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When it comes to finding things to do in Myrtle Beach during your vacation, the old adage is true: The more things change the more they stay the same. Even though the Grand Strand is a constantly-changing landscape of new restaurants, hotels and attractions, you can always count on enjoying the same sun, sand and family fun the area has always been known for.

While many of the tried and true top attractions don’t change from year to year, there’s always some new and exciting things to try if you’re the adventurous type.

The idea behind this year’s guide was to create a list of the beach's best places, recognizing both the established favorites and the up-and-coming places around town to help visitors get the most out of their summer vacation.

By surveying users to the new GoToMyrtleBeach.com, about their favorite places and doing a little research to determine what users are searching for and clicking on while making their travel plans for summer 2014 we’ve created something we’re calling “The Hot 100 Heat Index”.

This list ranks the 100 hottest attractions in Myrtle Beach, taking into account who’s trending now, who’s built the biggest buzz for the season ahead and which places will be the most popular for visitors this summer.

We’ve included a little of everything in this guide, from the best restaurants and shopping spots to the hottest nightlife, top golf courses and most exciting attractions.

100. CO Sushi
This buzzworthy new Vietnamese and sushi spot at The Market Common features a hip atmosphere, an innovative menu and great happy hour deals at the bar.

99. Azalea Sands Golf Club
Sure, the layout of this North Myrtle Beach golf course is nice, but it’s the new Thee Kilted Caddy Club & Cafe that has made it a hot topic for golfers. The service debuts in June and will offer up young, kilted ladies as caddies for your round.

98. Margaritaville
Whether it’s the name, the entertaining atmosphere, the food or the margaritas, surely there’s a reason this Broadway at the Beach restaurant has remained one of the most in-demand spots in town for many years.

97. Georgetown Harborwalk
The harborwalk was literally one of the hottest attractions last year when a fire ravaged many historic downtown buildings. The city has now begun to recover nicely and the waterfront once again has plenty of great restaurants, shops and scenery.

96. Peaches Corner
There’s a reason this iconic downtown restaurant has stood the test of time, and it’s not just the location. There’s plenty of nostalgic appeal here, but when you get down to it the burgers, footlongs and fries are actually quite tasty.

95. North Myrtle Beach Park & Sports Complex
Opened in March, this new park has tons of fields for baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse, but its the two great dog parks and one of the area’s coolest playgrounds which visitors will really love.

94. Frank Theatres CineBowl & Grille
The best reason to visit Inlet Square Mall in Murrells Inlet is this combination movie theater, bowling alley, arcade and sports. A great spot for family fun or for spending a rainy afternoon.

93. Hard Rock Cafe
Popular due to its powerful brand name, this pyramid-shaped restaurant is more than just a mecca of rock’n’roll paraphernalia. The staff is great, there’s live music all summer and though it’s not cheap, the food is good.

92. Suck Bang Blow & The Beaver Bar
While these spots each have their own distinct personality, they cater to much the same crowd and combine to
serve as the epicenter of Bike Week each spring and fall. If you’re a motorcycle rider, make sure to pay pilgrimage to one of these legendary biker bars.

91. Fat Harold’s & Duck’s beach clubs
Another pair of bars which must be mentioned in the same sentence. Fat Harold’s and Duck’s — along with North Myrtle Beach spots like OD Lounge, Pirate’s Cove and Spanish Galleon — combine to create a unique culture where visitors can hop from lounge to lounge all night, dancing the shag and enjoying great Carolina Beach Music bands.

90. Cancun Lagoon
This mini golf course has 27 holes with challenging layouts both inside and outside of a huge Mayan temple. Perfect for getting out of the summer sun or playing when the weather is less than desirable.

89. Original Painter’s Homemade Ice Cream
Serving up cool treats in North Myrtle Beach since the 1950s, this local landmark is proof that things don’t have to change to stay hot. As popular as ever, Painter’s serves up soft serve so well it has become a family tradition for many.

