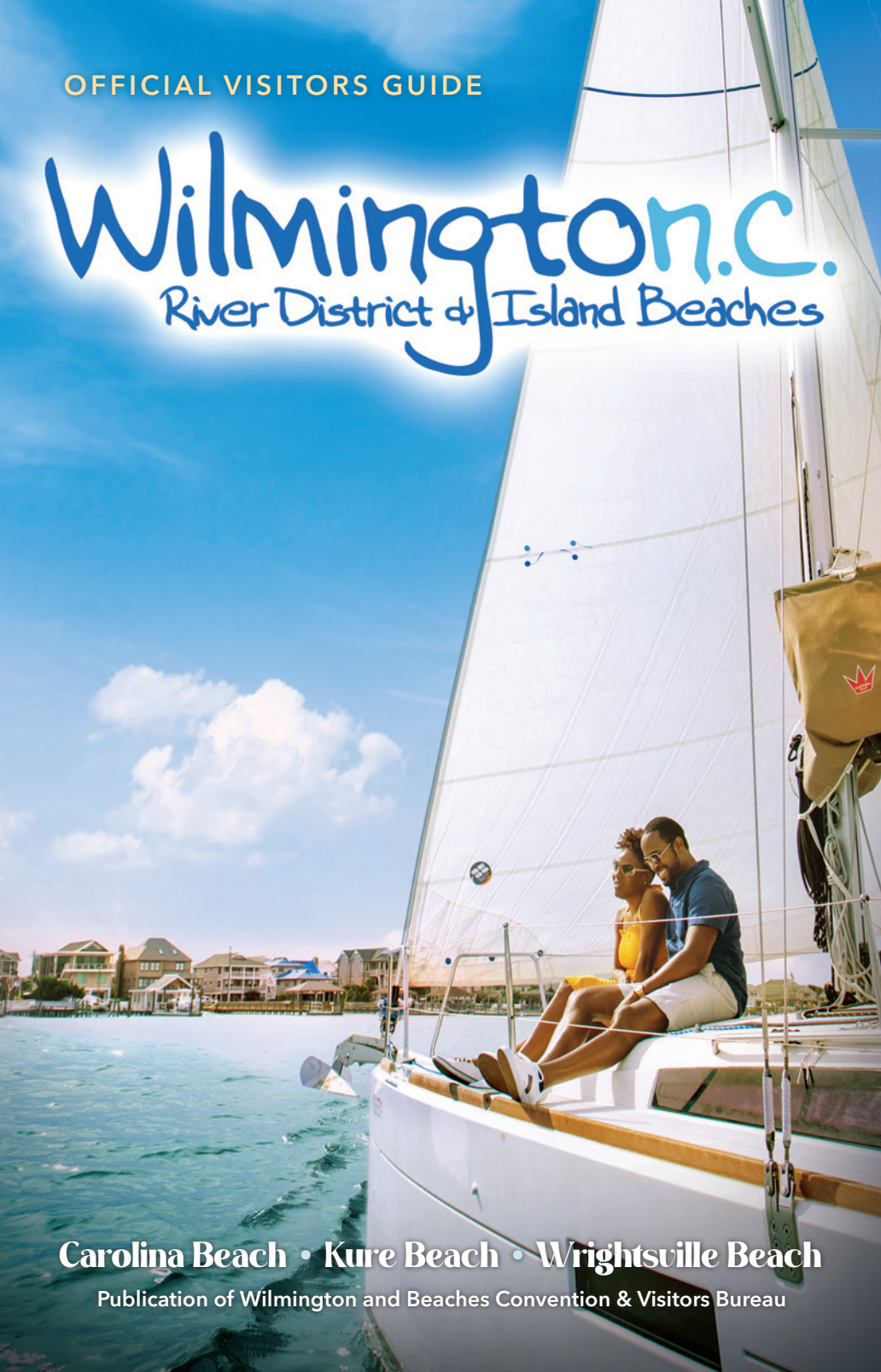


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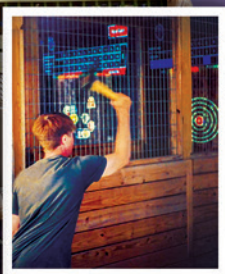
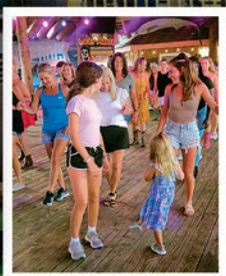


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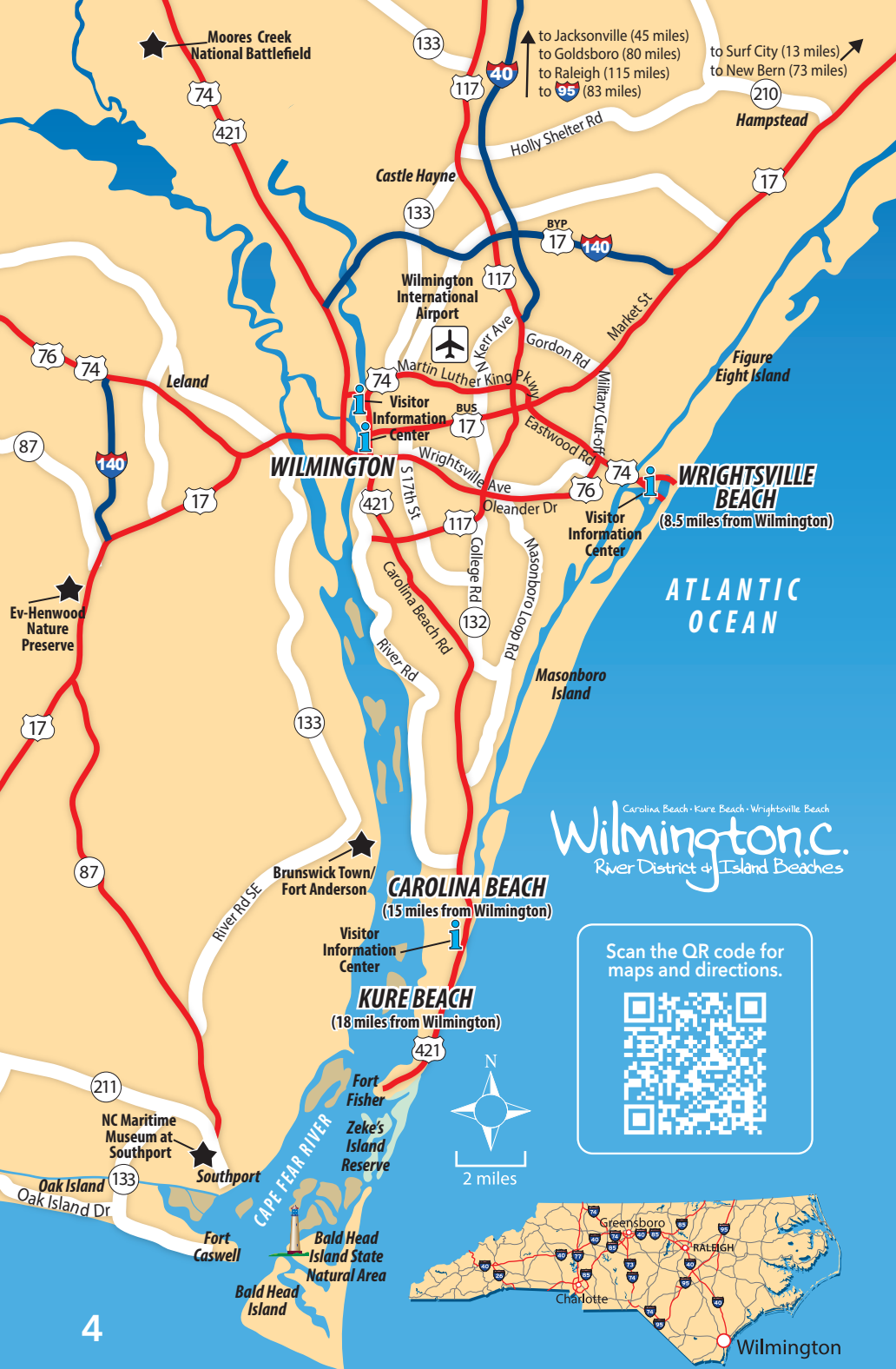
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Welcome

