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Beach season is now every season in North Carolina — and it's time to book holiday rentals



North Carolina's Brunswick Islands offer mild winters, making the area attractive for holiday visits.
NC'S BRUNSWICK ISLANDS

Once upon a time, beach towns practically rolled up the sidewalks at the end of summer, and many shops and restaurants shut down over fall and winter. Now, that isn't the case anymore for many of North Carolina's beaches, where visitors book trips year round.

Coastal towns from the Outer Banks and Wilmington through Sunset Beach are welcoming visitors for the holiday season, where beach rentals can hold large families so everyone can gather for Thanksgiving dinner or Christmas celebrations — and you can even find a few spots offering discounts.

WHERE TO STAY FOR A HOLIDAY BEACH GETAWAY

A few options to check out for North Carolina beach rentals outside of [Airbnb](#) or [Vrbo](#) include:

Bluewater Real Estate & Vacation Rentals

Location: [200 Mangrove Drive, Emerald Isle, NC 28594](#)

Bluewater Vacation Rentals covers 800 properties from Atlantic Beach to Emerald Isle and offers holiday specials of up to 20 percent off select weeks at some participating rentals from Nov. 20-Jan. 1.

YOU CAN BRING YOUR PET ALONG

If you're looking for holiday vacation spots where you can bring your dog, U.S. News & World Report's list of [32 best dog-friendly beaches](#) in the U.S. touts North Carolina's Crystal Coast, particularly the Atlantic, Indian, Emerald Isle and Pine Knoll Shores beaches.

Pets are also so [welcome in the Brunswick Islands](#) — which topped another dog-friendly beaches list — that you can find special guides to [dog-friendly rentals](#) and [pet-friendly restaurants](#) there, too.