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The 10 Most Beautiful Beaches In North Carolina For An Unforgettable Escape

Emerald Isle, North Carolina



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Located at the western end of Bogue Banks, a barrier island, Emerald Isle gives visitors 12 miles of shoreline and views of the Atlantic Ocean as part of the Crystal Coast. The town's only oceanfront hotel, the Islander Hotel & Resort, is a great place to consider for a weekend getaway; but there are plenty of quaint rentals and condos that are just perfect for a family vacation. Make sure to stop by Big Oak Drive-In & Bar-B-Q for its amazing shrimp burger and old-fashioned milkshakes. Whether you want to fish from the pier, relax on the sand, or explore the antique shops, there's something for every member of the family.

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