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Second homes are often touted as good long-term investments, but let's be honest here: when it comes to oceanfront properties, it's all about your passion. Here's a look at second-home destinations that are just right for anyone with a love of the ocean.

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SEA ISLAND, GEORGIA

Timeless southern hospitality, extraordinary style, and a tradition of world-class golf await you on the pristine coast of Georgia's Sea Island. The **CLOISTER BEACH CLUB OCEAN RESIDENCES** is a cozy enclave of 22 three- or four-bedroom residences on three levels. Beach Club Garden Residences offer two buildings of 16 single-level three- or four-bedroom homes. Ideally located, Beach Club Suites feature 36 uniquely furnished one- and two-bedroom residential suites on the second and third levels of the Beach Club building or in the neighboring Dunbar and Mackay Houses.

Residents enjoy application rights to Sea Island Club, which features some of the finest club facilities in the world, along with unparalleled activities and amenities. Members enjoy world-class golf, an oceanfront beach club, a luxurious 65,000-square-foot spa, and fine dining.

\$1.6 TO \$8 MILLION, 912-638-5161, SEAISLANDPROPERTIES.COM.

LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA



Set next to the vibrant artists' colony of Laguna Beach, the **MONTAGE RESIDENCES** is a 30-acre oceanfront resort and includes 28 private residences in both Beach Villa and Ocean Estates designs. Each is hidden away by meandering pathways near the heart of this quaint village. Residence owners also have a private staff for housekeeping and maintenance. Owners can enjoy the luxurious Spa Montage, order 24-hour in-home dining, and even schedule babysitting services.

\$4.5 TO \$6.5 MILLION, 866-271-6963, MONTAGERESIDENCES.COM.

Located on a bluff, the resort is built in the classic Craftsman style. The 20,000-square-foot Spa Montage has oceanfront facilities with floor-to-ceiling vistas and includes a lap pool, fitness room, and boutique, as well as 21 treatment rooms.

The Villas span more than 3,000 square feet, with sweeping verandas overlooking the sea as well as striking stone fireplaces. The Ocean Estates are atop the bluff, with one-of-a-kind homes and homesites offering private entry and beach access.

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CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO

The result of a collaboration between developers for upscale resorts in Los Cabos and a leader in real estate investments, **HACIENDA** has quickly established itself as a waterfront oasis.

The team of The Koll Company, Del Mar Development, and Starwood Capital has set a new standard for the Baja peninsula with a world-class spa and fitness pavilion and services that include 24-hour butlers and private chefs.

The properties are modern, with pocket doors that open to sunny terraces, private Jacuzzi spas, and a host of amenities. Golfers enjoy the two courses designed by Jack Nicklaus and Tom Weiskopf, while fishermen troll in the waters Jacques Cousteau called "the aquarium of the Pacific."

\$750,000 TO \$5.8 MILLION, 800-870-0310, HACIENDACABOSANLUCAS.COM.



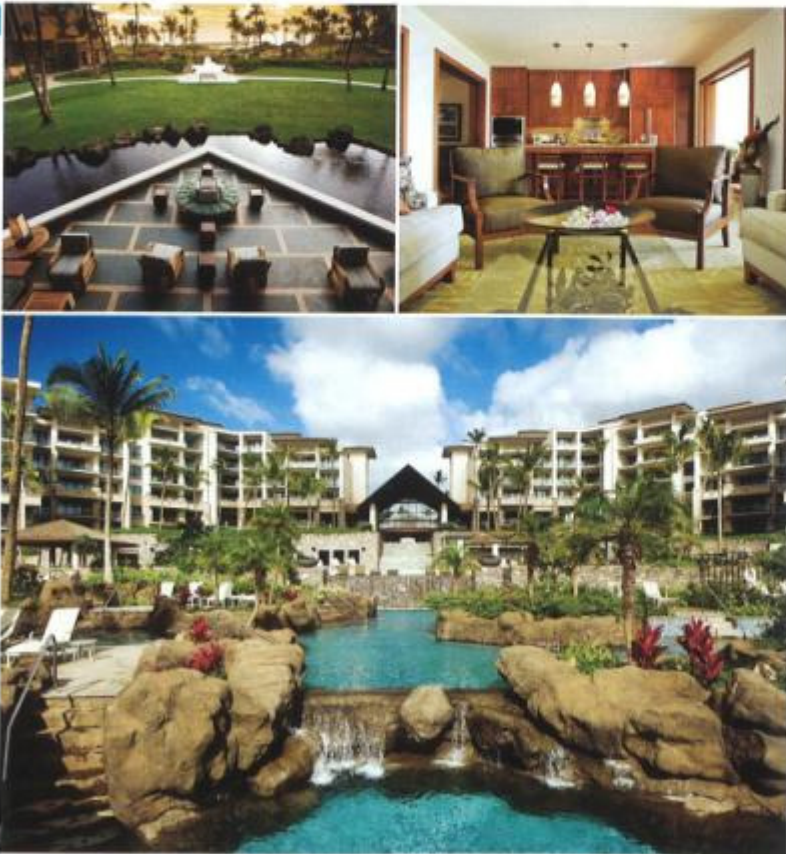
MAUI, HAWAII

Located on the property of the ultra-luxe **RITZ-CARLTON KAPALUA BAY** on Maui, the Residences oceanfront complex is composed of 84 condominiums from about 3,000 to more than 4,200 square feet and have lanais as large as 1,150 square feet. With the dramatic backdrops of blue ocean, tall mountains, and views of the neighboring islands of Lanai and Molokai, these homes exemplify a Hawaiian sense of casual yet elegant living.

