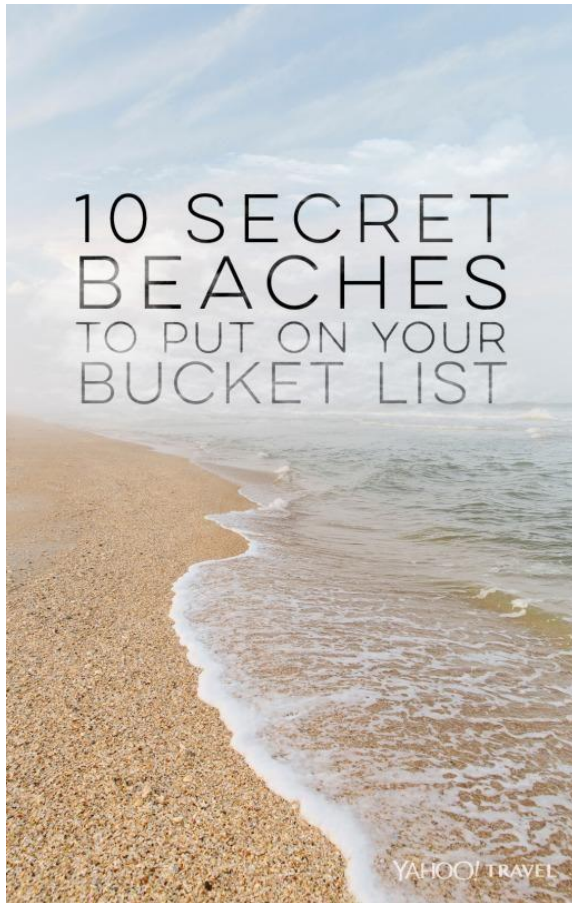


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Summertime means kicking back, relaxing and making up for all those winter months by putting in some serious hours on the beach. While planning a little seaside getaway is fun, elbowing your way through crowds of people to stake your claim on the sand is not. And though it seems we've taken over every last untouched oceanfront spot, Yahoo Travel has discovered some hidden gems only the locals know about. From a purple beach in California to a hard-to-reach Hawaiian hideaway, these are 10 secret American beaches you have to add to your bucket list this year.

Cumberland Island, Georgia

Relatively untouched by civilization, this 18-mile stretch of beach might be home to more wild horses than people. Only accessible by a 45-minute ferry ride, visitors can camp beneath the oak trees or wander around the ruins of grand mansions that once stood along the shore. "The island is truly amazing," noted one visitor. "Magical, even."



Wild horse grazing on the beach of Cumberland Island. (Photo: [Doug Anderson](#)/Flickr)