



VISIT
Myrtle Beach
SOUTH CAROLINA

FAMILY FUN IN THE SUN

[Endless Opportunities to Play](#)

The Myrtle Beach area has been long renowned for its numerous attractions and activities to suit every interest – whether you prefer practicing your golf swing, experiencing unique exhibits, immersing yourself in wildlife or nature, or relaxing on the beach or at a waterpark, the Myrtle Beach area provides a memorable time for everyone in the family. Here is a list of some must-see family attractions:

ADVENTURE AND DISCOVERY

[Backstage Mirror Maze](#)

This mirror and laser maze attraction opened in 2012 and is based on actual bank robberies that took place in 1930s New York. The mazes challenge you to find your way through the maze, just like the robbers had to go through the backstage of theaters as they tried to escape.

[Backstage Escape Games](#)

Backstage has expanded their entertainment offerings with the addition of Escape Games. This 60-minute challenge tests your skills and wits with puzzles to solve, codes to decipher and more. The fully immersive experience features intense sound and lighting effects, props and decorations to transport you to an alternate reality. These fast-paced games are a one-of-a-kind experience with surprises around every corner – keeping your adrenaline pumping until the very end.

[Cherry Grove Beach Pier](#)

Fishing enthusiasts visiting Myrtle Beach will find Cherry Grove Beach Pier as the first stop on their tour. Regulars who come to the 984-foot long pier boast that one of the Grand Strand's biggest catches – a 1,780-pound tiger shark – was nabbed here. If fishing isn't up your alley, the pier's two-tier deck offers spectacular views of the nearby Atlantic. There's also a pier house that offers snacks and shopping.

Fireworks Displays

What better way to spend a summer evening than gathering the family together for a dazzling light show in the sky? Throughout the summer months, the Myrtle Beach area plays host to weekly fireworks shows. Barefoot Landing sets their fireworks off on Mondays, Broadway at the Beach on Tuesdays and Fridays, and Second Avenue Pier on Wednesdays, all at 10 p.m.

[The Franklin G. Burroughs-Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum](#)

Myrtle Beach's art museum is dedicated to being one of the finest visual arts museums in the Carolinas. Housed in the Springmaid Villa, the museum first opened its doors to the public in 1997, and strives to provide unique exhibitions and interactive, educational and creative programs for visitors of all ages. For budding young artists, the museum offers a KidsArt Summer Adventures program, which runs from June through August.

Helicopter Tours

There's nothing quite like a view from above. Take the family on a helicopter ride, and enjoy the sights of the Grand Strand from nearly 1,000 feet in the air. Companies such as [Helicopter Adventures](#), provide sky high tours of the Myrtle Beach area.

[The Lowcountry Zoo at Brookgreen Gardens](#)

The Lowcountry Zoo at Brookgreen Gardens is the only zoo on the coast of North and South Carolina that is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums - America's most respected organization for zoos and aquariums. The zoo features a collection of animals native to the woods, swamps and waters of the Lowcountry, along with domestic animals of the plantation and cypress aviary. The zoo's reflection of its native environment provides a truly unique experience.

MUSIC DESTINATIONS

Whatever your taste in music, you're sure to get your fill along the Grand Strand. In the summer months, a number of local venues play host to an eclectic variety of musical offerings, including:

- [The Boathouse's](#) free summer concert series, held every Sunday afternoon during peak season
- Hot Summer Nights at Myrtle Beach's Plyler Park, which bring together a string of local talent on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays through August
- The Rivertown Bluegrass Society, which performs the second Saturday of each month at Horry-Georgetown Technical College's Burroughs and Chapin Auditorium
- Renowned [The Bowery](#) has been serving up good food, cold drinks and live music for 75 years. This world-famous establishment was where country super group Alabama got their start.

[Myrtle Beach Pelicans](#)

The Grand Strand has been the home of the Class-A Advanced Myrtle Beach Pelicans since 1999. A trip to Myrtle Beach's own "Field of Dreams" continues to be the perfect summertime activity for visitors and locals alike. Get your tickets and come see the Pelican's mascot, Splash, and the entire team as they take the field.

[Pier 14](#)

Located in the heart of Myrtle Beach and just next door to the world-famous SkyWheel, Pier 14 offers amazing scenery, great fishing, fantastic restaurants that feature fresh seafood cuisine, and a shop that offers a full line of sports accessories and other gifts. Fishing passes and rentals are good for the whole day, so you can come and go at your leisure.

[Ripley's Aquarium](#)

Sharks, jellyfish, stingrays and exotic fish are just a few of the creatures you'll encounter at Ripley's Aquarium. Must-see exhibits include "Dangerous Reef," where you can glide along a more than 320-foot moving path and come face-to-face with giant stingrays, a green sea turtle and sharks, and the recently-opened Pearl Harbor

exhibit, which features ship models, plans, maps, a replica of the USS Arizona BB-39 and aquatic creatures native to Hawaii.

[Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum](#)

Featuring more than 500 unusual and macabre exhibits, Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum will stimulate the mind and senses, from a roller coaster made of matchsticks to vampire skulls.

