

## Five places to get away this Memorial Day Weekend



Head to the Southern Outer Banks for a less crowded beach weekend © Crystal Coast



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**M**emorial Day Weekend sneaks up on you. Suddenly, it's less than two weeks away, but it's not too late to plan a fabulous last-minute trip.

If you've waited until now to start thinking about travel plans, three of our editors have shared their top recommendations for the destinations across the US that they're dreaming about this Memorial Day Weekend. Or you can save this list for the next long weekend – because it'll sneak up on you, too.



Eating out on the Crystal Coast is very "dock-to-dish" © Brad Tyron  
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## 4. Crystal Coast (Southern Outer Banks), North Carolina

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**Vibes:** The lesser-visited [Outer Banks](#) (but no less deserving of a trip). Home to over 85 miles of gorgeous coastline, the beaches are uncrowded, and opportunities for outdoor adventure are everywhere, as is a healthy dose of small-town charm.

**Do:** Spend a day on the white-sand beaches of [Emerald Isle](#) or Atlantic Beach. Also, go on a guided jet skiing tour, hike through dune fields and salt marshes in [Fort Macon State Park](#), kayak to [Rachel Carson Reserve](#) (keeping an eye out for wild horses) or visit the lighthouse and walk down the beach on [Cape Lookout National Seashore](#).

**Eat:** Eating here is very “dock-to-dish,” meaning you’re supporting local fishermen and farmers. In Beaufort, go to [City Kitchen](#) for the seafood and waterfront views. In Morehead City, go to [Circa 81](#) for Spanish tapas, or sample locally sourced caviar (with fresh chives, dill, crème fresh, pringles – all the fixin’s!) at [Prime Bistro and Wine Bar](#).

**Stay:** If you’re not the Airbnb type, the [Beaufort Hotel](#) overlooks Taylor Creek and feels very coastal [North Carolina](#), with on-property bike and golf cart rentals and a pool. Or check out the [Pecan Tree Inn](#), a Victorian-style B&B with locally sourced breakfast and afternoon snacks (like homemade maple butter pecan cookies).