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Summer Travel Destinations

These hotels are worth booking a summer vacation around, serving as muses for ideal trip itineraries—from the mountains to the coast and everything in between.

STAY SALTY



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Southern Charm

Beaufort, NC | Our Pick: Pecan Tree Inn

BRB, this B&B has us living out our best Jane Eyre life. If you'd "always rather be happy," the 1866 schoolhouse converted **Victorian-style inn** housing all the signature Beau-fert charm and history is calling you to "**America's Favorite Town.**" Besides daily tea service (natch), on-property wine shop and ever-apropos music lessons, a maritime of marvels beyond its walls await. Peel yourself from your porch perch (or don't—no judgment) for some coastal culture at the **NC Maritime Museum**; schedule some retail therapy at the famed **boutique shopping**; or park it at NC's most visited **Fort Macon State Park** for some birdwatching (300+ species!) and dolphin spotting. Or just go with the flow via **ferry rides, paddleboarding and kayaking** (bonus encounters with wild horses frolicking in the dunes or dolphins swimming alongside you likely)—then post up **waterfront** to watch the boats drift by. And, of course, it ain't Beaufort without the **beach** and **coastal eats**. For chews and brews with views, regulars dock it at **Front Street Grill, Black Sheep** and **34 North Restaurant**. Sea la vie!
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