88. Little Pigs BBQ
Just like all the area’s best BBQ joints — Prosser’s, Big D’s and Radd Dew’s among them — Little Pigs looks like a hole-in-the-wall, but the food is awesome. The main attraction is pulled pork, succulent and chopped fresh, soaked in amazing BBQ sauce and served with plenty of fixin’s.

87. Legends Golf & Resort
With three Scottish-inspired courses, Legends offers nice variety with its Heathland, Moorland and Parkland courses. Add in its Heritage Club in Murrells Inlet and Oyster Bay in Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., and you’ve truly got a great array of golf options.

86. Shark Attack Adventure Golf
The beach’s only oceanfront mini golf course relies on great views and an animatronic shark show to overcome its “just OK” course layout. The Hammerhead Grill really adds to the experience with affordable food and drinks, live music and a nice lawn area.

85. 2001 Nightclub
This legendary entertainment complex, features multiple clubs and has been popular spot for visitors for more than 30 years. Already known as a great place for the older crowd to dance and enjoy live music, the club has recently opened an area called 2001 MMI designed to appeal to a younger audience.
84. Riaz
This Brazilian Steakhouse offers an endless carousel of succulent steak, chicken and pork with waiters dressed as Gauchos serving up prime cuts from a meaty skewer. Add in a great salad bar, sides and desserts and you’ve got one of the beach’s best all-you-can-eat spots.

83. Huffman Helicopters
This long-running attraction is still wowing visitors each summer with unique views of the beach from high above the ground. Whether it’s a quick jaunt for $20 or the full Grand Strand tour for nearly $200, you’re sure to enjoy your time in the air.

80. Children’s Museum of S.C.
One of the most educational attractions for kids, this museum allows little ones to dig for fossils, learn about weather, explore electricity and much more. It’s also one of the more affordable things to do with the family and is great for rainy days.

79. Landshark Bar & Grill
Known mostly for its affiliation to Jimmy Buffet and its location under the Skywheel, Landshark offers surprisingly good seafood, sandwiches and service with less of a wait and a better view than its more well-known sibling, Margaritaville.

78. I Love Sugar
This mecca of sugary goodness opened downtown in 2012. Part candy store, part gift shop, it’s a great place to stop while “cruising the strip” to satisfy your sweet tooth or to grab a cool treat from the ice cream counter and escape the hot summer sun.
77. Jack’s Surf Lessons & Rentals
One of the top-rated attractions on TripAdvisor, this surf school offers lessons for all ages from a friendly and experienced staff of instructors. Located near Springmaid Pier, it's perfect for first-timers and also offers board rentals for experienced surfers.

76. Carolina Paddle Company
If surfing sounds a bit too adventurous, perhaps serene stand-up paddleboarding is more your speed. Based in the Socastee area, Carolina Paddle Co. offers guided tours of the area's waterways via these more stable boards.

75. Golden Griddle Pancake House
You could easily slot in any of 20 or so excellent breakfast spots here, but this North Myrtle Beach restaurant gets the nod due to its reputation for southern hospitality, affordable prices and quality pancakes. It's a family tradition for many and always rated among the beach's best.

74. Encounters: UFO Experience
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67. Myrtle Beach Zipline Adventures
If you can put aside your cherished memories of the Pavilion long enough to ride the zipline where it once sat, you’re bound to enjoy the experience. Cruise through the sky at speeds up to 50 mph as you glide across an oceanfront lot with a great view.

66. Revolutions Nightclub
Not just for the hipsters and the club kids, this Broadway-area dance spot caters to party people of all ages with a huge multi-level dancefloor and music from across the decades. Enjoy a smoke-free atmosphere downstairs or get a little classy in the Z Bar martini bar upstairs.

65. Dragon’s Lair Mini Golf
Topped with a huge animatronic dragon that talks and blows fireballs this medieval mini golf course features some challenging holes that make for a fun round. It’s sister courses, Jurassic Golf, Capt. Hook’s Adventure Golf and Jungle Safari Mini Golf are also worth a try.

64. Giant Crab
Even on a stretch of Restaurant Row known for its large seafood buffets, it’s hard to get much bigger than the Giant Crab. With more than 170 items on its buffet, a pasta bar, carving station, kid’s area, dessert bar and Pirate’s Island Tavern with drinks and cocktails, you likely won’t find a better selection on the beach.

