

# OPRAH'S FAVORITE THINGS 2025

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HOLIDAY 2025  
LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE

112  
PERFECT  
GIFTS  
FOR  
EVERYONE  
IN YOUR  
LIFE

30  
BOOKS  
THAT SAVED  
OUR SANITY  
THIS YEAR

THE  
BEACH  
GETAWAYS  
WE'RE  
DREAMING  
ABOUT





THE  
U.S., MEXICO  
& CARIBBEAN  
EDITION

Thirty no-fail, keep-everyone-happy  
reasons why it's totally possible  
to have the perfect beach getaway—  
and then some.

# Beach, Pray, Love



# Best for Families

Sand, snacks, and sanity savers: beach stays that thrill kids and restore adults.

## Beaches Turks & Caicos

*Providenciales, Turks and Caicos*  
A rare “something for everyone” escape that actually delivers. Set on Grace Bay’s calm, swimmable waters, this all-inclusive megaresort packs in wins for every age: a pirate-themed water park, 10 spa treatments specifically for kids and teens, *Sesame Street* meet-and-greets, and a complimentary Kids Camp for babies through teens. Parents of neurodivergent travelers get added peace of mind: Beaches was the first resort company to earn IBCCES autism certification, with trained staff and inclusive programming baked into every stay. And coming in spring 2026: Treasure Beach, a \$150 million expansion that adds 101 multi-bedroom family suites, a 15,000-square-foot pool, food hall-style dining, and a 32-seat cinema. [beaches.com/turksandcaicos](https://beaches.com/turksandcaicos)

## Casa las Tortugas

*Isla Holbox, Mexico*  
After a 2022 fire, this family-run favorite was rebuilt from the ground up—same boho soul, fresh bones—on a powdery-soft strand of Isla Holbox. Tortugas 2.0 has mezcal tastings, a beer garden, and a Tropicália-chic boutique; recovery-focused treatments and experiences and a new padel court are in the works. The 30-room resort



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welcomes guests ages 12 and up, and teens will love the independence: kiteboarding at the water-sports club, filming TikToks by the pool, and strolling barefoot into the car-free town for ice cream and churros. Book the beachfront casita for four with a private infinity pool and direct sandbar access. [holboxcasa.lastortugas.com](https://holboxcasa.lastortugas.com)

## Lighthouse Oceanfront Resort

*Long Beach, Washington*  
The 28-mile Long Beach Peninsula hosts the Washington State International Kite Festival, billed as North America’s largest, each August—so, yes, it’s an excellent place to fly a kite. Or go tide pooling and razor clamming. Or bike to the cliff-top lighthouses of Cape Disappointment State Park. The homey suites and cottages at this no-fuss family resort sit along the dunes, but you’ve got cover when gusty Pacific weather rolls in: a heated indoor saline pool, a barrel sauna, a tennis center, and six pickleball courts. [lighthouseresort.net](https://lighthouseresort.net)

## Wave Resort

*Long Branch, New Jersey*  
This 67-room oceanfront hotel near Pier Village has a pool deck with cabanas and a seasonal swim-up bar, so you can referee cannonballs with a frozen drink in hand. For youngsters, there are s’mores by the fire pits and Hula-Hoop contests to burn off the wiggles. For parents: a full-service spa, wine-and-beer hour three nights a week, and Soya by Salt, a new Asian-fusion spot with pastrami egg rolls



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and a live DJ. Nostalgia beckons just beyond the gate with the Pier Village carousel, a seaside arcade, mini golf, and the Pier Pins bowling alley. Borrow the resort’s complimentary beach cruisers for boardwalk laps or go full GTL: gelato, taffy, legend status (with your kids, anyway). [waveresort.com](https://waveresort.com)

## Wild Dunes Resort

*Isle of Palms, South Carolina*  
If a child planned a beach vacation, it would look like the Turtle Cove family fun center at Wild Dunes, with its build-a-boat experiences, sandcastle competitions, and movie nights. If that same kid’s parents planned it, the holiday would include everything else at this 1,600-acre barrier-island playground 15 miles from Charleston: 2.5 miles of coastline, a renowned tennis

1 Casa las Tortugas is the kind of place that keeps family front and center, while never letting you forget your younger, wilder self.

2 The elegant Caribbean design of Beaches Turks & Caicos reminds us that family-friendly can also be sexy and chic.

3 The newly renovated haute Bohemian room design at Casa las Tortugas utilizes natural materials, striking just the right balance of luxury and laid-back comfort.

center, a Tom Fazio golf course, and condo-style suites with full kitchens and washers/dryers. Multiple pools and a splash pad keep swimmers of all ages busy; eco-tours to Boneyard Beach and kid-friendly golf clinics round out the mix. [wilddunesresort.com](https://wilddunesresort.com)

## OKANA Resort & Indoor Waterpark

*Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*  
Opened in early 2025 by the Chickasaw Nation, this \$400 million resort is a game changer for

landlocked Oklahoma—home to an impressive inland beach and the fourth-largest pool in the nation. The 4.5-acre lagoon complex features an inflatable obstacle course, adults-only swim-up bars, and foam parties that will blow your little ones’ minds. Inside, the 100,000-square-foot water park has a wave pool, water coaster, surf simulator, and lazy river. Towel off, grab a ball-park-style frank from Curveball Kitchen or a decadent milkshake at OKANA Candy Co., then hit the family entertainment center for a mirror maze, escape room, and laser tag. Though built for family fun, this is the rare resort with cultural cred: Indigenous art is showcased throughout the 404-room hotel (including a Chickasaw-curated gallery), and the resort is a four-minute walk to the excellent First Americans Museum. [okanaresort.com](https://okanaresort.com)



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