[Ripley's Marvelous Mirror Maze](#)

Ripley's Marvelous Mirror Maze puts a new spin on the traditional house of mirrors. This walk-through attraction features hundreds of floor-to-ceiling mirrors that create nearly 2,000-square-feet of mirrored paths, corners and dead ends. With multiple pathways throughout the maze, visitors can experience something new each time.

[Ripley's 5D Moving Theatre](#)

Ripley's 5D Moving Theater system combines a high impact 70 mm film experience with computer controlled hydraulic seats that move in sync with the action taking place on the screen. The dynamic surround sound system and extra-large screen bring the ride to life – making you feel like you're part of the picture.

[Second Avenue Pier](#)

Whether it's fishing, spending time with the family or enjoying a relaxing cocktail against an ocean backdrop, Second Avenue Pier has you covered. Built in 1936, this 900-foot-long pier offers an oceanfront bar and restaurant, as well as gift and tackle shops.

[SkyWheel Myrtle Beach](#)

Opened in 2011, SkyWheel Myrtle Beach is a premier attraction along the Myrtle Beach Boardwalk and Promenade. The giant attraction includes 42 glass-enclosed, climate-controlled gondolas that give you a bird's-eye view of the entire Myrtle Beach coast. The only one of its kind in the United States, this family-friendly attraction has become an iconic staple for Myrtle Beach.

[WonderWorks](#)

Located at Broadway at the Beach, this "amusement park for the mind" combines education and entertainment with more than 100 interactive exhibits, including natural disasters, light and sound, space discovery and more. WonderWorks also features a laser tag arena, 6D motion ride and an outdoor zipline and ropes course.

[810 Billiards & Bowling](#)

This entertainment venue features bowling, billiard tables, foosball, darts, board games and more, along with a wide range of food and beverage options. Its comfortable, casual environment coupled with opportunities for friendly competition make it a unique place for an entertaining night out. Originally located in North Myrtle Beach, a second location opened at The Market Common in 2018.

[The Simpsons in 4D](#)

In 2018, the world's first real Kwik-E-Mart from "The Simpsons" opened at Broadway at the Beach. The full-service store offers a new dimension to family fun and features various Simpsons memorabilia and famous food items from the show, including Squishees, Lard Lad Donuts and Duff-branded, non-alcoholic energy drinks.

THRILL SEEKERS WANTED

[Family Kingdom Amusement Park & Splashes Oceanfront Water Park](#)

This family-oriented park is the home of the legendary wooden roller coaster, the Swamp Fox, along with a state-of-the-art log flume, an interactive laser dark ride called The Pistolero, and the 100-foot Slingshot. Among

the park's 33 other rides and attractions is a section called Kiddie Land, which includes 18 rides for young children, and the Grand Stand's only oceanfront water park.

[Myrtle Waves Water Park](#)

South Carolina's largest water park offers 20 acres of themed attractions and more than one million gallons of water. There is also a giant wave pool, lazy river and interactive Saturation Station, along with concessions, volleyball, group facilities, and more.

[Myrtle Beach Adrenaline Zipline Adventures](#)

This zip line adventure course opened in 2012, offering over a half mile of zip line adventures and incredible views of the ocean. It also features an adventure course, Adventure Matrix, which stands 80 feet tall with over 70 obstacles. A Kids Matrix is available with challenges fit for little ones.

[Broadway Grand Prix](#)

This 26-acre race-themed amusement park is an officially licensed property of the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing. Experience the excitement of NASCAR through challenging racetracks, a state-of-the-art interactive arcade, two 18-hole themed miniature golf courses, kiddie rides, a souvenir shop and a snack bar.

Water Sports

Get up close and personal with the wonders of the deep, blue sea through one of the Grand Strand's many scuba diving companies. Or, float several meters above the ocean while parasailing. Organizations like **[Express Water Sports](#)** will ensure you make an under- or above-the-sea memory that will last a lifetime.

[Shark Wake Park](#) at the [North Myrtle Beach Sports Complex](#)

South Carolina's first continuous wakeboarding park opened in 2017 at the North Myrtle Beach Sports Complex. Opened by Greg Norman Jr., the son of golf legend Greg Norman, the park pulls riders by a high-tech pulley system instead of a boat. The pulley picks up ropes from the starting dock and pulls riders in a circle around the lake. There are ramps and rails on the sides of the lake to try tricks. Beginners are welcome; visitors need to be at least 10 years old to ride. The complex also includes a Go Ape! Treetop Adventures, dog park and other sports facilities.

[Wild Water & Wheels Theme Park](#)

This 16-acre park is packed with more than 33 exciting rides, including high-speed flumes, waterfalls, a wave pool, Adventure River Ride, kiddie slides and other high-energy attractions. There's also miniature golf, a video arcade, food court, picnic facilities and a separate racetrack complex with rides for all ages.

[Rockin' Jump Ultimate Trampoline Park®](#)

The Myrtle Beach area's first indoor trampoline park opened in 2016, and features 20,000 square-feet of bouncy canvas designed for sports and fitness activities. Rockin' Jump has many activities to choose from including a traditional open trampoline field, trampoline dodgeball stadium, climbing lanes, basketball hoops, a ninja style obstacle course and Olympic size foam pits.

For additional information on the Myrtle Beach area **www.visitmyrtlebeach.com**.

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