63. HydroFly Myrtle Beach
Island Adventure Watersports, located along the Intracoastal Waterway in Socastee, not only offers visitors a chance to try jetskiing and paddle boarding, but it also features flyboarding from HydroFly Myrtle Beach. During this experience riders strap themselves onto a board with two large nozzles that pump hundreds of gallons of water out to propel you up to 20 feet in the air for a one-of-a-kind ride.

62. Myrtle Beach and Huntington Beach state parks
While there’s not much new here, the draw of the area’s two state parks is clear – undeniable natural beauty. Whether it’s the pristine beach, campground and walking trails at Myrtle Beach or the bird watching, wildlife and Atalaya castle at Huntington Beach, there’s plenty to explore at both spots.
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61. Gulfstream Cafe
If you’re a sucker for a good seafood spot on the ocean, this Garden City restaurant definitely fits the bill. Noted by visitors in The Sun News’ “Best of the Beach” for its brunch, fine dining, early-bird special, view and romantic atmosphere, it’s safe to say this cafe has plenty going for it.

60. Sea Captain’s House Restaurant
As one of the most popular seafood spots in town, Sea Captain’s is universally loved by critics, locals and visitors. Lauded for its oceanfront location and attention to detail the food’s is worth the price of admission — from fresh-caught fish to its famous She-Crab soup.

59. Hollywood Wax Museum
Though it won’t open until mid- to late June, it’s already become one of the most buzzed about places in town thanks to its stunning exterior featuring “The Great Ape of Myrtle Beach.” When complete it will feature more than 80 celebrity wax figures, Hannah’s Maze of Mirrors and the zombie-themed Outbreak: Dread The Undead.

58. Plantation Island Tours
Located at Tilghman’s Point, a secluded stretch of land near Little River, Plantation Island Tours offers visitors a variety of ways to explore a 10,000 acre plantation. Visitors can choose to travel by horseback, kayak, UTV or boat to take in the pristine beaches and natural beauty of this “best kept secret” which includes Fort Randall — a historic battery that played a role in the Civil War.

57. Lee’s Inlet Kitchen
This Murrells Inlet restaurant has been serving up food from the “Seafood Captial of S.C.” for more than 65 years. Named a “Top 10 South Carolina Seafood Restaurant” by Southern Living Magazine and racking up local honors from The Sun News, Beach TV and others, it’s hard to argue with Lee’s proven greatness.

56. Downwind Sails Watersports
In operation for more than 30 years, this Myrtle Beach watersports company has long been a visitors’ favorite, offering both thrilling — jetskis, banana boats, parasailing — and relaxing — kayaks, sailboats and catamaran tours.
55. Broadway Louie’s
Sure, the fact that you can watch a game on huge projection screens and grab a drink while the kids play in an awesome arcade is nice, but what puts this Broadway area bar over the top is its awesome karaoke stage show.

54. Wicked Tuna
Enjoy the laid-back waterfront dining experience of the Murrells Inlet Marshwalk with a meal at its latest addition. Wicked Tuna features a great menu full of fresh-caught seafood favorites, plus a full sushi menu, steaks and more.

53. Jungle Lagoon
Wild animals, waterfalls, caves and lagoons highlight this 36-hole miniature golf course along Kings Highway in Myrtle Beach. Fun and challenging holes make this long-running favorite worth visiting time and time again.

52. Aspen Grille
From Chef Curry Martin’s expertly-prepared Southern cuisine to the classy interior and penchant for live jazz music, this charming fine dining spot represents everything a Myrtle Beach restaurant should be.

51. The Bowery
This classic honky tonk bar recently celebrated its 75th birthday, further cementing it as a staple of downtown entertainment. Though the “8th Wonder of The World” may not be for everyone, if you’re the type who can appreciate the charm of cheap beer served cold and hot live music this is a “must-see” spot.

