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## No sunshine? No problem. The Carolinas have indoor activities for every forecast



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The Carolinas are renowned for their beautiful beaches, soaring mountains and plethora of outdoor adventures to be had. But what happens if your vacation is met with unexpected rain, snow, strong winds or a day that's just too cold to face? Travel experiences are precious and tend not to come often enough. If you're well-prepared, a little bad weather doesn't have to spoil the fun.

Luckily, both North Carolina and South Carolina have plenty of weather-proof indoor attractions for families, couples or solo travelers. Here's a list of indoor activities and standout venues across the Carolinas to keep in your back pocket for your next trip.

### 1. Aquariums

When the weather keeps you from dipping into the ocean, heading to a nearby aquarium is the perfect opportunity to marvel at marine life you may not see at the beach. Educational, entertaining and filled with interactive exhibits, aquariums are a fantastic indoor alternative for all ages.

#### Top picks in the Carolinas:

- **North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores (NC):** Explore diverse ecosystems, from mountain streams to the ocean depths.
- **South Carolina Aquarium (Charleston, SC):** Enjoy a stunning view of Charleston Harbor while you explore marine life and touch tanks.