

12 Places to Follow in Blackbeard's Footsteps

Blackbeard is the most well-known pirate to roam the Seven Seas. This year is the 300th anniversary of the end of his reign of terror, celebrated throughout the U.S.

November 22, 2018, is the 300th anniversary of the death of infamous pirate Blackbeard, who trolled the Caribbean and the colonies, including the modern-day Carolinas. He is part of the cultural lexicon and lore for his rumored buried treasure and iconic facial hair.

Originally a privateer, a sort of captain for hire, he later captured the slave ship he renamed *Queen Anne's Revenge* in Martinique in 1717. It was a name he would forever be associated with until his untimely death a year later. Relive the Golden Age of Piracy around the United States by following in Blackbeard's footsteps and visiting places he might go if he were here today.



Beaufort, North Carolina

The colonial town of [Beaufort](#) was built in 1715 on the site of a Native American village at the confluence of the Atlantic Ocean and Newport River. Many of these houses and buildings remain, including ones where Blackbeard set up his base. The [Hammock House](#) was his headquarters and is the oldest building still remaining in town. It was originally constructed as an inn but was later used as a private residence, home for Union soldiers, and school. The pirate's use for the building is unknown, but it is associated with a number of ghost stories from over the years. It's now privately owned, but a sign tells travelers about the history. The [North Carolina Maritime Museum](#), which has three locations around the state, is the where items found on *Queen Anne's Revenge* are put on display with a free interactive exhibit, telling the story of Blackbeard and the shipwreck. It has exhibits on coastal life, the seafood industry, and lighthouses. There's also a Blackbeard and pirate-themed tour of Beaufort.