49. Waccatee Zoo
This unassuming attraction tucked into a waterfront corner in the Socastee area is exceptional when it comes to affordable family fun. While you won’t get all the bells and whistles of a large metro zoo, they have plenty of exotic animals — monkeys, kangaroos, tigers, bears and lots more — many of which you can walk right up and feed.
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48. Garden City Pier
Honored year after year in the annual "Best of The Beach" contest, this visitor's favorite is notable for its 24-hour fishing, gift shop, arcade and the lively crowds that dance to live bands and sing karaoke at the pier's bar throughout the summer.

47. Mt. Atlanticus Minotaur Goff
There are tons of spectacular miniature golf courses here, but none more over-the-top than Mt. Atlanticus. With a great location, awesome views via its tall treehouse structures, and an interesting, challenging layout, you can't top this mini golf spot.

46. Tidewater Plantation & Golf Club
Named as Golf Digest's “Best New Public Golf Course” when it was built in 1990 and on the “America's Top 100 Greatest Public Courses” list as recently as 2012, Tidewater is often recognized as one of the area’s best courses. And with three holes — Nos. 3, 4 and 12 — on our Dream 18 list of the area's best golf holes, it's clear that we agree.

45. Karma Teen Nightlife
It's a scary thought for many parents to let their teens simply “run wild” in Myrtle Beach. Luckily, this fun and friendly oceanfront club — one of the top teen clubs on the East coast — gives them a taste of the nightlife in safe environment where they can dance and socialize without worry.

44. Myrtle Beach Jetpack Adventures
Experience one of the area's newest attractions as you strap on a jetpack that pumps out more than 1,000 gallons of water per minute and propels you up to 30 feet above the water. Enjoy the one-of-a-kind thrills of walking on water, diving or just gliding and hovering over the lake at the new North Myrtle Beach Sports & Recreation Complex.

43. Pier 14
Equally appealing to those trying to catch fish and those looking to eat fish, this pier offers amazing seafood and a great dining experience while also catering to visitors with a gift shop, bar area and a wooden walkway for fishing or simply strolling to enjoy gorgeous views of downtown.

42. Myrtle Beach Speedway
If you’re into fast fun, there’s tons to like about the speedway. Not only can you catch some great racing action, but there’s also Wheels of Destruction stunt show, the NASCAR Racing Experience — where you can drive a real stock car — and even concerts on its brand-new live music stage.

41. The Sling Shot
One of the most thrilling rides in town, the Sling Shot propels riders more than 300 feet into the sky at speeds up to 100 mph, bouncing up and down, twisting and turning as a pair of cables brings them back to a stop.

40. Myrtle Beach National Golf Club
This flagship golf club deserves recognition for its variety as much as its quality of play. It offers 54 holes across the West, South Creek and King’s North courses. All three Arnold Palmer-designed championship courses have racked up numerous honors and are a “must-play” for golf lovers.

39. Big M & SunCruz casino boats
No matter which boat you choose — either the Big M Casino Boat or SunCruz Aquasino — cruising from the Little River Waterfront for an evening full of Vegas-style gaming action is a one-of-a-kind experience unlike anything else on the Grand Strand.

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38. Gay Dolphin Gift Cove
While not much has changed about this iconic gift shop over the years, that’s exactly the reason many of the visitors who come stop here year and after year. There’s something nostalgic and special about getting lost in the trinkets and souvenirs of this classic gift cove.

36. New South Brewery
Noted by TripAdvisor as one of the top brewery tours in the U.S., beer lovers can’t go wrong with a trip to New South. The tour each Tuesday and Thursday features free samples of all the company’s brews and thanks to a “pint law” passed last June, they also now offer Draught Pours three days a week.

35. Myrtle Waves
While the ocean is surely the best way to get wet, the 1 million gallons of water flowing through this 20-acre water park might be a close second. Whether it’s the curvy Turbo Twisters, pitch black Night Flight or the Arooba Tooba you can’t go wrong with a ride on these slides.