TO THE BEST OF THE CAROLINA COAST

One destination, four towns with independent character, Wilmington and its island beaches' welcoming nature and transformative waters offer countless vacation experiences and inspire fresh ideas.





Travel & Leisure named Wilmington, NC one of the “25 Best Weekend Getaways in the South.” The city’s scenic two-mile Riverwalk offers views of Battleship NORTH CAROLINA and breathtaking sunsets as you browse boutiques and enjoy fresh coastal cuisine on and beyond the award-winning riverfront.

Rich in historic charm, the 230-block National Register Historic District extending from the Riverwalk delivers brick-lined streets traversed by horse-drawn carriage and trolley tours, moss-draped live oaks and Victorian and period architecture worthy of its historic district designation.

Wilmington is the ideal starting point for a trip, offering a thriving arts and entertainment scene, galleries and many locally owned restaurants, in one historic city.

Just minutes from Wilmington you’ll find three island beaches - **Carolina Beach**, **Kure Beach** and **Wrightsville Beach** - each with its own style and flair.

This is not your average coastal vacation as you won’t find common or pre-packaged vacations here. Wilmington and its island beaches are especially well-suited for mid-week and off-season excursions when accommodations and amenities offer opportunities for greater savings and accessibility.

- **Explore beautiful gardens and museums** recounting area history at Airlie Gardens, Fort Fisher State Historic Site, Wilmington Railroad Museum and Cape Fear Museum of History and Science.
- **Visit celebrated attractions** such as the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA, Cameron Art Museum, North Carolina Aquarium at

Fort Fisher, or Jungle Rapids Family Fun Park.

- **Immerse yourself** in a thriving arts scene through galleries, historic theaters and performing arts centers.
- **Take a river cruise**, ghost walk, haunted pub crawl or horse-drawn carriage tour of historic homes in the 230-block downtown Historic District.
- **Taste the fresh, coastal flavors** in the best of waterfront and outdoor dining as the sun sets over the Cape Fear River or rises over the beaches.
- **Dance the night away** to famed musical acts at a riverfront or lakeside amphitheater, or sip your favorite beverage at a lively speakeasy, brewpub, rooftop or island tiki bar.
- **Sign up for a sailing or surfing lesson**, dive into the undersea world or just relax by the Atlantic Ocean.
- **Pedal river-to-sea bikeways**, hike the scenic trails at two state parks and hit the Ale Trail after the adventure.

Historic Wilmington along with our nearby island beaches promises no two vacations are alike. Come for a stay that includes the year-round vibrancy of sights, sounds and tastes or find greater savings and accessibility off-season. No matter the season, discover the best of the Carolina coast - all in one place.



CAROLINA BEACH

Our Scenic

Our spacious island beaches come with waterside state parks, barrier islands, a historic battle site and fort, an aquarium and a vintage Boardwalk, all just minutes away from a historic city full of carriage rides, majestic theaters, diverse museums, riverboat cruises and rooftop bars.

Whether you come for Carolina Beach's laid-back good times, Kure Beach's natural surroundings or Wrightsville Beach's

watersports and outdoor adventures, our island beaches offer 31 miles of shoreline, flourishing nature and a welcoming coastal community that you can enjoy any time of year.

Find your relaxed beach vibe at **Carolina Beach**, one of the most down-to-earth, good-time beaches on the Atlantic Coast. Fun-loving and free-spirited, Carolina Beach offers live music and events, the vintage seaside Carolina Beach Boardwalk, sightings of Venus flytraps at Carolina Beach State Park and colorful characters around every corner for a beach vacation that's unmistakably Carolina Beach.



KURE BEACH

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH



Island Beaches

Kure Beach is where you'll find the kind of small-town beach you visited as a kid. Enjoy the beautiful natural surroundings and relaxed pace at Fort Fisher State Recreation Area or from the seaside swings at Ocean Front Park. Explore two of the state's top attractions: Fort Fisher State Historic Site and North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher. It's easy to see why this family-friendly beach town is a welcoming oasis.

Discover what it means to beach better at **Wrightsville Beach**, where you can participate in a variety of watersports and cruises on its crystal blue waters. Indulge in the amenities found in oceanfront resorts and vacation rentals, then venture

to an uninhabited island for a private dinner catered by celebrated local chefs. This vibrant beach town and walkable island offers great beach boutiques, surf shops and nearby open-air shopping villages; fresh-to-table dining options; and plenty of nightlife.

Perhaps the best thing about our island beaches is that you can enjoy all there is to do at any of the beaches with a historic riverfront city just minutes away. No other East Coast coastal destination has so much to do in such close proximity. This is so much better than just another expected beach vacation. It is truly the best of the Carolina coast.



Explore

VISITORS SERVICES & AREA INFORMATION



Free visitor information is available at any of our Visitor Information Centers and at WilmingtonAndBeaches.com; WilmingtonAndBeaches360.com (virtual tour); or WilmingtonTripGuide.com (mobile guide).

Download the free [Wilmington History](#) app, then purchase a tour through the app for a self-guided stroll through nearly three centuries of area history.

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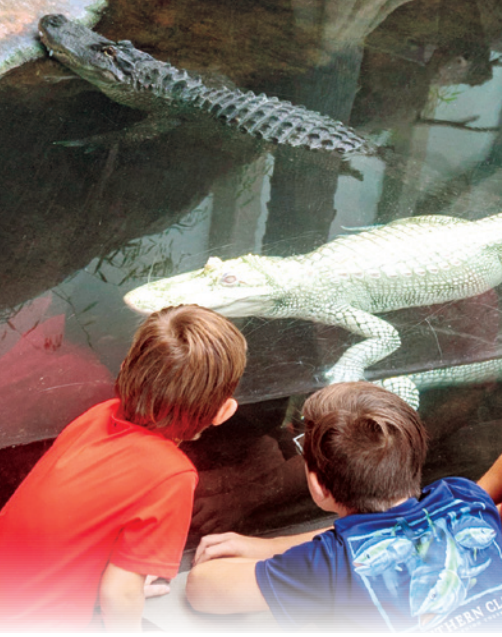
Use of ADA beach ability equipment is available on our island beaches.

