

# The Ultimate Guide to North Carolina Beaches: Discover the Best Coastal Destinations to Soak Up the Sun



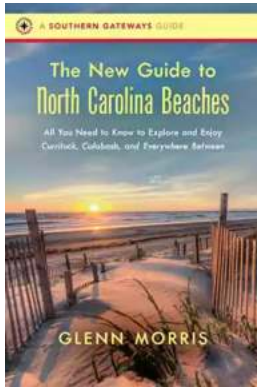
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When it comes to beautiful beaches, North Carolina is an often-overlooked gem. From the stunning coastline of the Outer Banks to the tranquil shores of Wilmington, the Tar Heel State is home to some of the most picturesque and varied beach destinations in the United States. Whether you are planning a family vacation, a romantic getaway, or an adventure-filled trip, North Carolina has it all. In this comprehensive guide, we will take you on a journey to explore the top North Carolina beaches, highlighting their unique features, activities, and attractions.

## 1. Outer Banks:



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## Location:

The Outer Banks, a chain of barrier islands, stretches along the North Carolina coast.

## Description:

The Outer Banks is a must-visit destination for beach lovers. With its vast expanse of sandy beaches, historic lighthouses, and charming coastal towns, it offers something for everyone. Whether you want to relax by the ocean, embark on a fishing adventure, or explore the rich history of the area, the Outer Banks has it all.

## Activities and Attractions:

- Visit the famous Cape Hatteras Lighthouse
- Explore the Wright Brothers National Memorial
- Go fishing at Oregon Inlet
- Take a wild horse tour in Corolla
- Enjoy water sports like surfing, paddleboarding, and kayaking

## 2. Wilmington Beaches:



### **Location:**

Wilmington beaches are located in the southeastern part of North Carolina.

### **Description:**

Wilmington is a vibrant city that offers a unique blend of coastal charm and cultural attractions. Its beaches, including Wrightsville Beach and Carolina Beach, are known for their pristine sand, clear waters, and lively boardwalks. If you are looking for a beach destination with a vibrant atmosphere, good dining options, and plenty of entertainment, Wilmington is the place to be.

### **Activities and Attractions:**

- Stroll along the Carolina Beach Boardwalk
- Try your hand at fishing at Johnny Mercer's Pier
- Explore the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher

- Take a scenic cruise along the Cape Fear River
- Indulge in delicious seafood at waterfront restaurants

### **3. Crystal Coast:**



#### **Location:**

The Crystal Coast is located in eastern North Carolina, extending from Cape Lookout to Emerald Isle.

#### **Description:**

If you are seeking a beach destination that combines natural beauty with a laid-back atmosphere, the Crystal Coast is the perfect choice. With its pristine beaches, abundant wildlife, and charming small towns, this coastal region offers a peaceful retreat away from the crowds. Whether you are interested in

beachcombing, shelling, or simply enjoying the breathtaking views, the Crystal Coast won't disappoint.

### **Activities and Attractions:**

- Visit the Cape Lookout National Seashore
- Explore Fort Macon State Park
- Take a ferry to Shackleford Banks to see the wild horses
- Go on a fishing charter
- Enjoy a walk along the Atlantic Beach Boardwalk

### **4. Brunswick Islands:**



### **Location:**

The Brunswick Islands are situated in southeastern North Carolina, between Wilmington and Myrtle Beach.

### **Description:**

If you are searching for a quieter beach getaway, the Brunswick Islands are the perfect choice. With their uncrowded beaches, charming coastal towns, and unspoiled natural beauty, this hidden gem offers a peaceful haven for relaxation. Whether you want to wander through picturesque lighthouses, play golf on world-class courses, or explore pristine nature preserves, the Brunswick Islands have it all.

### **Activities and Attractions:**

- Visit the Old Baldy Lighthouse on Bald Head Island
- Explore the Southport Maritime Museum
- Play golf at one of the many scenic courses
- Take a scenic boat tour along the Intracoastal Waterway
- Explore the undeveloped beauty of Sunset Beach

### **5. Cape Fear Coast:**

**Location:**

The Cape Fear Coast stretches along the southeastern part of North Carolina, including Wilmington and Bald Head Island.

