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### 9 beach destinations with incredible architecture

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## Bluepoint Hospitality Group is revitalizing many of downtown Easton's historic buildings by opening cafés and restaurants. With blue and white chairs and an oversized gold-framed mirror, Sunflowers & Greens is reminiscent

of a cheery European bistro.



Another Bluepoint Hospitality endeavor, The Stewart boasts an enviable single malt scotch collection in a setting designed to resemble a Scottish estate. Features include a Renaissance revival mantel made of brass and walnut,

Cape May, New Jersey, attracts vacationers with its glittering becahes, considered among the best on the East Coast. But America's first seaside resort possesses other stunning assets: centuries-old Victorian homes, historic bed-and-breakfasts and other notable buildings that can be toured by foot or trolley.

As travelers ponder their summer plans, many will opt for a destination with splendid waterfronts or celebrated architecture. Why not consider a place that offers both? We've rounded up nine cities and towns across the globe that offer water activities and great buildings.

Take the Cape May-Lewes Ferry to discover another seaside architectural gem. Founded by the Dutch in 1631, Lewes' bayside beaches are as popular as its historic downtown cafes and shops built in a hodgepodge of styles, including Dutch, Italianate and vernacular.

# Across the pond on the French Riviera, Nice entrances with miles of pebble beaches, lavish villas and ornate palaces and churches. In the southern hemisphere, Valparaiso, Chile, captivates design lovers with colorful buildings perched on steep hills while the beaches offer a place to cool down.