

The Last RESORT

A CHRONICLE OF PARADISE,
PROFIT, AND PERIL AT THE BEACH

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O N E

I'M NEVER COMING HOME

Thailand and England



Phra Nang Beach, on the Railay peninsula in Thailand.

T W O

WHERE ALL PASSIONS COMBINE

Monte Carlo, the Jersey Shore,
and Cap d'Antibes



F. Scott Fitzgerald immortalized the international beach culture phenomenon at La Garoupe Beach in his novel *Tender Is the Night*.

T H R E E

AMONG THE VERY TALL

Waikiki



The old groin at the Royal Hawaiian held the beach fronting the resort in place, but caused the sand on the other side to disappear.

Courtesy of Scott Rosenstein

F O U R

INTO FAR-FLUNG PLACES

Fiji



The seawall behind the beach that went in during construction of the Naviti Resort contributed to a cascade of ecological changes.

F I V E

NEW FRONTIERS, PRECARIOUS BUSINESS

Nicaragua and Senegal



New breakwaters in the Saly area have helped bring robust beaches back to Senegal's most popular resort destination.

PARADISE LOST (TO OVERDEVELOPMENT)

Tulum, Ibiza, and Cancún



Since 2015, sargassum seaweed has often overwhelmed the beaches of the Riviera Maya. Removing it has become a never-ending project.

S E V E N

A GLOBAL JUGGERNAUT

Vietnam and Portugal



Hotels along the shoreline in Da Nang cater mostly to Chinese and domestic tourists.

E I G H T

THE LONG HAUL TO THE HIGH END

Sumba (Indonesia)



At Nihhi Sumba, one of the world's most revered beach resorts, the villas have two levels, private pools, and multiple bathrooms.

BEYOND THE SEA

Barbados and St. Kitts



The previously uninhabited southern end of St. Kitts is being developed as a center of luxury tourism.

T E N

A TALE OF TWO ISLANDS

Bali and Nias (Indonesia)



The former lobby and reception of the Sorake Beach Resort,
the only bona fide resort Nias has ever seen.

GHOSTS IN THE MACHINE

Baiae, Rockaway, and Acapulco



The Edgemere Hotel once stood on this stretch of land in Rockaway, New York.

T W E L V E

UP TO HERE

Miami Beach



The Art Deco Sagamore, National, and Delano hotels
along Collins Avenue in Miami Beach.

A BETTER WAY

Tioman Island (Malaysia)



This machine on Tioman Island, Malaysia, converts used beer bottles into sand that can be used to make concrete.

SANDS OF TIME

The Future of the Beach Resort



The remaining shell of Brighton's West Pier is today an emblem of the resort's past glories.

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