



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Jingle Bells and Beaches** *Celebrate the Holidays in Coastal Style*

**BOLIVIA**, N.C. (Nov. 14, 2012) – Lights! Concerts! Action! It's holiday time in [North Carolina's Brunswick Islands](#), and residents are gearing up for a spectacular season. Enjoy concerts, parades, festivals and tours with family and friends in ten waterside towns.

The charming streets of historic Southport and Brunswick Town give way to carolers and candlelight tours while Sunset Beach presents a vibrant laser show, Bolivia hosts the world famous Willie Nelson, and Shallotte holds its annual Brunswick Stew Cook-off.

While there's no shortage of activity, there are also plenty of opportunities to relax and enjoy the majesty of nature. Walking the wide beaches, visiting the Kindred Spirits mailbox and kayaking the waterways are a few of the activities that can rejuvenate and reconnect you to the world that surrounds us.

This season, trade the Fraser Fir for a palm tree, swap snow shoes for sneakers and unwind with the people who make the holidays worthwhile along the serene shoreline of the [Brunswick Islands](#).

#### **N.C. Brunswick Islands December Events and Community Activities**

##### **Sunset Beach Holiday Laser Music Show**

Dec. 1 – 29

Every day at 4 p.m., visitors to the Ingram Planetarium get an eyeful of colorful laser images displayed on the theatre ceiling accompanied by holiday music. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students, and \$4 for children ages 3-4. Children 2 and younger are free.

##### **Charles Dickens Christmas in Southport**

Dec. 1

Celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Charles Dickens' birth with carol singing, costume contests, children's programs and readings.

##### **Oak Island Christmas by the Sea Parade**

Dec. 1

Bring your beach chair and join the locals for this traditional hometown parade that travels along Oak Island Drive. Bring a basket for all the candy you will collect!

##### **Christmas on the River in Shallotte**

Dec. 1

Arts and crafts vendors, the Brunswick Stew Cook-off, live music and the lighting of the Shallotte Christmas tree.

### **Christmas by the Sea House Tour in Oak Island**

Dec. 2

Visit beautifully decorated private homes and enjoy refreshments at the Oak Island Recreation Center.

### **Willie Nelson and Family in Concert in [Bolivia](#)**

Dec. 7

The legendary crooner will play at the Odell Williamson Auditorium on the campus of Brunswick Community College. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be released the week of the performance.

### **Southport Christmas Tour of Homes**

Dec. 8

Enjoy the Southport Historical Society's annual Christmas Tour of Homes and get a glimpse of some special homes within the town's historical district. Tickets are \$10 and the tour is open from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### **Southport Christmas Flotilla**

Dec. 8

Gather along the Cape Fear River between the Yacht Basin and Kingsley Street to catch a glimpse of decked out boats of all sizes and shapes as they illuminate the waterway. The parade is from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### **18<sup>th</sup> Century Christmas in [Winnabow](#)**

Dec. 8

Explore how the American colonists celebrated Christmas as costumed interpreters provide guided tours of St. Phillips Anglican Church and historic Brunswick Town. The highlight of the evening is a period candlelight service in the ruins of St. Phillips, concluding at 5:30 p.m.

### **Southport Waterfront Movie Series**

Dec. 12

Bring the family and some chairs to this al fresco viewing of "Arthur's Christmas" on the lawn of the Garrison House, just off Davis Street. Admission is free and concessions are available. Film begins at dusk.

### **2012 N.C. Brunswick Islands December Specials & Packages**

#### **Best Western PLUS Westgate Inn and Suites - Leland**

Experience Christmas at the coast! From December 23, 2012 - January 5, 2013, the Holiday Rate is \$79 for a King Mini Suite, Standard King Room or a room with 2 queen beds. (Plus tax/ rate based on 2 adults).

#### **Brunswickland Realty - [Holden Beach](#)**

Holden Beach Vacation Rentals up to 20 percent to 30 percent off published price. Pick up the phone or go online to take a look at over 100 island vacation homes! Plan to visit America's "Best Family Beach" and get ready to enjoy the best vacation you have ever had with the ones you love. Valid until December 31.

#### **Robert Ruark Inn - Southport**

Gift certificates now available for the Christmas and Holiday Season! Purchase a two-night stay for that special family member, friend or yourself and get a keepsake ornament of the Robert Ruark Inn. Call or visit our website by December 15 and mention the holiday email blast from NC Brunswick and you'll get a 5 percent discount.

**Ocean Crest Motel - Oak Island**

Book a standard room at our already low, off-season rate of \$57 a night and we'll upgrade to an oceanfront room for the same price, based on two persons, excluding taxes. Valid until January 31, 2013. Or save even more with our Pay for Five Nights - Stay for Seven year round special.

**Econo Lodge Inn & Suites - Shallotte**

Stay Friday and Saturday night for only \$99.99 plus tax or choose any three nights and stay for just \$149.99 plus tax. Valid through December 31, 2012.

**Sunset Properties - Ocean Isle Beach**

It's a great time of the year. The weather and ocean water are both still at wonderful temp levels, and rental rates for vacation homes drop by 25 percent in mid-August and up to 50 percent as of August 25 from our mid-summer levels. Valid through December 31, 2012.

**Sea Trail Golf Resort and Convention Center - Sunset Beach**

We are proud to offer a 40 percent discount on our regular priced room rates and a free room upgrade to active duty US Military personnel. Add-on 54-holes of championship golf at a special military rate of \$35 and kids golf FREE! Valid on stays now - December 31, 2012.

**Sunset Properties - Ocean Isle Beach**

Winter is a great time of the year for quiet and relaxation at Sunset Beach and Ocean Isle Beach. Rental rates for vacation homes are up to 60 percent below our mid-summer levels. Book and make a deposit on your 2013 stay between November 1 - December 15, and be entered into a drawing for prizes including a free vacation!

**Ocean Isle Beach Vacations - Ocean Isle Beach**

Rentals include sheets, towels, beach towels, cable television in all bedrooms, HBO, Cinemax, Showtime, Starz, on-demand movies, fully-equipped kitchen, gas grill, cleaning of house, wireless internet, private pool and many more amenities. Save up to \$500 per week. Valid now - December 22. Call and mention code TDANOV12.

**Oak Island Accommodations - Oak Island**

Sandy Toes Savings. Stay three nights and get the fourth night free or Stay seven nights and only pay for five. Offer valid on all rooms at the "Island Inn" motel.

**The Winds Resort Beach Club - Ocean Isle Beach**

The Winds Resort is happy to give you a coupon for 20 percent off any accommodation any day of the week. The Winds is perfect for vacations, romantic weekends, weddings, honeymoons, reunions, golf packages and weekend getaways. Selected as the #1 beach resort in the State of North Carolina by ResortsandLodges.com! Valid until March 27, 2013.

**About [North Carolina's Brunswick Islands](#)**

In the southernmost corner of North Carolina, stretching from the Cape Fear River to the South Carolina border, lie North Carolina's Brunswick Islands. Five barrier islands provide secluded spots on six pristine beaches for families and nature-lovers, while quaint island and mainland towns beckon with family-owned B&Bs, restaurants and shops. Forts, lighthouses, historic architecture, boating, fishing and 34 golf courses offer plenty to do and see on a trip that harkens back to a simpler time.

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