



Beaufort Story Ideas

Working Waterfront

Whether you're on an excursion to catch red fish or taking a bite out of the Lowcountry Oyster Trail, in Beaufort, our waterfront works harder than most. Home to some of the best seafood companies, restaurants and marinas, there's not much our waterfront can't do. Sit and swing in the historic downtown waterfront marina or hop on a kayak or boat to get up-close-and-personal with Beaufort wildlife. Better yet, see our marshes and inner coastal waterways from thousands of feet above during a vintage biplane tour.

An Undiscovered Beach Getaway

From family favorites like Fripp Island to still undiscovered beachfront hideaways, Beaufort is home to some of the best beaches on the east coast. Stop by South Carolina's most-visited state park, Hunting Island, to climb the only publicly accessible lighthouse in the state for some of the best ocean views in the country. Stop by Shrimp Shack for an authentic Lowcountry meal before spending the evening catching Beaufort blue crabs and finishing the day catching the sunset over Atlantic.

A Step Back in Time

Looking for a place you can go to experience simpler times? Maybe it's time to add a little perspective to your non-stop days? History runs through the streets and around every corner in Beaufort. Stay in Anchorage 1770, a beautifully refurbished 18th-century mansion with three levels of southern patios to enjoy. Hop on a horse-drawn carriage ride through the historic Point neighborhood to see some of the most stunning Antebellum homes in the South before experiencing the Penn Center, Pat Conroy Literary Center and Santa Elena Museum.

The Reconstruction Era

As the second oldest city in South Carolina, Beaufort is home to one of the most important eras of American history -- the Reconstruction Era. Proclaimed in 2017 as the home of the Reconstruction Era National Monument, visit the four sites that make up the National Park Services-run monument. Immerse yourself in the history by visiting the home of Robert Smalls, a former slave who piloted a Confederate ship to freedom in Charleston and was later elected to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.