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Wow! What a Beach

The world has many different types of **beaches**.

Some of them are surprising or amazing.



Hot Water Beach

Visitors to this beach dig holes in the sand.

They're not making sand castles.

They want to sit in the warm water that comes up from beneath the sand.



Glass Beach

Glass items were dumped into the ocean as trash for many years at this beach.

The waves and rocks made the glass smooth over time.

Today, the glass looks like **gems**.



Beach in a Field

Not all beaches are found along the **shore**.

This beach is surrounded by land.
The water reaches the beach from underground tunnels.



Tiny Star Beach

The **grains** of sand at this beach are shaped like tiny stars.

They're really shells that have been worn down into these shapes.



Bowling Ball Beach

The round rocks at this beach look like bowling balls.

You can visit these amazing rocks during low **tide**.



Black Sand Beach

Rare turtles come to this black sand beach.

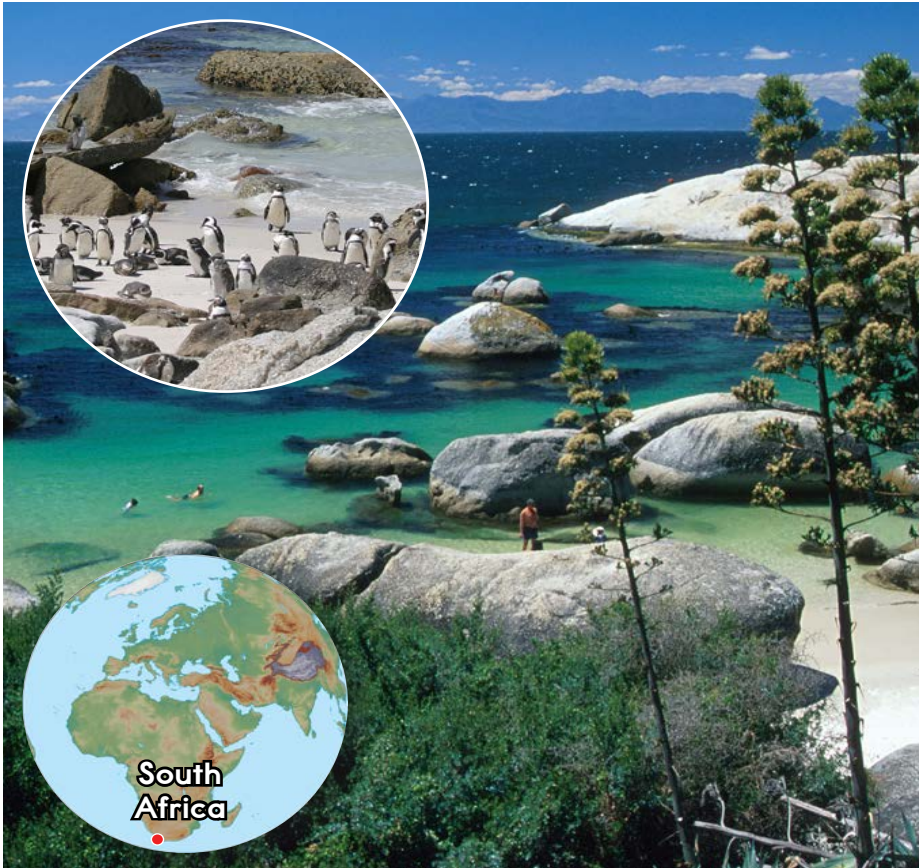
The sand is black because it's made of tiny pieces of rock from a volcano.



Pink Sand Beach

The sand at this beach is the color of cotton candy.

The white sand mixes with pieces of red shells to make the sand pink.



Giant Rock Beach

This beach is full of giant rocks.
People aren't the only visitors
to this beach.

About three thousand penguins
live here.



White Sand Beach

Have you ever been to a white sand beach?

This beach holds the record for being the whitest beach in the world.



75 Mile Beach

This beach is so long that it's used as a runway for planes.

Be careful when swimming here, though.

The water is full of sharks.



Amazing Beaches

The sand at beaches can be white, black, red, and even green.

Some amazing beaches look as though they're from other planets.

What type of beach would you like to visit?

Glossary

- beaches** (*n.*) places where oceans or lakes meet the land (p. 4)
- gems** (*n.*) mineral or organic materials that can be cut and polished for use in jewelry (p. 6)
- grains** (*n.*) small pieces of something hard, such as rice or sand (p. 8)
- rare** (*adj.*) not happening very often; uncommon (p. 10)
- shore** (*n.*) the land along the edge of an ocean, sea, lake, or river (p. 7)
- tide** (*n.*) the rise and fall of the ocean caused by the gravity of the Moon and Sun (p. 9)

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