Amenities include twice-daily housekeeping, as well as membership in the Kapalua Club and preferred tee times on the famed Plantation Course and Bay Courses designed by Arnold Palmer and Ben Crenshaw. The resort recently had a \$180 million transformation, including a 17,500-square-foot spa with multiple treatment rooms and whirlpool grottos. Six restaurants also provide a variety of dining options.

RESIDENCES FROM \$3.9 MILLION, CLUB FROM \$350,000, 800-281-9440, KAPALUABAY.COM.

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BIG ISLAND, HAWAII

Located on the renowned "Gold Coast," dotted with luxury resorts and multi-million dollar homes, **HUALALAI** provides more than just upscale residences: it is an investment in an incomparable lifestyle.

On the grounds is the five-diamond Four Seasons Hualalai, but the attraction for homeowners is the private Hualalai Club that has two 18-hole PGA Tour golf courses for exclusive use by homeowners and their guests, in addition to a private spa, a beachfront Canoe Club, a tennis club, and the Beach House.

This award-winning residential resort recently unveiled a \$40 million enhancement that only increases its allure.

\$2 TO \$30 MILLION, 808-325-8500, HUALALAIRESORT.COM.

PLAYA HERRADURA, COSTA RICA

LOS SUEÑOS RESORT AND MARINA is a luxurious Costa Rican resort nestled between the Pacific and a 1,100-acre tropical rainforest. This sprawling complex, which includes the Marriott Ocean & Golf Resort, a 200-slip full-service marina, and an array of luxury home sites, condominiums, and villas, blends with the tropical landscape.

All residents enjoy the services at the Marriott, which features six restaurants and the recently renovated Sibō Rainforest Spa & Retreat. With its international marina, spectacular views, and 18-hole eco-golf course, Los Sueños is not to be overlooked.

\$550,000 TO OVER \$5 MILLION, 866-865-9759, LOSUEÑOSRESORT.COM.

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GRAND CAYMAN

The ultra-exclusive **DECKHOUSES** consists of 19 single-family homes on a peninsula set on the grounds of the world-class Ritz-Carlton Dragon Bay on Grand Cayman. Each is hidden behind private gates and lush foliage, with private drives and water frontage that lead to the North Sound.

Each home has a beach and infinity-edge swimming pool, plus a separate guest cottage with its own deck. The three-story homes have more than 7,000 square feet, all finished in richly stained hardwoods, as well as attached boathouses with access to a fishing and diving wonderland. Play golf at Blue Tip, the private Greg Norman-designed course or take advantage of the Ritz-Carlton's cabanas on Seven Mile Beach and its world-class spa. In addition to the golf cart provided with each Deckhouse, owners can opt for a personal Land Rover Defender SUV and/or a legendary Riva speedboat. Available services for each Deckhouse include private butlers, concierges, personal trainers, private dining and chef, and housekeeping.

\$3 TO \$7 MILLION, 345-815-7777, THEDECKHOUSES.COM.

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MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA



INDIAN CREEK is an exclusive island community attached to the same island as Miami Beach. Though the island spans more than 250 acres, there are just 40 homes, giving each exceptional space and privacy. Many of the homes are immense, ranging up to 20,000 square feet, but even better is that every one of the homes is on the water, with private docks and deep-water access to the Intracoastal Waterway and Biscayne Bay. The entire center of the island

is devoted to the private Indian Creek Village Country Club, which not only has one of the oldest golf country club houses in South Florida, but also boasts a rambling course with several waterfront holes for beautiful views and ancient banyan trees.

Among the residents are Don Shula and Ray Floyd. Indian Creek is also close to the shops of Bal Harbour, a tony enclave that rivals Rodeo Drive or Worth Avenue with the likes of Cartier, Pucci, and Armani.

\$12 TO OVER \$30 MILLION. ELAINE PALASTRANT, 305-279-8814.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

THE PUNTACANA RESORT & CLUB ESTATES is a magnificent paradise community that has been carefully planned and luxuriously executed to create an exclusive lifestyle of relaxation and understated elegance. Owners have a choice of sweeping views of the Caribbean or panoramas of manicured golf courses. Among your neighbors will be the likes of Oscar de la Renta, Julio Iglesias, and Mikhail Baryshnikov. Other features include championship golf courses, a Six Senses spa, a full-service marina, and world-class dining at eight restaurants. For the children or grandchildren, there is a private kids' club with a house staff and nanny services.

From exclusive Corales, with just 126 homesites and a private golf club, to Arrecife, which overlooks the ocean and the back nine holes of La Cana Golf Course, there is a community and an ambiance in the Estates for everyone.

\$450,000 TO OVER \$2 MILLION, 809-959-7325, PUNTACANA.COM



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BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

A luxurious gated waterfront community located in prestigious Boca Raton, **THE SANCTUARY** features 89 homes that range from about 4,000 to more than 15,000 square feet, all set within a 27-acre bird and wildlife preserve. The yachting lifestyle is an important part of life in The Sanctuary, and the homes have docks suitable for yachts up to 60 feet, with direct deep-water access to the Intracoastal Waterway and to the ocean through several inlets.

The property includes not just 24-hour gate security, but waterborne patrols as well. There is a community marina, a clubhouse, and Har-Tru tennis courts. Superb beaches are nearby, and the world-class upscale shops and restaurants of the famed Mizner Park district beckon the most discriminating shopper.

\$1 TO \$25 MILLION, 561-391-5533, BOCAEXECUTIVEREALTY.COM