- **Carolina Beach:** 910-458-2977 or visit carolinabeach.org.
- **Kure Beach:** Kure Beach Fire Department, 910-458-2014.
- **Wrightsville Beach:** 910-256-7925 or visit townofwrightsvillebeach.com.



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Family Fun

ENTERTAINMENT FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES



Wilmington and its island beaches offer many ways to keep kids of all ages excited, engaged and entertained. From adventures aboard river boats and steering a WWII battleship to giant slides at a water park, a trip packed full of family fun awaits kids and adults alike.

• CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF WILMINGTON

The museum immerses children in art and science to cooking and conservation in fun ways. Enjoy magical and playful experiences for pre-school to elementary age, and their adult company.

• WILMINGTON RAILROAD MUSEUM

Explore more than 20 model trains, a life-size caboose and a 100-year-old steam locomotive as you learn how the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad served the city from its inception. Kids can build their own train tracks in the play area.

• CAPE FEAR MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND SCIENCE

Become an astronaut in Space Place or get a selfie with a model of a 20-foot-tall ground sloth. Do all this and more as you explore more than 57,000 items at the state's oldest museum that is dedicated to the region's rich history and culture.

• BATTLESHIP NORTH CAROLINA

The world's greatest sea weapon when commissioned in 1941, the ship saw action in every major Pacific battle during WWII. Take a self-guided tour of nine levels of living spaces, mess decks and more. Reserve a spot on the Second Deck tour to learn about life aboard ship.

• NORTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM AT FORT FISHER

With more than 2,500 animal residents, the NC Aquarium is a ready-made adventure. See alligators, sting rays, sharks, otters, sea turtles and more. Reserve tickets in advance online and add on a behind-the-scenes tour.

• JUNGLE RAPIDS FAMILY FUN PARK

Splash your way through a fun day at this water park and lazy river for the whole family. Or, race Go-Karts, climb a rock wall, try your hand at miniature golf and play laser tag.

• WATER TOURS AND CRUISES

Whether you enjoy a scenic sunset cruise aboard Cape Fear River Boats' *Henrietta*, book the eco- and history-focused Eagles Island Cruise from Wilmington Water Tours or just take the *Bizzy Bee* water taxi to Battleship NORTH CAROLINA, kids and adults alike enjoy getting out on the water. Charter a custom Epic Excursions sunset cruise out of Wrightsville Beach or set sail on Soundside Adventure's Island Hopper Cruise to explore Money Island, Masonboro Island Reserve and more. Enjoy a family-friendly narrated sunset cruise or seasonal pirate cruise out of Carolina Beach aboard Island Cruise's Caribbean-style two-level catamaran.



To discover all the things you can do with the family in Wilmington and our island beaches, scan the QR code.

Grown-up Getaways

REFRESHING AND ORIGINAL

Couples and friend groups will find plenty of nightlife and engaging, grown-up things to do in Wilmington and its island beaches. Take a gentle yoga class in a restorative salt cave. Charter an Epic Excursions sunset cruise or enjoy a custom seaside charcuterie spread on a private island. Book a Downtown Tasting Tour to sample Wilmington's ever-expanding culinary community. And the beach - don't forget the beach!

BREWERY & DISTILLERY TOURS

Experience Wilmington's historic sites by E-Bike with stops at Wilmington breweries, or book spots on a pedal pub to sip, pedal and cruise your way on a fun-filled adventure. Sign up for a Haunted Pub Crawl or take the self-guided Wilmington Ale Trail. If cocktails are more your style, kick back and sip on small-batch vodka, gin and rum cocktails at award-winning distillery lounges and tasting rooms, some offering tours.

GOLF

Tee off at several area golf courses. The Wilmington Municipal Golf Course was named one of the best courses by *Top 100 Golf Courses of the World*.

The lush greens at Beau Rivage Golf & Resort offer enchanting water views and an 18-hole course that will put your skills to the test. Tom Fazio created a stunning 18-hole, par 72 course at Porters Neck Country Club. You can also challenge your friends to rounds of digital golf, rain or shine, or a rousing game of disc golf at an island brewery.

FISHING & WATERSPORTS

Charter a deep-sea fishing tour from one of several charter companies or cast a line from Johnnie Mercers Fishing Pier or the Kure Beach Fishing Pier. Find more prime fishing spots at Carolina Beach State Park. You can also submerge and explore dozens of shipwrecks and offshore ledges with guided charters, or book surf or SUP lessons from local pros and hit the waves.

SHOPPING

Stroll the River District for welcoming shops lining main streets and pop into The Cotton Exchange or Chandler's Wharf Warehouse



Shops to explore the many specialty boutiques inside. Browse Market and Front Streets and the racks at Edge of Urge, Aqua Fedora and more for handmade and independent designer clothing and accessories or find vintage wares at the shops along Castle Street.

For one-of-a-kind gifts, designer clothing and wine afterwards, visit the charming open-air shopping village Lumina Station or head to the beaches for surf shops and resort-wear apparel boutiques. Don't forget the 90+ eclectic shops and restaurants at Mayfaire Town Center, Wilmington's premier lifestyle shopping center.

MUSEUMS, THEATER & MUSIC

Wilmington's museums invite all ages, but some events are geared especially toward adults. The Latimer House Museum's special Nighttime Tour lets you experience nightlife and gas light in a Victorian home. The Burgwin-Wright House also offers a nighttime tour on the first Friday of the month. Stroll the grounds of the Bellamy Mansion Museum during the day. Enlist friends for a visit to Cameron Art Museum where you can view the exhibits and grab lunch on the CAM Café patio. Delve into the region's history at the Cape Fear Museum of History and Science.

One of the oldest and most beautiful theaters in the country, Thalian Hall Center for Performing Arts, hosts 500 performances per year. The Wilson Center stages Broadway shows, comedy shows and concerts. And two outdoor waterside amphitheaters present national and regional acts to enjoy beneath the stars. For your pre- or après-experience, meet for a cocktail at a rooftop bar.



SPAS & WELLNESS

Register for a Prana Salt Cave gentle yoga class held in a restorative halotherapy cave. Flow into Savasana by the sea with a Be Unlimited Yoga session, held seasonally on Wrightsville Beach's Crystal Pier. Or let nature be your spa as you stroll through floral oases at New Hanover County Arboretum or stunning Airlie Gardens. Enjoy refreshing river and ocean breezes as you hike, bike or paddle our scenic trails and waterways.





HISTORIC DISTRICT

Your Portal to Adventure, History & Entertainment

WELCOME TO WILMINGTON

With its charming riverfront setting, Wilmington provides year-round adventure. A walkable river and historic district with easy access to shops, cafes and entertainment make Wilmington a must-see Southern destination, on par with Charleston and Savannah.

