



Outer Banks Seafood Festival

Sample Itinerary

3rd weekend in October

Day One, Thursday:

Depart for the [Outer Banks of North Carolina](#)! A 200-mile stretch of barrier islands just off the coast of North Carolina, the Outer Banks is a different kind of place. Beautifully natural, formed by centuries of wind, water and sand blown from the Atlantic Ocean, and home to a rich history, it's a place that inspires a true sense of adventure. From Duck down to Hatteras, each town and island along the banks offers a unique experience not soon forgotten.



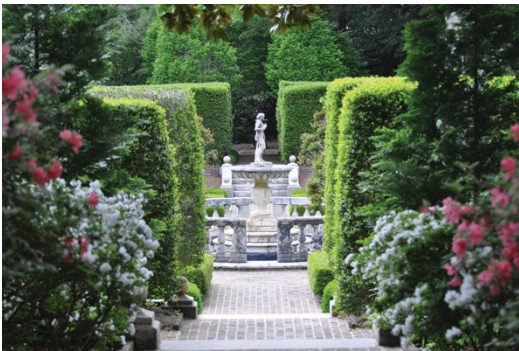
Late afternoon/early evening arrival; check in to your oceanfront hotel.

Welcome Dinner at your hotel or local area restaurant

Day Two, Friday:

Hotel Breakfast at your leisure.

Meet in the hotel lobby to prepare for today's journey on Roanoke Island.



Tour of the Elizabethan Gardens, Stroll through the majestic Gardens, which were designed as a living memorial to Queen Elizabeth and the Lost Colony. The Gardens include a collection of Renaissance statues and Elizabethan style buildings that let you image you are back in the time of Queen Elizabeth I. Spring-time tulips lead to an ever changing palette of year-round color from hydrangeas, native plants, perennials and camellias.
Address: 1141 National Park Drive, Manteo, 27954; 252.473.3234;
Activity: Guide Tour with Garden expert, Tea with the Queen, offers WinterLights in December

Walk over to **Fort Raleigh National Historic Site**, see the site of the first English Colony, where Sir Walter Raleigh's explorers and later colonists established settlements in 1585 & 1587; would later become known as the "The Lost Colony", after 116 settlers disappeared. This site also preserves the cultural heritage of the Native Americans, European Americans and African Americans who have lived on Roanoke Island and pays homage to the Freedman's Colony played a significant role during the Civil War as one of the first safe haven for freed or runaway slaves in the South. Newly renovated on-site visitor center, interpretive programs, nature trail. Address: 1401 National Park Drive Manteo, 27954; 252.473.5772; **Activity:** NPS Programs includes The Lost Colony?, One Island, Many Stories



Next stop, the *North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island*, Explore the newly renovated Aquarium, just re-opened in August 2016. Make sure to visit the new *Sea Turtle Assistance and Rehabilitation (STAR) Center*. **Address:** 74 Airport Road Manteo, 27954; 252.473.3494; **Activity:** Behind the Scenes Tour of the exhibits and tanks, Marine Invertebrate Lab, Shark Dissection, Squid Dissection, Dialogue with a Diver, Animal Feedings, and many others.

Lunch, exploring and shopping on own, Downtown Historic Manteo, walk around downtown historic Manteo and explore ***Roanoke Marshes Light and the George Washington Creef (working) Boat shop***: The replica of the 1850s screw-pile light that once stood guard over nearby Croatan Sound, will offer visitors a unique glimpse into the maritime history of the island, as well as the lightkeepers who once lived at the station. The working boat shop gives the visitor a glance of the ***Ella View***, an authentic shad fishing boat made from native Outer Banks trees, this fishing boat is an example of the historical boat developed over a century ago at Roanoke Island. Admission is free to both.

The Downtown area is also full of locally owned shops, boutiques, cafés and restaurants.



Walk over to ***Roanoke Island Festival Park***, located across from Downtown Historic Manteo, here you will see the ***Elizabeth II***, a 69-foot sailing vessel representative of those sailed to the New World in 1585. Also we will visit the Roanoke Island Adventure Museum and Settlement Site where you can see what life was like for those early explorers as they arrived on Roanoke Island. **Address:** 1 Festival Park, Manteo, 27954; 252.475.1500; **Activity:** Tour the site. Skinning a deer hide in the American Indian Town, basket weaving, hoeing in the garden with a hoe that is made from a conch shell, trying on armor in the Settlement Site and making a table leg at the settlement site.

