Exploring the coast of the state of São Paulo

Santos, São Sebastião and Ilhabela are great destinations that connect you with nature and beaches on the beautiful coast of São Paulo.

São Sebastião and Ilhabela are on the north coast of São Paulo and both delight visitors. Its beaches of coarse sand and clear water surrounded by the Atlantic Forest are great for resting, exploring nature and practicing water sports.

Busy urban beaches or wild and practically deserted beaches. Strong waves or calm sea. Easy accessible places to visit but some can only be done on foot. São Paulo coast has everything for exploring nature and practicing water sports.

Why don't you enjoy the weekend or holidays exploring the beauties of the region?
One of the best diving spots of São Paulo

Where we are going this time? It’s Santos, which is an exuberant beach city that offers a lot of attractions. Santos is famous not only for its beaches, but also for its historic center, the State Park, and the Municipal Aquarium, which is one of the main tourist attractions of Santos. The State Park is a paradise for divers, with visibility of up to 35 meters underwater, revealing a magnificent marine life, including turtles, fish, seaweed, and dolphins, whales, and penguins. The water is cold, so it's important to wear insulating clothing.

Upon returning to the city, you can take a walk along the beach coast line, which is surrounded by gardens, trees, and flowerbeds. You can also try some delicacies cooked on site by local restaurants or visit the Municipal Aquarium, which houses about 150 species of marine fauna, such as sharks, rays, turtles, sea lions, and even Amazonian fishes such as arapaima and peacock bass.
For those who want to party (but also for those who love peace and quiet)

São Sebastião is in front of the paradisiac Ilhabela but do not think that it is the only reason to visit the city. If you want to party, you need to visit the famous Maresias Beach. Young people and surfers favorite place, it has great kiosks and bars infrastructure, open until dawn. Due to its great waves, Maresias is known for being a surfing center and hosts many international championships.

On the other hand, if you are looking for peace and quiet, you will find it too in the city. Juqueí Beach is between the blue sea and green of the Atlantic Forest, in a calm sea paradisiacal scenario, perfect for families and kids that can also enjoy the good options of local restaurants. The beach is calm, except the right corner because of its strong waves, good for surfing.
Among aquatic life and shipwrecks

To get to Ilhabela only by ferry that departs from São Sebastião. The boats depart every half hour from 5:30am to 11:30pm, and it takes only 15 minutes trip.

Divers will love its several great spots for marine life observation. One of them is Ilha das Cabras (Island of Cabras). Located in the Submarino Ecological Sanctuary, it reveals to the explorer an enormous diversity of underwater fauna and flora, such as corals, seahorses, sponges, anemones and dozens of species of fish; or you can explore the human presence with its remains of shipwrecks and enjoy the Statue of Neptune, 7 meters deep.

Gato Waterfall is another lovely tourist attraction of Ilhabela - perfect to enjoy the experience with nature, walking through the Atlantic Forest. To get to the Gato Waterfall, you will need to face a 1 hour-half hiking trail from Castelhanos Beach to reach its 50 meter waterfall and natural pools. Make sure to swim among the clean and fresh water. Enjoy this unique moment with the gorgeous nature of the region.

Highlights of the Experience
- Cachoeira do Gato
- Airport