

The 10 Quirkiest Small Towns in the U.S.

STRAY FROM THE ORDINARY WITH THESE EXPERT-RECOMMENDED OFFBEAT DESTINATIONS.

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➔ Visiting a small town that **feels like Main Street USA** is certainly lovely, but **adding a little offbeat charm** to your travels has its own appeal. If you're looking to shake things up while still staying away from big cities, we consulted travel experts to get their picks on the best eccentric destinations to add to your bucket list. From an actual *Truman Show* town to a community built around the "Mothman" to a 1,000-year-old adobe village, these locales have a little something for everyone. Read on to learn about the 10 quirkiest small towns in the U.S.

6 | Beaufort, North Carolina



At first glance, Beaufort is a quintessential nautical destination. "This coastal town features idyllic shops filled with luxurious treasures, restaurants that embrace 'dock-to-dish' and use local seafood in all of their meals [and] gorgeous historic homes," a representative for the town tells *Best Life*. Stroll along the boardwalk, and you'll see yachts lined up, some docked to take in live music at one of the waterfront restaurants. And along Main Street, you'll find everything from kitschy t-shirt shops to ice cream parlors making their own waffle cones.

However, "lurking underneath Beaufort's quaint surface is actually 300 years of pirate history—most notably, **Blackbeard's** ship, the Queen Anne's Revenge, sunk right off the coast," the representative shares. "There are hundreds of diveable shipwrecks dotted along the coast, giving the entire Crystal Coast the nickname of a 'wreck diver's dream.'" Not into diving? Have a fun time exploring this pirate history aboard a **pirate boat tour**.