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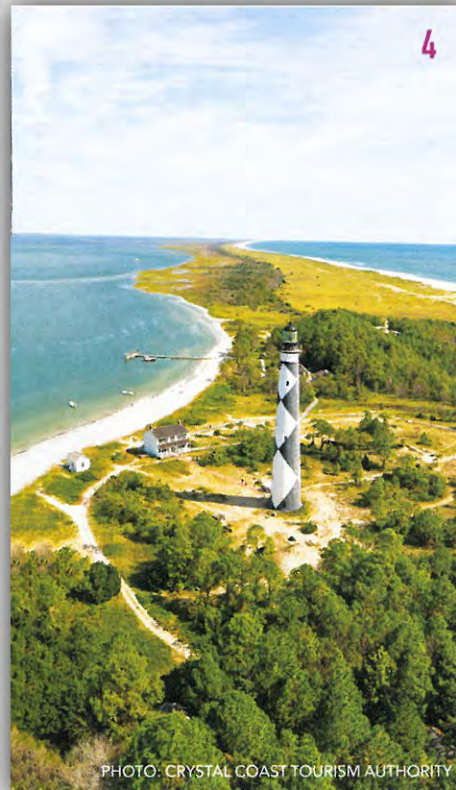
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TAKE YOUR WEDDING PARTY ON THE ROAD

While the wedding is certainly the most important celebration, there are definitely some pre-wedding festivities to be had. With all the wedding details in place; now is the perfect time to plan that bachelor/bachelorette get-together. This intimate party getaway is a great way to bond with the people you have chosen to have by your side on one of the most important days of your life.



ENJOY THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF NEW YORK WITH A UNIQUE SPA EXPERIENCE
NEW YORK GETAWAY

Another, hot spot that is great for a wedding party is Saratoga Springs. This historical site in upstate New York is filled with history and fun activities for everyone to enjoy. You and your party can stay at the Gideon Putnam Hotel located in the heart of Saratoga Spa State Park. (nysparks.com/parks/saratogaspas) The hotel combines old world charm with modern amenities and spa services to provide a relaxing, serene experience for their guests. While at this hotel you'll be able to discover the history and natural beauty of Saratoga Springs. (gideonputnam.com)

Relax and indulge in the renowned mineral waters. Bathing in minerals, known as hydrotherapy, is vital to reducing stress and improving body functionality. By combining mineral water and hot spring water, the Roosevelt Baths & Spa provides the ultimate relaxation experience. Whether you wish to get a bath, massage, body wrap, or scrub, this spa is guaranteed to make you feel rejuvenated and refreshed when you return home. Take a Mineral Water tour; walk, talk and taste the waters thru Saratoga Spa State Park by local expert Aime "Trent" Millet.

One attraction that should certainly be on your list of things to do during your stay in Saratoga Springs is to visit the NYRA - Saratoga Race Course. Saratoga Springs became popular in the 14th century due to the belief that the waters held healing powers. The area grew quickly in population going from being a small town to a city by the mid-1800's, by then it was home to many wealthy Americans and foreigners. Two men seeking to create a track worthy of their thoroughbred horses built a race course, what is now the oldest track in the USA. Today, it serves as both a monument of history and a center of entertainment. You and your party can visit the track, enjoy the food and atmosphere, gamble and take in the history this city has to offer. For an calendar of events visit; (nyra.com/saratoga)

While you're staying in Saratoga Springs, you'll want to visit Downtown Saratoga and explore the shops and the many various types of restaurants ranging from casual to upscale dining. Stop for lunch at Maestro's, located in the largest surviving hotel since the Civil War, and try one of their many sandwiches, salads, or soups. (maestrosat-thevandam.com)

Or enjoy vintage Spanish cuisine at the Boca Bistro, just like most other places in Saratoga Springs it has a fascinating history and serves food that reflects the ancestry and tradition of Spanish dishes. (bocabistro.com)

FUN IN THE SUN IN NORTH CAROLINA

The Crystal Coast is perfectly positioned along North Carolina's Southern Outer Banks, and has pristine beaches and many natural wonders. The beaches here represent one of the few natural barrier systems remaining in the world, a coastline filled with nothing but unspoiled beaches and is perfect for a weekend getaway for you and your bridal party.