Our next stop is the ***Bodie Island Lighthouse***. Open for public climbing for the first time, check out the newest view a top the most picturesque lighthouse in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Completed in 1872 on the north side of Oregon Inlet near the northern border of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, the familiar black and white horizontal striped structure was partly built of materials leftover from the construction of the newest Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. Standing 150 feet high and equipped with a first-order Fresnel lens, it flashes its 160,000 candlepower beacon 19 miles over the ocean. **Address:** 8210 Bodie Island Lighthouse Road Nags Head, 27959, 252.441.5711; **Activity:** Climbing to the top of the lighthouse



Group Dinner at one of locally owned area restaurants.

Return to the hotel after dinner.

Day Three, Saturday:

Breakfast at your leisure.

9:45am Wright Brothers National Memorial, See where on a cold day in December, 1903 Wilbur and Orville Wright changed the world forever as their powered airplane, the “Wright Flyer”, skimmed over the sands of the Outer Banks for 12 seconds before returning to the ground. See the new exhibits in the renovated welcome center. **Wright Brothers National Memorial:** 1000 N. Croatan Hwy, MP 7.5 HWY 158, Kill Devil Hills, 27948; 252.441.7430



1:00pm Annual Outer Banks Seafood Festival: Celebrating our local fisherman and seafood heritage and our fresh, local Outer Banks seafood! Try seafood dishes from over 15 locally owned restaurants. Activities cooking demonstrations, live music all day, boat exhibits, storytelling, arts and crafts village. www.outerbanksseafood.org

Head back to the hotel to enjoy the beach and freshen up for dinner.

7:00pm Group Dinner at one of locally owned area restaurants.

Day Four, Sunday:

Depart the Outer Banks for your homeport. You'll leave with lasting memories and a yearning to come back.

Other attractions, activities or events to be considered for or added to this itinerary:



Take a Wild Horse Adventures: See North Carolina's State Horse the Wild Spanish Mustangs of Carova. These horses have survived for centuries on the barrier island. The only way to see them is to take a wild horse safari in a 4WD vehicle along an eleven mile long remote area covering thousands of acres between the northern end of the Outer Banks to the Virginia border. Tours guides will meet the group at Currituck Heritage Park with their vehicles. **Address:** 1100 Club Road, Rt. 12 N, Corolla, NC 27927. **Activity:** Wild Horse Tour on the beach via 4WD vehicles. To book your adventure, just email group_sales@kittyhawk.com

Currituck Beach Lighthouse at Currituck Heritage Park Visit the only lighthouse in North Carolina that is still housed in its original structure. Built in 1874 this lighthouse stands 158 feet tall.

Currituck Beach Lighthouse: 1101 Corolla Village Road Corolla, 27927
252.453.8152



Chicamacomico Life Saving Station, A predecessor to the US Coast Guard, Chicamacomico is one of the most complete US Lifesaving Station sites in the nation, see historic buildings and a boathouse that housed the service that was the predecessor to the United States Coast Guard. Hear the history of daring ocean rescues by brave men who dedicated their lives to the sea. **Address:** 23645 NC HWY 12, Rodanthe, 27968 252-987-1552

Activity: Interpretive talks such as America's Forgotten Heroes, the men of the lifesaving station. Self-guided tours also available.

Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, see the tallest brick beacon on the American coast with its black and white stripes; it stands at 208 feet high. Learn the marvelous history, which includes its half-mile move in 2000 away from the ocean. Admissions to the grounds are complementary, minimal fee to climb to the top. **Address:** 46368 Lighthouse Rd Buxton, 27920, 252.995.4474; **Activity:** Climbing to the top of the lighthouse

Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Hatteras Village. A unique museum dedicated to preserving and interpreting the rich maritime history of the Outer Banks and the more than 2,000 known shipwrecks that rest of our coast. See cannons from Blackbeard's Queen Anne Revenge, an Enigma machine from the U-85, ship models and many other artifacts. **Address:** 59200 Museum Drive, Hatteras, 27943; 252-986-2995; **Activity:** Behind the scenes tour of artifacts not seen by the public.

