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10Best Readers' Choice Chosen by readers of USA TODAY and







#4 - Rehoboth Beach, Del.

Nicknamed 'the Nation's Summer Capital' for its proximity to Washington, Rehoboth Beach enjoys small-town friendly locals, a relaxed, beachy vibe and a mile-long beach-side boardwalk lined with ornate Victorian architecture. With no sales tax in Delaware, Rehoboth has gained a reputation for its shopping, with the usual souvenir shops in town and quite the collection of outlet malls just outside of town.

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Saugatuck Wins Again

Ogunquit, Gulf Shores, Rehoboth Beach and Rockport also winners.

In 2014, the tiny Great Lakes community of Saugatuck, Mich. was named the Best Summer Weekend Escape in the USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice awards, and now they've done it again. After four weeks of voting, Saugatuck, the only lakeside nominee on our list, has been crowned the Best Coastal Small Town.

Little Ogunquit on the Maine Coast put up a good fight and landed a well-deserved runner up position, while Gulf Shores, Ala.; Rehoboth Beach, Del. and Rockport, Texas finished third, fourth and fifth respectively.

The full list of winners in the 'Best Coastal Small Town' contest category for 10Best Readers' Choice is as follows:

- 1. Saugatuck, Mich.
- 2. Ogunquit, Maine
- 3. Gulf Shores, Ala.
- 4. Rehoboth Beach, Del.
- 5. Rockport, Texas
- 6. Mystic, Conn.
- 7. St. Michaels, Md.

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8. Chincoteague, Va.

9. Ocean Springs, Miss.

10. Duck, N.C.

A big congratulations to our winners, and next time you're planning a trip to the coast, remember that good things come in small packages.

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The Experts

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Larry Bleiberg, a veteran journalist with magazine, newspaper, and web experience, is former travel editor of the Dallas Morning News and Coastal Living magazine. He served on a Pulitzer Prize team, is a seven-time Lowell Thomas Travel Journalism Award winner, and was honored for producing the best newspaper travel section in North America. Learn more at LarryBleiberg.com or facebook.com/larry.bleiberg.

Libby McMillan



A longtime travel journalist, Libby chose her beautiful city after a nationwide search for a new hometown. Greenville's amazing downtown, four mild seasons, varied terrain, friendly residents and countless nearby waterfalls made it a winner.

Libby previously spent 20 years in Florida, what she calls "the only place in the world where you drive north to reach the South."

An avid college football fan, Libby has deep ties to the University of Oklahoma but graduated from rival Texas. She's lived in Austin, Boston, Nashville, San Francisco and Captiva Island, Florida, including 4 happy years on a houseboat.

Lydia Schrandt



Lydia, photo editor and Readers' Choice Production Manager for USA TODAY 10Best, has traveled to more than 30 countries in Europe, Asia and North and South America, and has lived in Albuquerque, Galveston, Austin, Thailand, Korea, China, Ecuador, Locate Colombia, Argentina, Brazil and now Share Spain. When she's not at her computer

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