PHOTOS 1, 3, & 6 COURTESY OF GIDEON PUTNAM HOTEL, PHOTOS 2 & 5 ADAM COGLIANESE, NYRA

- 1 CORNER LOBBY - GIDEON PUTNAM HOTEL
- 2 NYRA SARATOGA RACE COURSE
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- 4 CAPE LOOKOUT LIGHTHOUSE - CAPE LOOKOUT NATIONAL SEASHORE
- 5 ROOSEVELT BATHS & SPA
- 6 ENTRANCE OF THE GIDEON PUTNAM HOTEL



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1 CRYSTAL COAST KAYAKING 2 NORTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM AT PINE KNOLL SHORES 3 CAPE LOOKOUT LIGHTHOUSE - CAPE LOOKOUT NATIONAL SEASHORE 4 OCEANFRONT DUNE VIEW VACATION RENTAL - EMERALD ISLE, NC 5 FORT MACON STATE PARK

Your bridal party can experience the authentic “coastal experience” with a variety of accommodations to suit every style and budget. You can rent a seaside cottage, charming B & B or a beachfront mansion (sandcastles) along the coastline. Let Bluewater Vacation Rentals help you find the perfect getaway along the Crystal Coast. You’re sure to find beautiful beaches, awe inspiring views, wondrous sunsets and exceptional service. (bluewaternc.com)

SEEING THE SIGHTS

Explore the Crystal Coast; plan a group lesson, learn the basic skills for Paddle Boarding or Kayaking and more with Hot Wax Surf Shop. (hotwaxsurf.com) Afterwards, head to The Village Market for lunch and select from a large selection of sandwiches and even pick up a souvenir.

An excursion you don’t want to miss is to hop on the Island Ferry Express to travel around Shackleford Banks. Then continue to experience Cape Lookout and climb the Cape Lookout Lighthouse. (island-expressferryservices.com)

Plan a trip to the salt marshes and estuaries that are vital to the Outer Banks ecosystem at Fort Macon State Park. This park gives the public access to the surf, sand, and beauty that comes with being on the Crystal Coast.

Visit the creatures of the deep more closely at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. (ncaquariums.com) Explore shipwrecks, get up close and personal with sharks, watch some river otters at play, and even touch a stingray, do it all during your trip.

After enjoying your day of fun in the sun. Head out for the night and enjoy the marvelous view at Amos Mosquito’s Restaurant & Bar. (amosmosquitos.com) You and your bridal party can even add some entertainment to the evening by listening and joining in the fun with karaoke night every Thursday, then continue on for cocktails at the

Arendell Room. (arendellroom.com)

Looking to enjoy prepared fresh local dishes? Then dinner at Bistro by the Sea, is for you. They believe in keeping the “made-to-order” cooking style alive. (bistro-by-the-sea.com)

Grab your wedding party and venture out to Beaufort, NC - explore one of America’s most interesting small towns, discovering Beaufort’s Historic sites on a double decker bus tour. (beauforthistoricsite.org)

Another, exciting and popular activity when visiting Beaufort, is the Culinary Tour from Hungry Town Bike Tours. Travel on bikes, tasting good food and drinks along the way at various local restaurants; such as Finz Grill (finzgrill.com), featuring fresh local classic Down East Seafood; then to Front Street Grill at Stillwater (frontstreetgrillatstillwater.com) here you can savor “Coastal Food with a Southern Soul” next stop is the Old Salt Restaurant & Oyster Bar - enjoy the Old Salt’s Shrimp Burger, it is one that people have come to love. But you can’t leave with out having their Beaufort Butter Cake with Berries, one of the house specialties! Visit (hungrytownbiketours.com) for details on the various bicycle tours that they offer in the Beaufort area.

Book a sunset wine & cheese cruise, which departs from Morehead Waterfront with Bill Collector and Sensation. Then continue on for dinner at Circa 81 - Tapas & Cocktaileria - Using some of the best ingredients from local providers, Circa 81 takes pride in offering a farm/sea to table menu as much as possible, supporting local fishermen and farmers. For more information visit the Crystal Coast Tourism Authority at (crystalcoastnc.org)

Whether you are looking for a fun evening out dancing, a relaxing and renewing mineral bath or a beautiful once in a lifetime experience in an oceanfront home rental, there is no limit to the fun and memories that you and your wedding party will have on your getaway adventure. ■