

The best beach houses in New South Wales

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New South Wales is Australia's most populous state and one of its most popular destinations, thanks in part to Sydney. But while that may be so, there are certainly other locations in this state that are just as magnificent. Dazzling, white-sand beaches, charming coastal towns, lush hinterlands, and a slew of superb accommodation, it's no wonder this part of Australia is a must-visit for both local and international travellers alike.

With so many things to see and do in NSW, it's good to plan well ahead and choose the perfect location for your holiday. We've put together a list of the best luxury beach houses in New South Wales that are located in some of the most popular coastal regions in the state.

South Coast

For the ultimate weekend getaway from Sydney, drive to the South Coast via the scenic Grand Pacific Drive. This region of NSW is blessed with natural beauty that includes the whitest sand beaches, lush sub-tropical rainforests, and stunning lagoons where you can enjoy a host of outdoor activities. Visit between May and November to catch a glimpse of whales migrating along the coast.

The Headland by Dovecote

Experience modern luxury living and breathtaking views of the New South Wales coastline at the Headland. Only a 90-minute drive from Sydney, this 4-bedroom home in Gerringong is as impressive and breathtaking as its surrounds. It features expansive indoor-outdoor living areas, heated swimming pool, lush lawns, and a well-equipped kitchen that makes for the perfect spot for a family or group of up to 8 people.

The Range by Dovecote



Set on 150 acres of picturesque oceanfront with 2 large outdoor decks, a pool, open-plan living space, and amazing views from every angle, The Range is perfectly suited to couples or groups of up to 4 people. Unwind by the fireplace while streaming your favourite show, prepare meals in the fully equipped kitchen, or simply relax in your king-size bedroom. Reach this stunning 2-bedroom home near Gerringong via a 90-minute drive from Sydney.

Central Coast

The Central Coast has plenty to boast about, but one thing is clear: the beaches here are nothing short of spectacular. Miles and miles of golden-sand beaches and blue waters that keep visitors coming from every part of the world. From popular spots like the Entrance and Terrigal to the more quiet hideaways Maitland Bay and Lobster Beach, you can spend your days here in sun-drenched bliss.

The Glasshouse MacMasters Beach



For a relaxing getaway in the Central Coast, The Glasshouse in MacMasters Beach is the perfect place to be. Set on 2 acres of land surrounded by the beautiful Bouddi National Park, this 5-bedroom villa is luxurious and private. It is also only a 10-minute walk to the beach. With a solar-heated pool, tennis court, expansive indoor and outdoor spaces, and 5 light-filled bedrooms, The Glasshouse has enough room for a family or group of 12 on a holiday or weekend break.

North Coast

There's no better place to marvel at nature's beauty, rich heritage, and fantastic wildlife than the North Coast of NSW. Here, you can explore the lush hinterlands and rainforests, dine in multi-awarded restaurants, go sand surfing, or relax on splendid beaches. Less than 3 hours from Sydney, it's perfect for long weekends or extended vacations.

Ocean Muse



Ocean Muse is an elegant, 3-level beach house in Port Stephens, just 2 hours drive from Sydney. Bordered by national parks and the ocean, this exclusive beach hideaway is perfect for a family getaway. Enjoy multiple living spaces including a terrazzo kitchen, outdoor dining deck, open-plan living area, swimming pool, and a billiard room. For the kids, an expansive yard and a downstairs living area become a playground. With 3 large bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms, Ocean Muse can comfortably accommodate up to 8 guests.

Byron Bay

The quintessential boho beach town and one of Australia's most popular destinations, Byron Bay is well-known for many reasons. Lush hinterlands perfect for any type of outdoor activity, a slew of amazing attractions, captivating beaches, superb dining choices, and options for luxe accommodation, it's a veritable playground for anyone, including well-known local celebrities such as Chris Hemsworth.

The Residence at Belongil



Take just a few steps from the outdoor deck onto the white sands of Belongil Beach at The Residence at Belongil, a five-bedroom beachfront villa in Byron Bay. Boasting a scenic waterfront location, manicured gardens, outdoor living zones with day beds, and a tennis court, this luxury holiday home is perfect for a private family or group getaway for 12. And if you want a change of scenery, the town centre is just a short 20-minute stroll away.

The Palms at Byron



The Palms at Byron is a two-storey luxury beach house with 3 stylishly appointed bedrooms on Wategos Beach. Set only a short drive from Byron Bay town centre, this wonderful property offers a spacious open-plan living and dining area, fully equipped kitchen, and glass doors that open to the covered deck. There are 2 balconies that feature a BBQ, lounge, dining area, hammock, and a spa pool and jacuzzi. This is truly a blissful escape for a family or group of 6 travellers wanting a relaxing beach getaway.

Palm Beach

A little over an hour from Sydney CBD lies Palm Beach, or Palmy as locals call it. Bordered by the coast on one side and the Pittwater on the other, Palm Beach boasts gorgeous golden-sand beaches and sparkling clear waters. Its beauty hasn't gone unnoticed as Sydney's rich and famous have made it their regular holiday haven. In fact, the hit TV series *Home & Away* is filmed here, drawing visitors from around the world.

Palm Beach Villa



Palm Beach Villa is a luxurious architectural holiday home comprising of two contemporary pavilions overlooking spectacular views of the ocean, Palm Beach, and Barrenjoey Lighthouse. This sophisticated villa boasts expansive spaces for entertaining, a protected central courtyard, infinity swimming pool, modern kitchen, media room, and 4 bedrooms for up to 12 guests.

Water & Waves



Water & Waves is a gorgeous holiday home in Palm Beach. Boasting 4 bedrooms, spectacular views, and a prime location just 5 minutes' walk to the beach, this amazing luxury retreat is perfect for a family or group of up to 8 travellers. Enjoy multiple outdoor areas for alfresco dining, an outdoor shower, and modern kitchen good enough for a chef.

Pacific Blue



A charming holiday home for those looking to unwind by the sea, Pacific Blue offers 3 spacious bedrooms, a fully equipped kitchen, open-plan layout in a contemporary beach style, and sun-drenched terrace perfect for 8 guests. This family-friendly home also features a large grassed area and shaded porch with built-in BBQ.

Whale Beach

Located just 40 km north of Sydney CBD, Whale Beach is popular for the surf break called The Wedge, just north of the 600m strip of beach. Though quieter and less crowded than its neighbour Palm Beach, Whale Beach offers a destination worth visiting with attractions like the heritage-listed Careel House, Whale Beach Rock Pool, and The Big Swim.

The Archer House



Find a beachfront haven at The Archer House. Set on the shores of Sydney's iconic Whale Beach, this gorgeous minimalist steel, glass, and concrete home features an open-plan living area with unparalleled views of the ocean, outdoor spaces with open log fireplace, direct access to the beach, and a fully equipped gourmet kitchen. Its 4 bedrooms are configured to house up to 12 guests, making it the ideal place for families and friends holidaying together.

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