MILLENNIUM DOGGY DESTINATIONS

Bring Your Pup to These Six Travel Spots for National Dog Day on Aug. 26



The Crystal Coast - North Carolina's Southern Outer Banks

Flocking to the beach, but wanting to bring fido? Look no further than The Crystal Coast. Eighty-five miles of gleaming pet-friendly beaches await exploration. Beyond the beach, outdoor adventurers can walk, bike or hike alongside their furry friends at Emerald Isle Woods Park Trail (a 1.7 mile path on the North Carolina Birding Trail); Fort Macon State Park (a charming landmark with sand dunes, hiking trails and tide pools); Cape Lookout National Seashore (accessible only by a pet-friendly ferry, offering 50-miles of undeveloped beaches and a stunning "diamond lady" lighthouse) and PAWS Bark Park. The majority of the restaurants tout al fresco pet-friendly dining, and while shopping at charming boutiques, you'll often find dog bowls a-plenty lining the walkways. Beer fans can bring their dogs inside The Growler, The Backstreet Pub and AB Bottle Co to enjoy a cold one. Oh, and be sure to snag a coffee from Muttigans — this pet store/coffee shop is an island favorite. Their dog-themed lattes — like the 'Milky Bone' and 'Sandy Paws' — and dog-loving atmosphere are perfect for a morning coffee with your best friend. Additionally, The Crystal Coast is home to more than 100 pet-friendly beach house rentals (through companies like Emerald Isle Realty and Blue Water Realty), and the ever-retro Atlantis Lodge even has dedicated dog park on-site.