Whether you are strolling the scenic Riverwalk along the storied Cape Fear River, taking in the history of the 230-block National Register Historic District, enjoying the city's vibrant entertainment scene or tasting artfully presented dishes of fresh, local seafood, you'll learn quickly this is no ordinary coastal town. In fact, *Condé Nast*

Traveler named Wilmington one of the "Best Towns in the U.S."

Wilmington is the hub of arts, culture, shopping and dining, anchored by the two-mile Riverwalk. Timeless character, outdoor recreation, entertainment, water tours and alfresco dining options combine to earn Wilmington's Riverwalk a distinction as one of *USA Today's* "Best Riverwalks."

CULTURE & HISTORY

Step back in time on a horse-drawn carriage ride, trolley or guided walking tour through Wilmington's charming National Register Historic District. Find famous TV and movie filming locations on a self-guided tour or paranormal activity

on the Ghost Walk. Explore the WWII-era Battleship NORTH CAROLINA, named one of the “Best Museum Ships.” Examine life of another age at three historic house museums: Bellamy Mansion Museum of History & Design Arts, Burgwin-Wright House & Gardens and Latimer House Museum. Explore the region’s history and science at the Cape Fear Museum of History and Science or immerse yourself in the visual arts at Cameron Art Museum. Climb aboard a century-old steam locomotive or see model trains at the Wilmington Railroad Museum.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Live Oak Bank Pavilion at Riverfront Park is one of the most scenic places to catch your next concert or show; the boutique outdoor amphitheater offers panoramic views of the Cape Fear River and attracts national acts. Or, enjoy a show at Greenfield Lake Amphitheater to hear popular acts in a waterfront setting. Explore your creative side at places like Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts, noted as one of the most beautiful and historic theaters in the country, or The Wilson Center, which offers a lineup that includes Broadway shows, concerts and contemporary dance series.

OUTDOORS & FAMILY FUN

Ample parks, recreation areas and access to three nearby beaches make Wilmington a paradise for outdoor lovers. Find adventure amidst the pristine beauty of New Hanover County Arboretum, Airlie Gardens and Greenfield Park to name just a few.

Splash down with your family at Jungle Rapids Family Fun Park, known for its seasonal water park and year-round arcade games, go-karts, mini golf, laser tag and more. Or bounce high at Defy

Wilmington or Flip n Fly, Wilmington’s two trampoline parks.

FOOD & DRINKS

Sample local and innovative restaurants serving farm-to-fork to catch-to-table coastal cuisine, Southern comfort food, international dishes and more. Wilmington’s River District alone has more than 40 locally owned restaurants and pubs. Follow the Wilmington Ale Trail to craft breweries and bottle shops. Seek out craft cocktails with a side of stunning river views at open-air rooftop bars and revisit the past at cozy speakeasies.

Push past normal and allow yourself to experience what makes Wilmington a must-see Southern destination - everything you love about beaches, plus a historic city, too!



RIVERWALK

Bring us along on your coastal escape by using our destination hashtags: **#WilmingtonNC**, **#WrightsvilleBeach**, **#CarolinaBeach**, **#KureBeach**




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For Food Devotees Everywhere

It's no secret Wilmington has become a hotspot for standout and innovative cuisine. With restaurants made famous on *The Food Network*, Wilmington and the Beaches' Yelp recognition as a Foodie City was a welcome accolade. Foodies everywhere will enjoy a continually refreshing mix of coastal sights, sounds and tastes.

OPEN AIR TABLES

Our coastal way of life invites you to enjoy a meal or drinks in scenic outdoor settings from the Riverwalk, on rooftops, by marinas or on boardwalks and piers.



Request a table on a private wrought-iron balcony and enjoy Floriana's menu of Northern Italian dishes made with local, seasonal ingredients.


Sun-kissed shrimp never tasted so good as when paired with oceanfront views at Oceanic in Wrightsville Beach or sip tropical cocktails with the fresh catch of the day on the patio at Ocean Grill & Tiki Bar in Carolina Beach. Jack Mackerel's Restaurant invites you to dine on Caribbean-inspired dishes on their second-floor covered deck in Kure Beach.

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Lowcountry dishes by James Beard Award Best Chef Southeast Semi-Finalist Chef Keith Rhodes (CATCH).

Ingredients from local, sustainable farms are grilled over natural hardwood charcoal in casually refined indoor and outdoor settings at Port Land Grille. Savorez brings Latin flavors to downtown Wilmington. The fresh bounty of the NC Coast is highlighted in the authentic Italian dishes at Quanto Basta.

With river and sea holding such prominence here, you'll find fresh-caught seafood around every corner. At James Beard Award Best Chef





Southeast Semi-Finalist Chef Dean Neff's Seabird in Wilmington, indulge in oysters, slow-smoked yellowfin tuna or the seasonal seafood tower. Order "first plates" salmon or tuna poke at Salt Fish Restaurant and Bar in Carolina Beach. Wrightsville Beach's EAST Oceanfront Dining at Blockade Runner Beach Resort uses locally harvested clams and fresh-caught fish complemented by fresh-grown vegetables and herbs from its own seaside garden.

DINERS & DIVES

Visitors can experience an array of famous flavors from restaurants showcased on Food Network's "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives."

Start the day with a Southern-style breakfast or brunch at Wilmington establishments like Cast Iron Kitchen (known for its famous Dirty South Biscuit) and Sweet n Savory Café.

Taste around town like Guy Fieri as you sample the eclectic mix of appetizers and hearty sandwiches at downtown's The Copper Penny or satisfy your comfort food craving with the signature gourmet burgers and sides at Fork N Cork.

Calabash-style seafood is SOMETHING FISHy Seafood Restaurant's claim to fame in Wilmington or try the Latin American twist on classic seafood at Ceviches' near Wrightsville Beach.

Beach House Burgers in Kure Beach has a low-key exterior but serves up big flavor with burgers, fries and onion rings fresh to-go with a side of ocean views at this seasonal walk-up. And you'll want to join the line of patrons waiting to try the famous porkchops at Freddie's Restaurant.



Carolina Smokehouse in Carolina Beach fills your plate with fall-off-the-bone BBQ that you can enjoy with oceanfront views on the topside deck. Go hot with specialty burritos at Flaming Amy's Burrito Barn, voted "One of the 33 Best Burritos in America" by Thrillist, or try the Kick-flip quesadillas at Nollie's Taco Joint.

CHEERS TO BREWS & FOOD

Pub-style to inventive cuisines are on the menu at several area breweries, allowing you to wash it down with their brand of suds. Front Street Brewery, Wilmington's original restaurant and brewery, offers delish appetizers like their famous pulled chicken nachos, lunch and dinner. Or order a plate of schnitzel, spaetzle, sausages, even "Beyond Sausage" for vegetarians at the friendly German Prost Biergarten. Wrightsville Beach Brewery spreads the coastal vibe with local-caught oysters and signature items like kimchi and fried oyster bites or crab cake pizza.

