

Legends, Lights and Lore

Outer Banks of NC Tour (2 days)

Day One:

Late afternoon/Early Evening Arrival.

Check in to your oceanfront hotel

Welcome Dinner

Day Two:

Breakfast at your hotel.



8:15am Meet your guide for the day in the lobby of the hotel

8:30am Depart the hotel escorted tour of Roanoke Island and Hatteras Island.

9:00am 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 imagine 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.

Elizabethan Gardens, 1141 National Park Drive, Manteo, 27954;
252.473.3234

****Walk next door to Fort Raleigh National Historic Site ****

10:15am 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. **Fort Raleigh National Historic Site**, 1401 National Park Drive Manteo, 27954; 252.473.5772

Activity: NPS Programs includes The Lost Colony?, One Island, Many Stories

11:15am Roanoke Island Festival Park, 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.
Roanoke Island Festival Park, 1 Festival Park, Manteo, 27954; 252.475.1500



12:15pm Lunch, exploring and shopping on own, Downtown Historic Manteo (1 hour, 15 minutes) Walk around downtown 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.

1:30pm Depart Downtown Manteo for Hatteras Island and the Outer Banks Scenic Highway!



2:30pm Stop by the **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.

Chicamacomico Life Saving Station, 23645 NC HWY 12, Rodanthe, 27968
252-987-1552

4:15pm Arrive at the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, 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. **Cape Hatteras Lighthouse**, 46813 NC 12, Buxton, 27920



Next stop is the **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. **Graveyard of the Atlantic**, 59200 Museum Drive, Hatteras, 27943; 252-986-2995

5:15pm Wine Tasting at Lee Robinson's General Store, Hatteras Village.



6:30pm Group Dinner to be determined

Return to the hotel after dinner.

Day Three:

Breakfast at the hotel, do some beach exploring before checking out of the hotel.



9:00am 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 flight museum which tells story of the Wright’s accomplishments as well as replica of the 1903 flying machine.

Wright Brothers National Memorial: 1000 N. Croatan Hwy, MP 7.5 HWY 158, Kill Devil Hills, 27948; 252.441.7430

11:00am Depart for homeport