

# Reader's Digest

## 15 Spring Break Destinations You Haven't Thought of Yet

Explore these under-the-radar destinations for all the fun of spring break without the seasonal markups or hordes of partiers.

### The Crystal Coast, NC



Located along North Carolina's central shore, this Atlantic beach destination is one of the few remaining natural barrier island systems in the world. *Outside Magazine* named it the "Best Spring Break Destination" for its authentic "coastal experience," 85 miles of silk sand and sparkling beaches. Family-friendly activities range from exploring Blackbeard's sunken treasure from *The Queen Anne's Revenge* at the North Carolina Maritime Museum to hands-on learning at The North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores to climbing the famed Diamond Lady Lighthouse with views of wild horses roaming freely at neighboring Shackleford Banks.

There are a variety of beach accommodations to suit every budget, including seaside cottages and massive beach mansions for rent that are the perfect place for multi-generation escape, and beach hotels including Bask Hotel at Big Rock Landing (<http://www.baskhotel.com/en-us/>) in Morehead City and the DoubleTree Atlantic Beach Oceanfront (<http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/north-carolina/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-atlantic-beach-oceanfront-OAJDTDT/index.html>).