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KID-FRIENDLY EATS

Find bites all palates will enjoy in area eateries. Celebrity chef Vivian Howard's restaurant, Benny's Bigtime Pizzeria, is known for its open kitchen and wood-burning pizza ovens. At CheeseSmith, order a classic American grilled cheese sandwich or branch out to artisanal sandwiches featuring a variety of cheese and toppings like house-made tomato jam.

Lazy Pirate Island Sports Grill in Carolina Beach creates innovative dishes with fresh seafood and the kids can still order chicken nuggets, pizza and mac n' cheese. Enjoy a casual family dinner on the second-story Admirals Deck at Shark Bar and Kitchen or take in scenic views of Banks Channel while enjoying a sunset meal at South Beach Grill in Wrightsville Beach.

Satisfy your sweet tooth with an Italian gelato from GelaRto on the Riverwalk or experience a new twist to the cupcake concept at The Peppered Cupcake. Cool off in Carolina Beach with Irish-style ice

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WHAT'S NEW?

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For a complete list of restaurants, visit WilmingtonAndBeaches.com/restaurants or scan the QR code.



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FOOD EVENTS & EXPERIENCES

Meet area chefs and learn about the history and culinary scene of Wilmington's historic downtown on a gourmet food tour. Bite into remarkably fresh coastal fare or just have a drink while you enjoy the tales on an island tasting history tour. Savor dozens of dishes, craft cocktails and local brews at our many food festivals year-round.

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FOOD + DRINKS

Put some life in your alfresco dining with waterfront views on the Riverwalk, rooftops, by marinas, or on boardwalks and piers. Dining outdoors is the coastal way of life. Here is just a sampling; see page 19 to find more options.



SMOKE ON THE WATER

Many area restaurants have opened up rooftops, patios and sidewalks to customers who want to dine in the open air. Our year-round mild climate, scenic views and live music make these establishments places to grab a bite and dine in the fresh coastal air.



INDOCHINE



HAVANA'S



OCEAN GRILL & TIKI BAR



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BLUEWATER WATERFRONT GRILL



The Great Outdoors

ENJOY
GENUINE
EXPERIENCES

Outdoor adventures abound in Wilmington and our island beaches. No matter the season, you can find recreational activities in our beautiful natural settings to fit your age, fitness level or leisure interests.

TOURS, CRUISES & PARKS

TOURS & CRUISES – See famous film and TV locations on a self-guided tour or savor the flavors of the Wilmington Ale Trail. Embrace the cool breezes and fall colors on a sunset sailing cruise or get a thrill on a haunted pub crawl.

NATURE OUTINGS – Embark on an informative river cruise crafted to showcase natural coastal wonders and wildlife, swamp forests and other extraordinary habitats. Zeke’s Island, on the North Carolina coast, can be reached solely by boat or kayak. Set out on a guided tour and paddle your way here or at Carolina Beach State Park to see the everchanging landscapes and awe-inspiring wildlife of these ecological treasures. Or, discover Masonboro Island Reserve; at 8.4 miles in length, it is the longest undisturbed barrier island in southern North Carolina. Only accessible by boat, kayak or canoe, it’s an ideal habitat for birds, fish, invertebrates and sea turtles.

FORT FISHER STATE RECREATION AREA – Enjoy six miles of protected shoreline spanning the ocean and river. Hike maritime forest trails past a WWII bunker to an observation deck with an uninhibited water view. Cruise along the beach with four-wheel drive, allowed with permit.

GREENFIELD PARK – Walk or bike the nearly five-mile trail that skirts the lake, then treat yourself to waterside concerts of national and regional artists at Greenfield Lake Amphitheater.

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE & WELLNESS

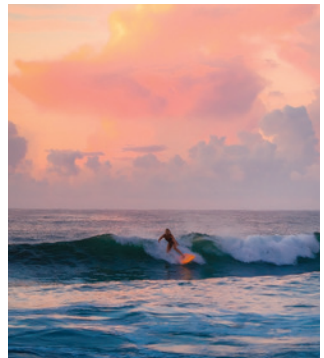
YOGA – Stretch your comfort zone in yoga classes set in picturesque settings such as oceanfront on the Crystal Pier, seaside in Kure Beach, riverfront on Battleship NORTH CAROLINA or in Airlie Gardens.

STANDUP PADDLEBOARDING – Make the most of a visit to one of the top SUP hubs in the U.S. with a lesson from the pros or explore area waterways on a guided tour. Fewer crowds after summer make this sport even more appealing.

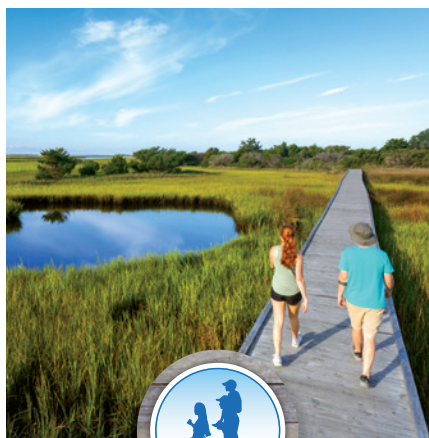
RIVER TO SEA BIKEWAY – This 11-mile route stretching from Wilmington to Wrightsville Beach offers a scenic journey for cyclists as it seamlessly transitions between on-road and off-road sections.

GOLF – Perfect your swing at one of several area golf courses. Golf in Wilmington can be played nearly year-round.

For ways to enjoy Wilmington and Island Beaches year-round, please visit WilmingtonAndBeaches.com/things-to-do.



Ways to Get Outside



On Foot

HEAD TO THE BEACH - Carolina Beach, Kure Beach and Wrightsville Beach each have their own vibe. Relax in the sun by the water, stroll along boardwalks and piers and get lunch at a beachside restaurant.

HIKE HALLOWED GROUNDS - Stroll along a scenic trail shaded by live oaks, stopping at interpretive panels that tell the story of Fort Fisher State Historic Site, location of the largest land-sea battle of the Civil War.

SEE GARDEN OASES - Meander through premier Southern gardens such as Airlie Gardens or New Hanover County Arboretum or experience history at the Burgwin-Wright House and Gardens in Wilmington.

On Two Wheels

SHOOT AROUND THE LOOP AT WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH - While the 2.5-mile loop beckons walkers and joggers past marshes and waterways, across bridges and among gardens, cyclists can shoot around The Loop on designated bicycle lanes and shareable roadways throughout bicycle-friendly Wrightsville Beach.



GARY SHELL CROSS-CITY TRAIL - Pedal your bike from the Intracoastal Waterway in Wrightsville Beach through the university, by Cameron Art Museum and along several Wilmington city parks on this scenic 15-mile off-road trail.

CAROLINA BEACH STATE PARK - See where native Venus flytraps live within this state park's distinct habitats, or bike the 1.2-mile Island Greenway path that connects off-street trails, on-street bicycle lanes and parks.



