



Two oceanic worlds collide at the Glass Window Bridge, Eleuthera. —Shutterstock



The To Sua Ocean Trench is an Avatar-esque fantasy-scape, except it's real!— Getty Images

Piscinas das Marés
near Porto, Portugal

Fancy submerging yourself in a national monument? And we don't mean figuratively. Plunge into the two saltwater swimming pools of Piscina das Marés, sunk into the rock of Leça da Palmeira beach, Matosinhos, a fishing village north of Porto, in the 1960s at the behest of renowned Portuguese architect Álvaro Siza Vieira. The maestro wasn't finished there, though: after a dip to work up an appetite, follow the coastline north to his Boa Nova Tea House, an alluring Michelin-starred restaurant with wraparound views of the tumbling Atlantic.

Porto de Galinhas
near Recife, Brazil

In a country with an embarrassment of riches when it comes to beaches, Porto de Galinhas, south of pulsating Recife, still manages to stand out thanks to a scattering of turquoise and aquamarine inlets a short boat ride from its fine, white sand. Fisherfolk ferry visitors to these Instagram-worthy natural pools, formed between the beach and the sheltering reef, in distinctive triangular-sailed jangadas (small sailing vessels) for R\$25 per person. For something more vigorous, head south for windsurfing and kitesurfing off the reliably blustery Pontal de Maracaípe.

Sea Point Pavilion
Cape Town, South Africa

Facing the chilly Atlantic at the edge of suburban Cape Town, Sea Point Pavilion is a splashy, noisy, summer-long swim party. It's got a lap pool, a diving pool and two kiddie pools – all saltwater, with some refreshingly fed directly from the adjacent ocean. When you're ready to dry off, spread out on the lawn with a picnic and a cold soda from one of the park vendors, and watch the clouds floating above the peak of Lion's Head. It's hard to imagine a more scenic public pool in either hemisphere; not to mention – no sharks! —lonelyplanet.com



An aerial view of Bondi Icebergs Pool. — Shutterstock



Sydney's famous Bondi Icebergs Pool regularly stars on Instagram. — Getty Images



Enough pools to keep the whole family happy plus a sea view. —Shutterstock