34. Ocean Annie’s
The self-proclaimed “Most Famous Bar in Myrtle Beach” will mark its 30th anniversary this season with a summer-long celebration of the fun that has made it a favorite for visitors all these years — good music, great people and lots of dancing on the enormous oceanfront deck.
33. Skydive Myrtle Beach
There are plenty of thrills on the beach, but since this North Myrtle Beach attraction opened in 2012 it’s quickly jumped to the top of the list for “scariest things to do in Myrtle Beach.” You won’t get a better view of the coastline than while free falling out of a plane from two miles high.

32. Alligator Adventure
Though it’s known as the “Reptile Capital of the World” it’s not just gators and crocs here. From monkeys and tigers to bats and birds there’s plenty for your family to enjoy at this mini-zoo at Barefoot Landing.

31. The Boathouse Waterway Bar & Grill
The buzz continues to build for this bar thanks to a great location on the Intracoastal Waterway and a lineup full of free live music. It’s backyard concert series has become the place to be for party people, filled with bikinis, boats and beer every Sunday afternoon all summer long.

30. Palace Theatre
Enjoy the spectacle of a Vegas-style magic show Illusions of Magic with “America’s Got Talent” sharpshooter Ben Blaque or revel in the classic tunes and soulful singing of the Hot Jersey Nights show featuring the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons.

29. Banditos Mexican Cantina
The food is no slouch, but it’s the oceanfront location that puts this place over the top. It’s easy to get to since the boardwalk has been extended and its back patio includes an outdoor bar and a music stage.

28. Wild Water & Wheels
Slides like the Sidewinder, Free Fall Cliff Dive and The Dark Hole as well as go-karts, mini golf and bumper boats mean there’s plenty to do here. A great, affordable way to enjoy the waterpark is the Live After Five series which features live music and $9.95 admission from 5-9 p.m. every Friday all summer long.
26. The Market Common
Even with closure of stores such as Tommy Bahama and Coldwater Creek, this upscale shopping complex continues to draw visitors based on the strength of additions like the new CO Sushi restaurant, Stage Left Theatre Company, and lots of cool little shops in the live-work townhomes.

25. The Original Benjamin’s Calabash Seafood
Jumping into the top 25 by popular demand — it was listed as a favorite by tons of our visitors — Original Benjamin’s features a nearly endless buffet of seafood options including plenty fried up golden brown in the distinctive Calabash style.

24. Crazy Sister Marina
If nautical fun be something ‘ye wish, it doesn’t get better than this. There’s an unbelievable array of activities including fishing, parasailing, banana boats and paddle boarding, as well as kayak, jet ski and boat rentals. There’s even unique experiences like dolphin tours and the awesome Pirate Adventures tour for kids.

23. Angelo’s Steak & Pasta
With a great family friendly atmosphere, tons of pasta options and “The Greatest Steaks in the Universe” it’s no wonder Angelo’s has been a favorite for locals and visitors for more than 30 years.

22. Coastal Grand Mall
While the outlets may offer a better bargain on the whole, when it comes to sheer shopping space you can’t beat Coastal Grand Mall’s 1 million square feet of retail bliss.

21. Tanger Outlets
With locations on U.S. 501 in Myrtle Beach and on U.S. 17 near Myrtle Beach Mall, the variety of shopping options at Tanger is seemingly endless. New additions for 2014 include Express, Hot Topic, Direct Tools and more.

20. Frank’s Outback & Bar
One of five Myrtle Beach attractions on AOL Travel’s “Top Spring Things To Do” for 2014, this Pawleys Island restaurant offers a fine dining experience full of lowcountry cuisine in a unique informal, yet classy outdoor setting.

19. Pirate’s Voyage
One of the most fiercest pirates to ever sail off the coast of the Carolinas, Captain Blackbeard, joins the cast of this dinner show for 2014. Enjoy the feast as he and his quartermaster Calico Jack lead the Crimson and Sapphire crews in battle with high-flying aerials and aquatic excitement.

18. Wonderworks
With more than 100 handsons exhibits and activities, the “upside down house” at Broadway at the Beach provides a great mix of learning and fun for the whole family. Great rainy-day activity!