On Four Wheels

TAKE A SELF-GUIDED DRIVING TOUR - Use the self-guided Wilmington History Tours app to gaze at downtown Wilmington's historic homes from the comfort of your vehicle. Choose from five historical options.

SEE THE SIGHTS - Hop on a trolley or a horse-drawn carriage for a guided tour of the historic district.



DRIVE ON THE BEACH - Park your 4x4 on the sand (permit required), picnic and have an unforgettable day at the beach at Fort Fisher State Recreation Area or Freeman Park Recreation Area.



By Water

TAKE A CRUISE - Sightsee from the water on a scenic cruise of the river or sea, sip from a pedal pub, or take a sailing or fishing expedition off our barrier islands.



DIVE IN OR RIDE THE WAVES - Explore some of the most beautiful waters on the East Coast. Dive to the shipwreck of the Civil War Blockade Runner *The Condor*, a North Carolina Heritage Dive Site. Take surfing lessons from a pro or perfect your board skills on a SUP.

GO FISHING - Some of the best fishing in the country is found right here. Charter captains know all the best spots and are ready to help you reel in the big one.

For area outfitters and fishing charter companies, scan the QR code.





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Music + Nightlife

AMP UP AFTER SUNDOWN

Catch national acts at scenic outdoor waterfront venues or discover local and regional artists in historic concert halls, pubs and at music festivals to suit every taste as melodies reverberate through our streets.

BREEZY TUNES

Live music coupled with beautiful sunsets? Yes, please! Live Oak Bank Pavilion at Riverfront Park is the place to catch can't-miss national acts such as Widespread Panic, Phish and Darius Rucker. Greenfield Lake Amphitheater is another waterside outdoor venue; its performance stage is tucked into a 250-acre park. You can also enjoy tunes beneath majestic live oaks during the family-friendly Airlie Gardens Summer Concert Series.

Boogie seaside at the free summer Boogie in the Park Concerts in Kure Beach or enjoy ocean views and live music on the pier at Ocean Grill & Tiki Bar in Carolina Beach. Start your weekend at Oceanic during their Summer Music Series or head dockside for Bluewater Waterfront Grill's Summer Concerts in Wrightsville Beach.



SPECIAL EVENTS & VENUES

Groove to bluegrass jams at Satellite Bar, jazz it up in Cameron Art Museum's Café or enjoy local tunes seasonally at Bellamy Mansion Museum. Dance to live music year-round at Carolina Beach's SeaWitch Café and Tiki Bar. Discover Reggae Festivus at The Lazy Pirate Island Sports Grill on summer Sundays. The Palm Room in Wrightsville Beach is a favorite spot for specialty drinks and live music.

LOUNGES, BARS & SPEAKEASIES

Old-school vibes radiate from downtown Wilmington hotspots. Bourgie Nights is a gem known for live music and handcrafted cocktails. Wander down Smith Alley to Blind Elephant, a Prohibition-style speakeasy serving Moscow mules on-tap alongside craft cocktails and spirits. Whiskey lovers won't want to miss Whiskey Tango Foxtrot's premium concoctions, with weekend live music and dueling piano nights.

The best spots in town to sip cocktails and catch the sunset over the Cape Fear River are the rooftop bars Cloud 9 and aView Rooftop Bistro, or enjoy a frozen rosé on a barge at Anne Bonny's Bar and Grill.

CRAFT BREWERIES & DISTILLERIES

Named among "America's Beeriest Beach Towns," Wilmington's craft beer scene is thriving. Front Street Brewery, the area's first brewery, offers award-winning craft brews and an impressive selection of bourbons, or enjoy one of the two outdoor beer gardens and 24 taps at Hi-Wire Brewing. At Edward Teach Brewing, order suds from a ship-shaped bar inside a historic firehouse.

Sours, Belgians and other noteworthy ales take center stage at Flytrap Brewing or pair easy-to-drink ales with yoga at



Waterline Brewing Co. Flying Machine Brewing creates everything from Berliner Weisse to a simple IPA at its Wilmington location or its taproom and kitchen in Wrightsville Beach.

Enjoy Good Hops Brewing's small-batch brews alongside a dog-friendly beer garden and disc golf course in Carolina Beach. Wrightsville Beach Brewery leans into regional flavors with Oysterman Stout and a full menu, beer garden and year-round events.

Follow the self-guided Wilmington Ale Trail to more than 15 breweries and taste the handcrafted selections on tap; download an Ale Trail map at WilmingtonAndBeaches.com.

Discover a rich heritage of distilling at three distilleries creating small-batch spirits. End of Days' hand-distilled, corn-based vodka and gin, along with rum made with molasses and raw cane sugar, have won national awards. Tours are by reservation.

The copper still at Wilmington Distillery brings interesting spirits like IZZY rum, Von Vodka, Honey Cornbread Moonshine and more to one of the oldest sections of the historic district.

Also, sample and purchase signature rums from Four Hounds Distilling in Carolina Beach knowing that 1 percent of your purchase goes to dog rescues.



Out & About

IN WILMINGTON'S NEIGHBORHOODS

Wilmington is home to vibrant neighborhoods each with its own character and distinct vibe. Find dynamic arts and culture, hip coffee shops, stores full of vintage wares and locally owned restaurants and bars tucked into our unique and historic neighborhoods.

DOWNTOWN/RIVER DISTRICT

A breathtaking view of the Cape Fear River and the WWII Battleship NORTH CAROLINA from the two-mile Riverwalk enhances your experience as you visit the markets, boutiques, restaurants and more in our downtown River District. Come for a taste adventure at restaurants that offer fresh local seafood to lively dishes from south of the border. Enjoy concerts by national acts at Live Oak Bank Pavilion, the scenic amphitheater at Riverfront Park. Browse the array of wares in historic commercial buildings at Chandler's Wharf and The Cotton Exchange or seek out the unusual at Black Cat Shoppe or Edge of Urge.

HISTORIC DISTRICT

Immerse in Wilmington's rich history on a guided, self-guided or horse-drawn carriage tour of downtown's 230+ block National Register Historic District. Explore Colonial life at the Burgwin-Wright House and Gardens, or visit Bellamy Mansion Museum, built on the eve of the Civil War. It boasts Greek Revival, Neoclassical and Italianate architectural elements. One of the finest examples of Victorian-era architecture is Latimer House, with tales of three Latimer generations.

BROOKLYN ARTS DISTRICT

Anchored by the circa 1817 Brooklyn Arts Center, this arts-filled

neighborhood boasts live music, art galleries and breweries. Shop local artisan vendors at the BAC Holiday Flea and gallery crawls. Indulge in craft ales at Edward Teach Brewing or Flytrap Brewing, or visit Bottega Art & Wine, a wine bar and art gallery. Savor seafood and vegetable dishes at Three10, which is housed in a beautifully restored historic home, or grab soup and a sandwich from The Kitchen Sink.

