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The 10 Dreamiest Places To Live In The Coastal South

You'll feel like you're on permanent vacation at these Southern beach towns.

Beaufort, NC



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There's lots of love for this community (it has collected just about every accolade for a town its size) on [North Carolina's Crystal Coast](#). With its maritime history, unspoiled nature, and nostalgic feel, Beaufort does live up to the hype. If you're into boating, you'll be in good company at Town Creek Marina. Or, if you prefer to keep your feet on land, there are three local beaches, and nearby islands (some with [wild horses](#)) that you can reach by ferry. Beaufort also has great restaurants and shops, plus a charming 12-block historic district.

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