17. Legends In Concert
This year’s summer lineup at Legends In Concert show includes a tribute to one of the top ladies in country music today, Taylor Swift, as well as classic favorites such as Steven Tyler, Madonna, Michael Jackson, Elvis Presley and the Blues Brothers.

16. Broadway Grand Prix
This recently reinvented racing attraction (formerly NASCAR Speedpark) features go-kart tracks for all ages, mini golf, a huge arcade, the thrilling Skycoaster ride and more. You can ask for much more — or faster — family fun.

15. Medieval Times
There’s a reason this amazing dinner show is voted one of the best in Myrtle Beach year after year. From it’s high-energy jousting, swordplay and story to it’s hands-only feast, there’s no better way to experience the 11th century.

14. Family Kingdom
They just keep packing more family fun into this amusement park. After adding four new rides in 2013 — including a new roller coaster — they’re at it again in 2014 with a pair of new kiddie rides transported from the former Freestyle Music Park.

27. Caledonia Golf & Fish Club
One look at the centuries-old live oaks draped with Spanish Moss and the rolling fairways of this former rice plantation and golfers know they’re in for a treat. Noted by Golf Magazine as one of its “Top 100 You Can Play” and as one of “America’s 100 Greatest Public courses” by Golf Digest, the course is said to have 18 signature holes.
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13. Alabama Theatre
The fabulous production and singing of its flagship “ONE: The Show” are what this theater is known for, but don’t overlook the hilarious comedy of Grant Turner as Ricky Mokel or a lineup of guest concerts with some of the top names in classic country, R&B and more.

12. Ripley’s Aquarium
This aquarium features 350 species of exotic underwater animals. A great retreat from the hot summer sun and an awesome chance for kids to learn and get hands-on with some sea creatures.

9. Myrtle Beach Skywheel
This one-of-a-kind ride is as notable for its impact on the Myrtle Beach skyline — and its appearance in nearly every visitor’s social media photo stream — as it is for being a fun and interesting way to view downtown.

11. The Dunes Golf & Beach Club
It’s hard to argue with the accolades of a place ranked as the top golf course in Myrtle Beach by Golf Digest, Golf Magazine and Golfweek. Built by legendary designer Robert Trent Jones and opened in 1949 this course and its famous “Waterloo” Par 5 have been wowing golfers for more than 60 years.

8. House of Blues
Playing home to the area’s top concerts, great food — especially the Gospel Brunch — an outdoor deck and a wide variety of events, those looking for entertainment will find something to enjoy it here.

7. The Carolina Opry
As the longest-running show around, it’s hard to match Opry’s staying power and its ability to wow audiences with top-notch talent, production and variety with options like Good Vibrations and LIGHT: Laser Light Extravaganza.

6. Brookgreen Gardens
With largest and most comprehensive collection of American figurative sculpture in the U.S. set against a backdrop of amazing flora and fauna, this south end garden is one of the most beautiful and popular attractions in Myrtle Beach.

5. Barefoot Landing
Full of specialty stores, great restaurants, attractions and two of the area’s best entertainment venues — Alabama Theatre and House of Blues — it’s a no-brainer to put this North Myrtle Beach shopping complex in the top 5.

4. Myrtle Beach Pelicans
Enjoy America’s pastime with great on-field action and tons for the kids to do at the ballpark. Great promotions like Thirsty Thursdays, on-field catch and post-game fireworks make for affordable family-friendly fun at its finest.

3. Myrtle Beach Boardwalk
Nothing else on this list has done as much to transform downtown as the 1.4-mile boardwalk. Filled with shops, nightlife, restaurants and amazing oceanfront scenery it truly represents the heart and soul of Myrtle Beach.

2. Broadway at the Beach
You can’t beat this massive entertainment complex that’s been voted S.C.’s #1 attraction multiple times. Whether it’s nightlife in Celebrity Square, unique shopping, great restaurants or top attractions Broadway has it all.

1. The beach!
This may be obvious, but there’s no way to argue that the Grand Strand’s most notable feature — its proximity to the Atlantic Ocean — isn’t worthy of the top spot. From fishing and watersports to sunbathing and beachcombing, many of the area’s most beloved activities begin and end with the beach.
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