**Description:**

The Cape Fear Coast is a destination that offers a perfect blend of natural beauty, history, and charm. From the pristine beaches of Bald Head Island to the bustling riverfront of Wilmington, there is never a dull moment on this stretch of coastline. Whether you want to soak up the sun, embark on a historic tour, or indulge in fresh seafood, the Cape Fear Coast has it all.

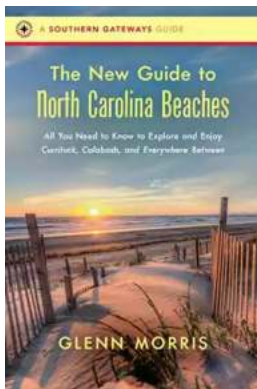
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- Visit the renowned North Carolina Maritime Museum
- Explore the Civil War-era Fort Fisher State Historic Site
- Take a ferry to Bald Head Island
- Try your hand at stand-up paddleboarding in Wilmington
- Enjoy a sunset cruise along the Cape Fear River

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North Carolina is truly a beach lover's paradise. With its diverse array of coastal destinations, there is something for everyone to enjoy. From the serene shores of the Crystal Coast to the lively boardwalks of Wilmington, each beach offers its own unique charm and attractions. So pack your sunscreen, grab your beach towel, and get ready to discover the breathtaking beauty of North Carolina's beaches. Your ultimate coastal adventure awaits!



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The New Guide to North Carolina Beaches is an invaluable resource for every coastal traveler in the Tar Heel State. This descriptive guide to North Carolina's coastal counties goes far beyond the basics to showcase all that the seaside has to offer, from beach access points and camping options to aquariums, museums, and other attractions. Glenn Morris also shares informative and entertaining histories of each county, insights into the maritime environment and its wildlife, and useful tips on subjects like the dos and don'ts of beach driving.

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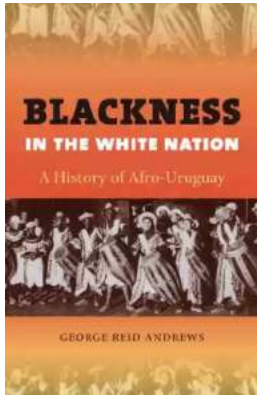
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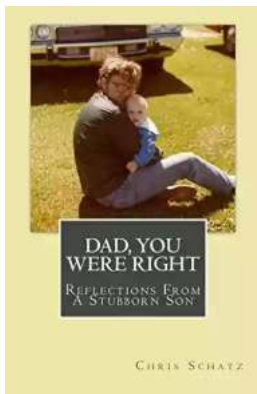
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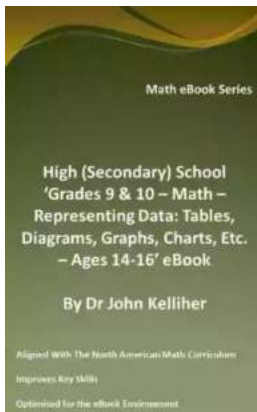
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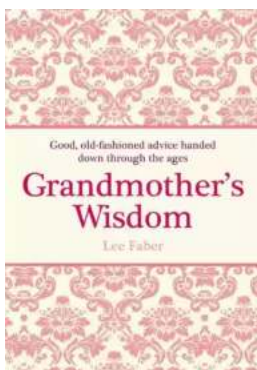
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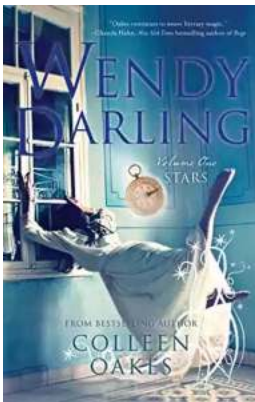
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