

FUN FOR EVERYONE ON NORTH CAROLINA'S CRYSTAL COAST

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North Carolina's [Crystal Coast](#) offers something for every type of traveler.

Family Travelers

The region offers family travelers plenty of activities throughout the year. [Atlantic Beach Skatepark and Miniature Golf](#) features a splash pad, skatepark, 18-hole mini-golf course, half-court basketball court, picnic area and concession stand. Learn about the importance of protecting our oceans with a visit to [North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores](#).



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Foodie Fanatics

Foodie travelers can eat their fill of seafood at more than 100 locally owned restaurants serving freshly caught fish. The region is also known for its excellent [oysters](#). Add [Amos Mosquito's](#), [Full Circle Café](#), [Prime Bistro](#) and [Catch 109](#) to your dining list.

History Buffs

[Fort Macon State Park](#) is home to a restored pre-Civil War fort, open to the public. Learn about the importance of pirate lore in the region at [North Carolina Maritime Museum](#). Book a [Beaufort Ghost Walk](#) tour ... if you dare.



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Nature Lovers

Visit [Cape Lookout National Seashore](#), a 56-mile stretch of preserved barrier islands for hiking and wildlife-viewing opportunities. The park is also a certified International Dark Sky Park, if stargazing is on your agenda. [Emerald Isle Woods Park](#) offers many hiking trails across its 41 acres.

Water Enthusiasts

The Crystal Coast boasts 85 miles of uninterrupted shoreline. There are more than 20 [kayak and paddleboard](#) trails for all skill levels. More than [2,000 vessels](#) met their demise along the Crystal Coast, making it a "wreck diver's dream." If fishing is more your speed, book an excursion with [Cape Lookout Charters](#) or [Crystal Coast Fishing Charters](#).