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## Five Best Beach Getaways for Mother's Day

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Mother's Day is coming up on Sunday May 11th, and if your mom loves the beach (and who doesn't?) here are some great places to relax and enjoy some surf and sun for Mother's Day.

### 1. **Sonesta Resort**, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Located on the scenic and beautiful island of Hilton Head, off the coast of South Carolina, Sonesta Resort is decorated in bright orange shades which echo the lovely sunsets you can watch from the amazing beaches on the island. Tucked away on Shipyard Drive in a perfectly beautiful 11 acres filled with trees, blooming flowers, and a glimpse of the Atlantic Ocean, you will be immediately impressed when you arrive. The resort offers a fabulous swimming pool complex, the Arum Spa, several restaurants, bike rentals, and easy access to golf and tennis as well as the rest of Hilton Head Island with plenty of great shops and restaurants. Pearls Market, the small gift shop in the lobby has a great selection of gifts and we purchased local perfumes and lovely Christmas ornaments. Our one bedroom suite had a large living room with a flat screen television and a nice balcony overlooking the lush foliage and pool area, a separate dining room/office area, and a completely separate bedroom with an adjoining full bath. In the dining area were a small fridge, a sink, and a Keurig coffee maker which was really handy for light lunches or a quick snack. The suite also had some great added touches like night lights at the bottom of the bedside tables that came on when you got up at night and a television that swiveled so it could be seen from the living room or dining area. A full breakfast is available every morning, complete with a wonderful omelet bar, at Heywards, the restaurant right off the lobby.

### 2. **Sandestin Resort**, Miramar Beach, Florida.

The best thing about Sandestin, aside from the incomparably beautiful white sand beaches; winding, shaded bike paths; and dozens of great shops and restaurants, is the fact that they offer an amazing array of accommodations. From luxury hotel rooms to large, sprawling beach houses, you have your choice of size and location. On our last visit, we stayed in a wonderful three bedroom unit in the Luau condominiums, right by the beach. With a full kitchen, three bedrooms and three baths, a huge balcony overlooking the resort, and a living room furnished with comfortable leather furniture and a large, flat screen television, it was the perfect location. Sandestin is a perfect place to ride bikes and we did just that one day, renting a bike to explore and then ending up at a yoga class at the fitness center, which also includes a full service spa. There is no lack of great restaurants at the resort and you can find something delicious, appetizing, and different every day. Check out [Bistro Bijoux](#) for a truly gourmet dining experience. Located at the Baytown Village where you can explore the many small shops before or after dinner, their food is on a par with their service and both are excellent! Try the shrimp and grits for a true Southern culinary experience. Another night, head to Grand Boulevard with a movie theater, plenty of high-end shops, and settle in for an amazing meal at [Tommy Bahama Sandestin](#). If it's a nice evening, choose a table on their large patio, just be sure to order the Parmesan Crusted Chicken as it is delicious.



### 3. [Crescent Royale Condominiums](#), Sarasota, Florida.

Sarasota is probably most famous for their sandy beaches, which are comprised of ground quartz crystals rather shells so the sand is soft, powdery, and cool even on the hottest days. For the ideal location to enjoy that beautiful beach, check out 7a at the Crescent Royal Condominiums on Siesta Key. Located right across the street from the beach, this complex has a nice pool, game room, and workout room, but the selling point is truly this amazing condo on the top floor. Expansive at over 2,000 square feet, it has four bedrooms (two of which are master bedrooms with views of the beach), a nicely furnished living room, and a huge, state-of-the-art kitchen. But the best thing about this unit is the screened in, glassed in porch. Furnished with comfortable, cushioned wicker furniture and a dining table and chairs, this large porch with ceiling fans is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the view. If you can't arrange a stay at this particular condo, keep in mind that every single condo has an amazing beach view at this location. When you can force yourself to leave that gorgeous porch, head to [Café Gabbiano](#) in the Siesta Key Village for some amazing Italian food. Try the ravioli and pair it with wine from their amazing collection. Another night, drive to Lido Key for some shopping and dinner at [Tommy Bahama Sarasota](#), where you can't go wrong with their delicious coconut shrimp.



### 4. [Wild Dunes Resort](#), Isle of Palms, South Carolina.

Isle of Palms is a tiny barrier island off the coast of South Carolina, which hides a hidden treasure in the Wild Dunes Resort. Technically considered part of the Charleston metropolitan area and only a short 30 minute drive away from the city, this lovely little gem hosts about 4,000 inhabitants, shops, restaurants, and an array of gorgeous homes for both full-time residents and vacationers who have kept this beautiful place a secret for years. Long considered Charleston's Island Resort, Wild Dunes Resort is a great place to stay if you want to visit Charleston but also have access to a beautiful beach area – the best of both worlds! The resort offers an assortment of accommodations - rooms and suites, condos and beach house rentals. You can stay pool-side, beach-side, court-side, or course-side; just take your pick.



The Village at Wild Dunes and the Boardwalk Inn both provide a luxury hotel experience with plenty of restaurants, shops, the spa, pools, and the beach just a short stroll away. Condos and beach houses offer stays in all sizes, from one bedroom to seven bedrooms. We stayed in a fabulous two bedroom condo that was over 1200

square feet with two full bathrooms, a large, fully-equipped kitchen, and a nice deck with a table and chairs. All units also include a washer and dryer and housekeeping service which is very nice when you are on vacation! We were in Seagrove 6B but all the condos are very similar and furnished very nicely.

Hudson's Market is a small grocery store where you can buy snacks, sandwiches, drinks, baked good and fresh fruits and veggies, along with handy items like laundry detergent. The Sand and Sea Salon is where I had a great, relaxing massage and there is also a nice little gift shop off the lobby. The fitness center offers a variety of classes including yoga, fitness training, sports training and golf and tennis instruction. Another way to stay active is to rent bikes at the tennis center for an hour, a day or even a week. The resort is perfect for bike riding with plenty of shaded lanes and the beach is flat enough for bike riding as well.

We had breakfast and dinner at The Sea Island Grill and Lounge in the Inn and both meals were wonderful. The pool located by the Grand Pavilion has a great view of the ocean and there is a restaurant called the Grand Pavilion Café and Bar where you can get a quick sandwich or snack to eat by the pool. It's very easy to get to the beach and take a stroll as there is a wooden boardwalk out to the sand.

#### 5. [Sterling Shores Condominiums, Destin, Florida.](#)

One of the best things about a stay at Sterling Shores, aside from the great location right on the beautiful beach at Destin, is that they offer free movies to all their guests. And this is not a library of old DVDs but a machine which carries great, first run movies. Just put in your code given to you at the desk, your DVD pops out, and you have your entertainment for the evening! With one to four bedroom units, a lagoon style swimming pool and an ocean side pool, a small theater, and a fitness center, this complex is the perfect place for a getaway. Our three bedroom unit had a nice balcony with a great view of the beach, a full kitchen, and a very nicely furnished living room. There are several restaurants and shops that are an easy walk away and plenty more within a short drive. Force yourself to leave the resort one day because you will want to spend some time at the [Silver Sands Outlet Mall](#) where you can browse through dozens of outlet shops. Grab a fish taco for lunch at [Cheeseburger in Paradise](#), right in front of the mall, and then head back to the shops!



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