8 Cutest Beach Towns On The East Coast This Fall

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Beaufort, North Carolina

A historic town filled with seafood restaurants and hundreds of docks

Beaufort is a historic coastal town known for its Southern charm and scenic waterfront. It's one of the most beautiful beach towns in the Carolinas to escape to in autumn when seeking relaxation, historic attractions, and picturesque natural areas.

For a spooky yet insightful fall adventure, travelers can explore the Old Burying Ground, famed for being Beaufort's oldest cemetery. Established in the 1700s, this cemetery features weathered tombstones, with some graves having wooden, shell, brick, and vaulted markings. The weathered grave sites with the surrounding gnarly oaks create an eerie yet beautiful setting, drawing brave adventurers and photography enthusiasts.

As history buffs explore the centuries-old graves, nature lovers can reconnect with nature at the Rachel Carson Reserve, featuring five islands. In the fall, visitors can explore the reserve through self-guided walking tours, offering excellent opportunities for spotting some of the 200 birds inhabiting the coastal habitats.

Population	4,534
Top Attractions	NC Maritime Museum Gallants Channel Annex, Old Burying Ground, **Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market**
Where To Stay	**Beaufort Hotel**