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hether lured by the intrigue of pirate lore or the overall charm of this coastal city, you certainly will not lack for things to do in Beaufort. Satisfy the explorer in your group with a quick 3-mile boat ride to the barrier islands of Cape Lookout. Pack a picnic, and spend the afternoon sunbathing on the lighthouse beach, or search for the area's wild horses on a guided tour. Then, head back to shore and see the sights of the city from a 1967 Double Decker bus before retiring to the comfort of the bed-andbreakfast-meets-boutique-hotel Inlet Inn. Part of this inn was built in 1850 and exemplifies the historic architecture throughout Beaufort. The newer construction provides

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some of the most gorgeous views of the East Coast.

Founded in the early 1700s, the town has a rich history to share. The Beaufort Historical Association helps maintain six authentically restored historic buildings, which give insight into local life in the 18th and 19th centuries. Also on-site is the oldest art gallery in Carteret County. With your hunger for history satiated, stop in Clawson's Restaurant and Pub to satisfy your actual appetite. Opened in 1905 on the waterfront as Clawson's Grocery and Bakery, the present-day venture serves fare ranging from crab cakes to fish tacos to steaks and honors its 108-year history with décor featuring photos, antiques, and news clippings through the years.



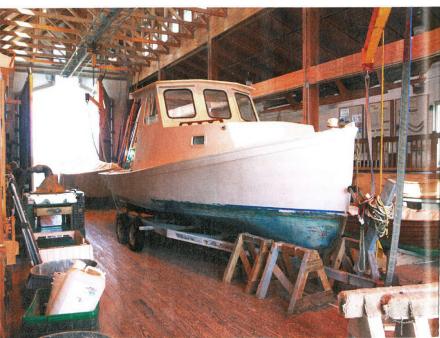
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TWO DAYS AWAY: Beaufort, North Carolina



Enjoy "Farm to Fork" cuisine at Blue Moon Bistro in the historic Dill House on Queen, one of the first streets in Beaufort. This casual, coastal restaurant offers a variety of dishes, boasting seasonal flavors and visually stunning plates. Get another dose of local history and culture at the Maritime Museum, where exhibits cover the seafood industry, life-saving stations and lighthouses, and boats. It also explores the city's pirate past with artifacts from Blackbeard's Queen Anne's Revenge, which ran aground in the area in 1718.





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Indulge your sweet tooth with old-fashioned, handmade fudge at The Fudge Factory. Choose between classic flavors of vanilla and chocolate or scrumptious butter pecan and penuche. Find more delicious souvenirs down the street at Beaufort Olive Oil Company. Take the local flavor home with one of its premium extra-virgin olive oils, aged balsamic vinegars, and gourmet and flavored salts. Finally, recharge with a delicious cup of coffee or a glass of wine just around the corner on Turner Street at Cru Wine Bar and Beaufort Coffee Shop.



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A trip to Beaufort is not complete without a meal at Beaufort Grocery Company. The restaurant reminiscent of a French bistro opened in 1991 at the site of the old Owens Grocery Store. And if you prefer to dine alfresco while you take in the sights, order a prepared picnic basket and find a comfortable spot along the waterfront. And don't miss the wild horses that this stretch of the Southern Outer Banks is known for. The majestic animals descend from Spanish horses that swam in from shipwrecks more than 400 years ago.



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Historic Southern cities are often home to eerily beautiful cemeteries, and Beaufort is no exception. The Old Burying Ground grew up around the combination courthouse and Anglican Church in St. John's Parish. The northwest corner is the oldest part of the cemetery, which was deeded to the town in 1731 by Nathaniel Taylor. You'll recognize it by the graves marked with shell, brick, or wooden slabs. For a relaxing place to rest your head, stay at the Beaufort Inn on Ann Street, one of the oldest streets in the city. Enjoy a complimentary breakfast with waterfront views, and rent bikes for a breezy way to see the city. Or if you're planning a girls' weekend away with several friends, check out the many cozy rental homes available throughout the coastal escape.





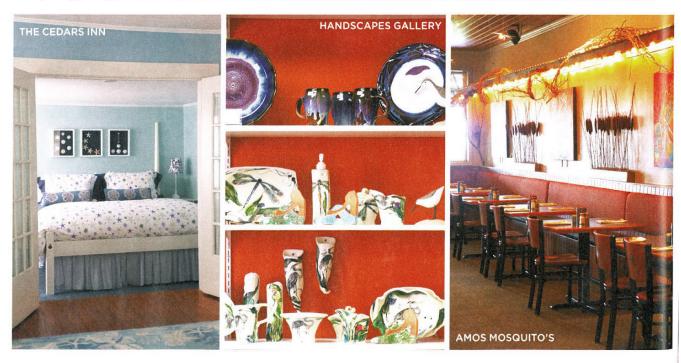


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Included on the 2-acre Beaufort Historic Site is the tiny Apothecary Shop and Doctor's Office, which contains many medicinal artifacts original to the building. Guests of The Cedars Inn on the waterfront appreciate its convenience to area shops, as well as the inviting porches and comfortable rooms. With a focus on North Carolina artists, Handscapes Gallery is a wonderful place to search out pottery, jewerly, and other unique works. A meal at quirky and casual Amos Mosquito's is worth the short drive out to Atlantic Beach.



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