

An aerial photograph of a coastal road in North Carolina, likely the OBX. The road is a two-lane highway with yellow dashed lines, running parallel to a wide, sandy beach. To the left of the road is a green, grassy dune area, and to the right is the ocean with white waves crashing onto the shore. In the background, a small town or village is visible on a peninsula. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. A light blue map of North Carolina is overlaid on the top left of the image, with the text 'THE OUTER BANKS' in large, bold, dark blue letters across it.

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It's the road trip you'll enjoy more with each passing mile. A true getaway, the Outer Banks offers incredible connections to nature and an abundance of soul-stirring experiences. The three island areas of Dare County's Outer Banks (see map on left) span more than 100 miles, so it's easy to find your own stretch of sand even on the busiest weekend. If you're new to what many fans of the area have affectionately nicknamed the "OBX," you can expect a mix of beautiful small towns and maritime villages. Each community has its own vibe and personality, with a common culture that makes them all Outer Banks. Vacation rental homes are a popular choice for visiting families and those looking to work and learn remotely. Meanwhile, the OBX's oceanfront hotels and motels, quaint B&Bs, cottage courts and campgrounds provide plenty of options for getting close to star-filled skies and salty ocean breezes.

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THE LAND OF FIRSTS

Few places in America evoke a more powerful sense of nostalgia than Cape Hatteras, which inspired the creation of this country's first National Seashore. The Outer Banks has a legacy of charting the course of history, not following in its footsteps. There are three National Park sites within a few minutes of each other on this chain of islands that many consider the front porch of North Carolina. Cape Hatteras National Seashore opened in 1953 to provide recreational access for the public and to protect pristine nature for all to enjoy. Going further back, Orville and Wilbur's historic first flight happened near Kitty Hawk in Kill Devil Hills, at what is now Wright Brothers National Memorial. And then the voyage into history that kicked off much of what we know as today's America can be celebrated at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site where the first English Colonies in America were scratched out between 1584-1587 outside Manteo on Roanoke Island.

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Cape Hatteras Lighthouse is the tallest lighthouse in America at more than 200 feet tall. It's the most recognized beacon in the world and one of five lighthouses you can see during your visit. The lighthouse is open for seasonal climbing along with the Bodie Island Lighthouse and Currituck Beach Lighthouse. The Roanoke Marshes Lighthouse in Manteo is a photo op favorite, as is the Ocracoke Lighthouse, the nation's second oldest operational harbor light.



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The Outer Banks has a tradition of welcoming travelers from all over the world. The towns and villages we cherish were born out of the calling that families, explorers and seekers of personal freedom have answered throughout time. We welcome those who've never quite felt at home anywhere else. The OBX is a work of art and it continues to evolve with each new visitor. The irony of Outer Banks culture is that it is so deeply rooted, while wind and water move the land around us every single day. To be on the Outer Banks is to recognize something bigger than self. There's a harmony between people and place, place and people. It's real and lasting. We invite you to come and share in our community's journey.



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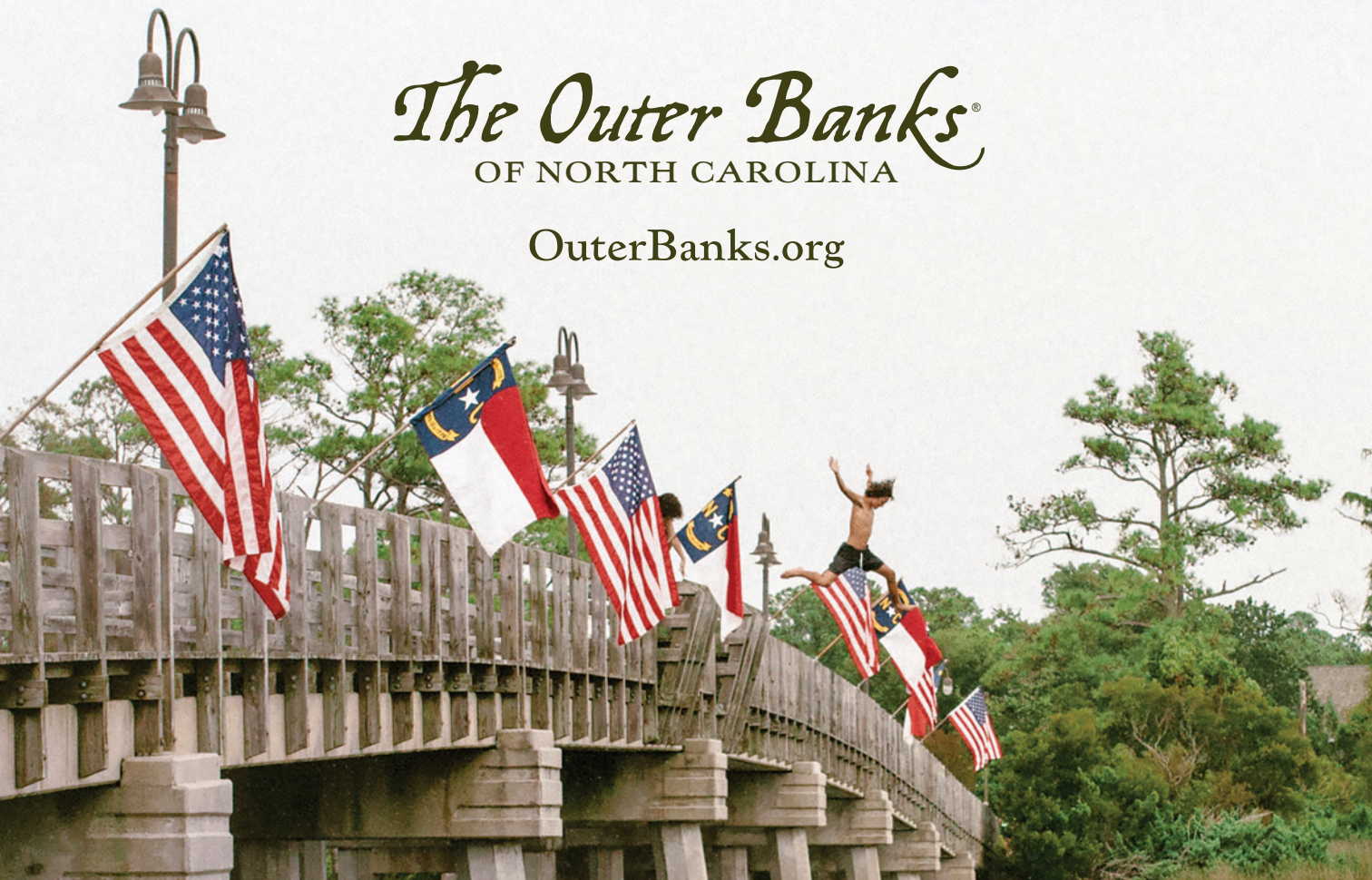


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