindia.com; \$139.*

MALAYSIA ▶ Chinese tin miners, Arab goldsmiths, and durian farmers once lived in the 100-year-old villas at **Temple Tree at Bon Ton Resort**, on Malaysia's Langkawi Island. Each one is named after an indigenous flower—white frangipani; yellow orchid—and most are appointed with Turkish rugs and deep wooden tubs. The golden beaches of Pantai Cenang are a 10-minute walk away; take a small boat out to Daya Bunting, one of the 99 uninhabited islands nearby. *Pantai Cenang, Kedah; 60-4/955-3937; bontonresort.com; \$143.*

THAILAND ▶ Southern Phuket's Rawai Beach is alive with fishing boats, catamarans, and seafood vendors, and the 78-suite **Outrigger Serenity Terraces Resort** is the ideal place to watch the bustling scene. Rooms at the 11-month-old property have floor-to-ceiling windows and balconies (six with private plunge pools). Up on the roof, check out the umbrella-studded lounge overlooking the Andaman Sea. *14 Moo 5 Viset Rd., Phuket; 66-76/371-900; outrigger.com; \$122.*

VIETNAM ▶ The **Furama Resort** is located on China Beach, the famous 18-mile stretch of coastline in central Vietnam. A combination of colonial-era and traditional Asian design defines this 198-room beachfront property. The resort offers everything from tai chi classes on the beach and tours of the four nearby UNESCO World Heritage sites to serene night dives with sea turtles in the South China Sea. *68 Ho Xuan Huong St., Bac My An, Da Nang; 84-511/3847-888; furamavietnam.com; \$215.*

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

AUSTRALIA ▶ You'd never expect that the charming and secluded **Q Station**, at the entrance to Sydney Harbour, was once a quarantine base for ship passengers in the 19th and 20th centuries. Sydneysiders now flock to the seaside resort, just seven miles away in the suburb of Manly. The 71 rooms and six three-bedroom cottages are outfitted with oversize beds and balconies. *N. Head Scenic Dr., Manly; 61-2/9466-1500; qstation.com.au; \$155.*

▶ Even the most intrepid travelers feel like they've gotten away from it all at **Eco Beach Wilderness Retreat**, located an hour from Broome. The resort has 25 beachside villas and 30 tents powered with solar panels and furnished with bamboo floors and private verandas. Not far from your bed, the empty beach extends for almost eight miles, and from October to January native sea turtles nest in nearby dunes. *Great Northern Hwy.; 61-8/9193-8015; ecobeach.com.au; \$176.*

NEW ZEALAND ▶ On the west coast of the North Island, along the black volcanic sands of Whale Bay in Raglan, the new three-suite **Waoku Lodge** is making a name among Aucklanders looking to get away from it all. Innkeepers Sharon and Rob Southern know a thing or two about making guests feel coddled—they will bring meals right to your room (order the smoked local salmon on crispy *Rösti*). After a long afternoon on the beach, you may crave a change of pace: don't miss a quick trip to Bridal Veil Falls, a 180-foot waterfall in the nearby jungle. *51A Whaanga Rd.; 64-7/825-7072; waokulodge.co.nz; \$217.*

AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

ISRAEL ▶ The 55-room **Savoy Hotel** is a stone's throw from Tel Aviv's famous white-sand strands, as well as the city's bustling markets, cafés, and nightclubs. A recent renovation added 10 rooms (seven with Jacuzzi baths), balconies, and hardwood floors. Start your day in the white-on-black lobby with an Israeli breakfast of cucumbers, tomatoes, and breads with house-made strawberry and apple jams. Then take a stroll along the promenade for harborside views of the city's famous Bauhaus architecture. *5 Geula St.; 972-3/514-0500; inisrael.com; \$250.*

MOZAMBIQUE ▶ The tiny island of Inhaca, accessible by a 15-minute flight from Maputo or a 1½-hour boat ride, is home to palm-shrouded **Pestana Inhaca Lodge**. The 40 rooms—outfitted with rattan furniture—are linked by sandy paths to a thatched-roof restaurant facing the aquamarine Indian Ocean. You'll share the sand with local kids watching their dads head out to fish for bass from wooden dhows. *Ilha de Inhaca; 258/2130-5000; pestana.com; \$250. +*