

## 4 beach towns to hit this fall once the crowds are gone: Carolinas, California, Oregon



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Beach towns offer a laid-back vibe, cool ocean breezes, fun family activities and many have emerging foodie scenes. Plus, you can enjoy socially distanced fun and breathe in fresh air.

The problem: Everyone else has the same idea in summer, leading to peak prices and crowds.

For a more relaxed experience and with sparser crowds, consider planning a getaway for September or early October. Once the summer crowd disperses, hotel and vacation rental prices dip. But you can still enjoy pleasant weather with less competition for a spot on the beach.

Here are four American beach towns to consider after the summer visitors disperse.

## Atlantic Beach, North Carolina



Enjoy waterfront sunsets in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. [Visit North Carolina](#)

What's great about North Carolina is its drivability from so many states. [Atlantic Beach](#), situated on a beautiful barrier island bordered by the Atlantic Ocean and [Bogue Sound](#), boasts an abundance of public beaches to enjoy.

The town is family-friendly and gets even better after Labor Day. Plan an afternoon at the [North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores](#), or plan a day at [Fort Macon State Park](#), which has a [coastal education center](#) and [shoreline for swimming and beachcombing](#).

After enjoying the beach, try delicious in-town dining spots like [Full Moon Oyster Bar & Seafood Restaurant](#), [Table 9 Seafood & Steaks](#) and [Amos Mosquito's Restaurant & Bar](#).

On the first weekend in October, partake in fun and learn about North Carolina's seafood industry at the [North Carolina Seafood Festival](#) in downtown Morehead City, just a bridge or boat ride away. What's more, Atlantic Beach is just 15 minutes from the charming town of [Beaufort](#), home to a downtown scene lined with shops, galleries and eclectic restaurants.

Though Atlantic Beach is a place where rental homes reign over hotels, the [DoubleTree by Hilton](#) is a great choice: It's right on the ocean with a 300-foot pier and an indoor and outdoor pool.