SOUTH FRONT DISTRICT

Dine at celebrity chef Vivian Howard's restaurant, Benny's Big Time Pizzeria, feast on tasty tacos at BlockTaco, a hand-cut steak at True Blue, then catch a Sunday night bluegrass jam session at the dog-friendly Satellite Bar and Lounge. The visual creations at theArtWorks™ gallery are always inspiring. Wellness enthusiasts will want to visit Native Salt Cave and Wellness for some halotherapy or a yoga class. Enjoy a brew in New Anthem Brewery's spacious tap room or sip vino in the seasonally-driven wine-focused restaurant, The Second Glass.

CARGO DISTRICT

Possibly Wilmington's most unusual neighborhood, the Cargo District's variety of dining, boutiques and coffee shops, most housed in shipping containers, is an attraction in its own right. Kick back with



a local beer and friends at Alcove Beer Garden. Treat yourself to mouthwatering burgers and tots at Mess Hall, artisanal grilled cheese sandwiches at CheeseSmith or authentic street food at Beat Street. Discover local and fair trade finds at Hello, Love.

CASTLE STREET ARTS & ANTIQUE DISTRICT

Experience a treasure hunter's dream in this quaint corner of Wilmington. Revel in live music and vinyl records at Gravity Records, unearth unique finds at Michael Moore Antiques and indulge in the charm of vintage clothing at Jess James + Co. Kick back at the bar or enjoy the finest seasonally inspired, ingredient-driven Southern cuisine at Olivero, captained by James Beard nominee Sunny Gerhart.

Other don't-miss neighborhoods include the up-and-coming Soda Pop District, named for the former 1930s Coca-Cola bottling plant and now home to Cugino Forno and Folk's Café as well as Hi-Wire Brewing. Midtown offers family-friendly attractions Jungle Rapids Family Fun Park and historic Airlie Gardens and some of the area's best shopping at Mayfaire Town Center, Lumina Station, Independence Mall and The Ivy Cottage.

For more ideas on ways to enjoy our Wilmington neighborhoods and culture year-round, scan the QR code.



The Past's Presence

HISTORY SPANNING GENERATIONS ON LAND & SEA



LATIMER HOUSE



**BELLY MANSION'S PRESERVED
URBAN SLAVE QUARTERS**

From the 1500s - when mariners and pirates dubbed the treacherous offshore seascape "Cape of Feare" because it was spiked with shipwrecks - to today, the struggles, the triumphs and the adventures of our ancestors not only shaped coastal North Carolina but also American and world history. Many of Wilmington's most famous places and spaces are now museums or open for public tours throughout the 230+-block National Register Historic District.

1776 - 1782

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge (February 1776) took place just 20 miles northwest of Wilmington and is known as the Lexington and Concord of the South, the victory that ended British authority in North Carolina.

- The Burgwin-Wright Museum House & Gardens (c. 1770) offers daily and special candlelight tours.

1840 - 1859

EARLY 19TH CENTURY

Wilmington became the largest city in North Carolina following the arrival of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad in 1840. Some of the city's most impressive structures were built between 1850 and 1860, several of which allow public tours and special events.

- Tour the restored slave quarters and the main house at Bellamy Mansion Museum of History & Design Arts (c.1861).
- Take a guided tour of the Latimer House Museum (c. 1852), a true gem from

• HISTORY

Wilmington's pre-war housing boom.

- Book a guided tour of Thalian Hall (c. 1858) for a behind-the-scenes look at one of the oldest theaters in the country.

1861 - 1865

THE CIVIL WAR

Fort Fisher protected Wilmington until it fell to Union troops on Jan. 15, 1865 during the largest naval bombardment of the 19th Century. Cameron Art Museum (CAM) stands on the site of the Battle of Forks Road, a Civil War skirmish that was won by the 1,600 United States Colored Troops (USCT) who fought for the Union. Many of the African American soldiers who fought there were native to the area; after the war, many stayed to build the community.

- Explore the South's largest earthen fort, waterside walking trails and interpretive exhibits at Fort Fisher State Historic Site.
- See history re-enactors at the anniversary of the Battle of Fort Fisher every January.
- Visit the nation's first park honoring the USCT at CAM and see *Boundless* by Stephen Hayes, a bronze sculpture honoring the USCT with life-size casts of 11 African American men who are USCT descendants and reenactors.



FORT FISHER STATE HISTORIC SITE



1865 - 1898

RECONSTRUCTION & BEYOND

The newly freed Black population after Emancipation started new businesses, ran for office and took up professions in Wilmington. These freedoms were attacked by a violent white supremacy campaign that resulted in the Wilmington Coup of 1898. The insurrection culminated in electoral fraud, the burning of the city's Black newspaper offices and the deaths of an unknown number of African Americans.

- Cape Fear Museum of History & Science interprets the experiences of Wilmington African Americans and changes in the region.
- Wilmington Tours' African American History self-guided app tour stops at 32 significant sites, landmarks and neighborhoods.



- WilmingtonNCcolor Tours offers tours by advance registration.

1940 - 1970

MID-20TH CENTURY



The Wilmington shipyard built 243 ships in the 1940s. Preservation of WWII heritage saw Wilmington named the first city in the U.S. as an “American World War II Heritage City.”

The city is home to Battleship NORTH CAROLINA, one of the most decorated battleships of her time. Explore nine decks of the restored WWII-era battleship. The half-mile SECU Memorial Walkway around the Battleship honors each branch of the military. Or visit one of the only remaining USO buildings still standing,



BELLMY MANSION MUSEUM



BURGIN-WRIGHT HOUSE AND GARDENS

housing a small WWII home-front heritage museum.

- Come for seasonal events aboard the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA.
- Book a special tour to explore rarely seen sections of the ship.

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE

Homes and commercial buildings alike exude character in Wilmington, ranging from late 1700s through early 1900s styles as varied as Colonial Revival, Queen Anne, Italianate, Victorian and Craftsman.



Shopping

RIDE THE WAVE OF COASTAL CHIC



Boardwalks, Riverwalk and shopping villages, and districts of Wilmington and our island beaches - this is where the boutiques and shopping match the allure of the destinations.

GIFT SHOPS

Immerse yourself in the charm of the Old Wilmington City Market and delight in its diverse collection of specialty shops, art studios and craft galleries. For an extraordinary array of local home décor, art, pottery, jewelry and lots of local food products, stroll the shops of Blue Moon Gift Shops, perennially voted Best Gift Shop in Wilmington.

SPECIALTY STORES

Shopping here is brimming with retailers full of indie spirit especially along

Market and Front streets. Bibliophiles, check out Old Books on Front Street, Papercut Books and Memory Lane Comics. Laugh your way through The Black Cat Shoppe, a randomly inspired store for the whole family. Find more than 185 different loose-leaf teas, coffees and an eclectic mix of exotic spices at Cape Fear Spice Merchants or load up on essential oils at Down to Earth Aromatics. Edge of Urge is a boutique specializing in handmade and independent designer clothing, shoes, jewelry and accessories. Explore two levels of the pop culture curiosity shoppe, Whatever Wilmington, in historic downtown.

In the Castle Street District, find vintage and new vinyl records at Gravity Records or visit Jess James + Co. for vintage clothing and home décor. The Cargo District's small businesses display a variety of goods from handcrafted pottery to antique rugs.

