

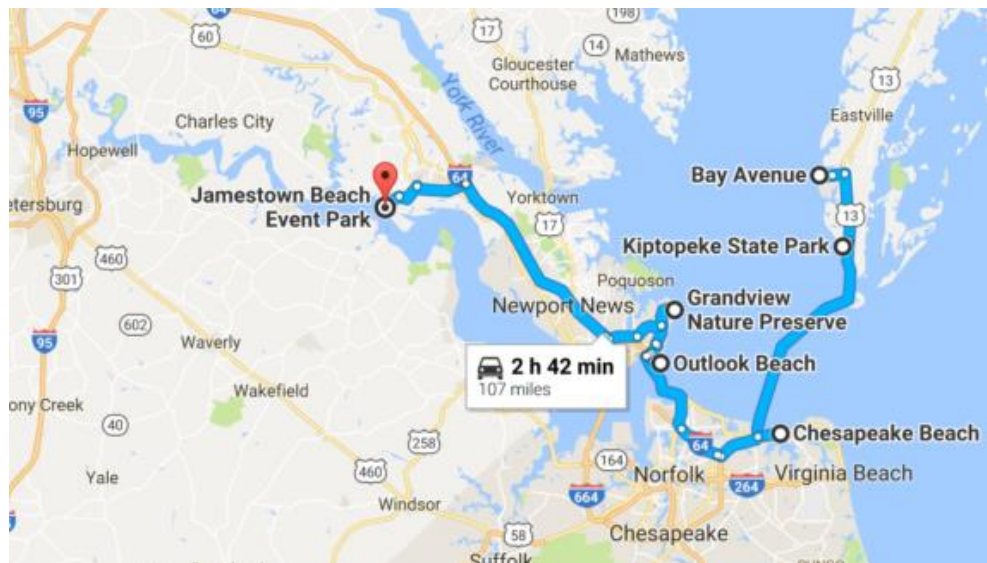


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The Hidden Beaches Road Trip That Will Show You Virginia Like Never Before

Virginia's gorgeous coastline and waterfront destinations make for the perfect summer getaway. With that in mind, we've created a road trip that hits some of Virginia's lesser-known beaches to ensure you've got that shoreline all to yourself (or without major crowds, at least). Pack up the car with sunscreen, towels, plenty of good music, and get ready to see Virginia like never before!

The road trip to access some of Virginia's more secret beaches will take approximately three hours of driving. Here's a suggested route:



1. Cape Charles Beach

Our road trip begins with some gems along the Chesapeake Bay, starting with Cape Charles Beach. This beach is free to the public and features a gorgeous strip of sand. It's a great spot for little ones, with shallow pools of water and soft waves ideal for wading into.

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2. Kiptopeke State Park

With a swimming beach and a bathhouse, the waterfront at Kiptopeke State Park is a beautiful place to explore. The soft sands that lead into the Chesapeake Bay make the perfect spot for a picnic. Visitors can also camp here or opt to stay in one of the park's charming cabins.

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3. Chesapeake Beach

Also known as "Chick's Beach," Chesapeake Beach isn't necessarily a secret. It is, however, incredibly less crowded than the nearby Virginia Beach. This spot is where VA Beach locals head to admire a breathtaking sunset, stroll along the sand, and go for a quick dip.

The nearby 17-mile [Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel](#) is a memorable part of the landscape.

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4. Outlook Beach

Situated near Fort Monroe, Outlook Beach is a hidden gem in the Hampton Area. With lifeguards on duty during the summer, this spot is an especially family-friendly beach. While there's plenty of shoreline near Fort Monroe, Outlook Beach is the only public beach.

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5. Grandview Nature Preserve

This secluded beach features soft sand, gorgeous water, and pristine wildlife to admire. As this area is a nature preserve, it's important to remember that there are no on-site facilities. After you've spent time relaxing along the beach, be sure to pack up everything with you.

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6. Jamestown Beach

The Jamestown Beach is relatively unknown compared to the nearby Jamestown Settlement. Along the beach, visitors will find concession stands, shaded areas to lounge in, and even an observation pier. This large park is the perfect place to end your road trip with a sunset view and a picnic.



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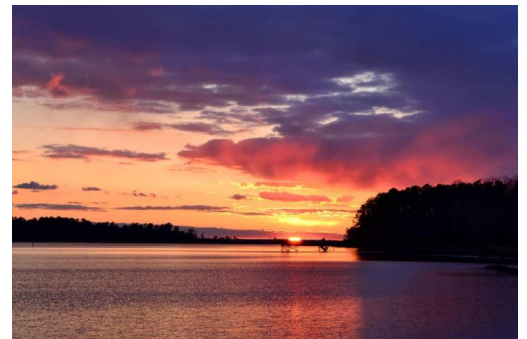


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This list covers only a few of Virginia's incredible secluded beaches, so be sure to share some of your favorites with us if they missed the list!