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VILLAGES & CENTERS

Stroll through downtown Wilmington's boutiques at the century-old Chandler's Wharf and then visit historic Cotton Exchange's 30 specialty shops and restaurants connected by open-air courtyards in restored 19th-century buildings. And don't miss Lumina Station, a pedestrian-friendly outdoor shopping village near the beach populated with locally owned boutiques and distinctive restaurants.

At Mayfaire Town Center, you'll find an entertainment destination with national retailers, restaurants and movie theaters. The Forum offers a selection of luxury gifts, trendy fashions, jewelry and imported furniture in shops that coexist with fine dining and cafés. Head over to The Pointe at Barclay for more dining options and movie theaters or the revitalized Independence Mall in Midtown.

ANTIQUES & FURNISHINGS

Spend hours browsing through the jewelry, furniture and more featured throughout the four warehouses of The Ivy Cottage, the South's largest quality consignment store. Vintage Marketplace focuses on rare pieces like custom tables, barn doors, art, pottery and chandeliers, while fans of everything from industrial pieces to artisan jewelry and custom-made furniture will love Uptown Market's one-stop destination vibe.

SURF SHOPS

Hot Wax Surf Shop stocks all the top surf and skateboarding brands and offers

• SHOPPING

the option to participate in making your own board with a local shaper. Shop for contemporary surf gear and lifestyle apparel in Wrightsville Beach at Annex Surf Supply, South End Surf Shop and Sweetwater Surf Shop. CB Surf Shop in Carolina Beach supplies a selection of apparel, sandals and board rentals.

Visit WilmingtonAndBeaches.com/things-to-do/shopping or scan the QR code.



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Things to Do

IN WILMINGTON



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HISTORIC SITES & ATTRACTIONS

BATTLESHIP NORTH CAROLINA (💰)

Tread the decks of an authentically restored WWII battleship and behold her glory from the SECU Memorial Walkway.

- Nine ship levels to explore
- Memorializes approximately 11,000 North Carolinians who died during WWII
- Voted #2 Best North Carolina Attraction in *USA Today's* Readers' Choice Contest

📍 1 Battleship Rd. NE, 28401

☎ 910-399-9100 ▶ battleshipnc.com

BELLAMY MANSION MUSEUM OF HISTORY & DESIGN ARTS 🏠 (💰)

Tour this elaborate early 1800s mansion with its restored gardens and rare urban slave quarters.

- Self-guided tours; guided tours available
- Rotating exhibits, year-round calendar

📍 503 Market St., 28401

☎ 910-251-3700 ▶ bellamymansion.org

BRUNSWICK TOWN/FORT ANDERSON STATE HISTORIC SITE 🐾 (FREE) ♿

Explore what was the premier colonial port on the Cape Fear River before the Revolutionary War, the largest earthen fort on the river's west bank and one of the best-preserved in the U.S.

- Mosaic by artist Claude Howell
- ¾-mile, ADA-accessible riverside trail
- Museum shop, exhibits, picnic area
- 📍 8884 St. Philip's Rd. SE Winnabow, 28479
- ☎ 910-371-6613
- ▶ historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/Brunswick-town-fort-anderson

BURGWIN-WRIGHT HOUSE & GARDENS 🏠 (💰)

Tour this superb example of Georgian architecture (c.1770). Four colonial structures on the property include the 1744 city jail.

- Guided tours of the fully furnished house
- Self-guided tours of seven colonial-revival gardens.

📍 224 Market St., 28401

☎ 910-762-0570

▶ burgwinwrighthouse.com

CAPE FEAR HISTORIC BYWAY (FREE)

Hit the open road on this scenic route that covers Wilmington's key urban landscapes.

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▶ scenicbyways.info/byway/73108.html

CAPE FEAR MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND SCIENCE

See page 49 for a full description.

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HANNAH BLOCK HISTORIC USO/ COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER (FREE)

Explore the 1943 USO's WWII lobby museum, and check out the 2nd Street Stage, the Community Arts Center and Gallery.

- Theatrical productions, summer classes & summer art camps
- 📍 120 S 2nd St., 28401 📞 910-341-7860
- ▶ wilmingtoncommunityarts.org

HISTORIC DISTRICT, DOWNTOWN WILMINGTON

Immerse yourself in the heritage of downtown Wilmington through stately historical homes, beautiful churches and inspiring museums.

- 230-block National Register Historic District

- Official Guide Map available from the Wilmington and Beaches Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Guided and self-guided tours available via carriage rides, trolley tours and more

📞 866-534-0845

▶ WilmingtonAndBeaches.com

LATIMER HOUSE MUSEUM

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- Archives & library
- 📍 126 S. 3rd St., 28401
- 📞 910-606-4343
- ▶ latimerhouse.org

MOORES CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD (FREE)

Walk the site of the first Patriot victory of the American Revolution. Stroll past cannons and militia earthworks.

- Visitor's Center & Gift Shop
- Walking trails
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Within the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor of the National Park Service, this former peanut and sweet potato plantation testifies to the skills and labor of enslaved workers.

- Guided and self-guided tours
- Barnyard animals, picnic area, seasonal farmers market
- Pet-friendly Abbey Nature Preserve

📍 10200 U.S. Hwy. 17 N., 28411

☎ 910-398-5673

▶ poplargoove.org

THALIAN HALL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

See page 55 for a full description.

WWII HERITAGE

Honor the vital home-front role Southeast North Carolina played during World War II. Download a free WWII Heritage Guide Map with 47 sites in Wilmington (bottom of homepage). Wilmington is designated a World War II Heritage City.

▶ WilmingtonNC.gov/WWII

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Commemorate the importance of African American heritage and culture in Wilmington by visiting these memorials and historic markers. Download the guide map and heritage guide here: wilmingtonnc.gov/home/showdocument?id=16



OAKDALE CEMETERY

1898 MEMORIAL PARK **FREE**

This park honors the memory of those who courageously stood against racial inequality during the riots of 1898. The Memorial serves as a symbol of social progress and harmony.

📍 *Corner of North Third & Davis Streets*

A graphic advertisement for the Cameron Art Museum. It features four rows of large, stylized letters: 'ART', 'CAFÉ', 'LEARN', and 'SHOP'. Each letter is filled with various colorful images related to art and culture. Below the letters, the text reads 'A Cultural Gathering Place' and the museum's name 'CAM' with its address and phone number: 'Cameron Art Museum.org', '3201 S 17th Street • Wilmington, NC 28412', and '(910) 395-5999'.



CAMERON ART MUSEUM

ORANGE STREET LANDING ON CAPE FEAR (FREE)

A historical marker commemorates 22 brave African American slaves who escaped in 1862 on 3 docked boats, floated down the Cape Fear River and met Union forces near Fort Caswell. The men immediately joined the U.S. Navy to fight for equality. The site is part of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

📍 *Downtown Wilmington, on the Riverwalk at the foot of Orange Street*

U.S. COLORED TROOPS HIGHWAY MARKER (USCT) (FREE)

Pay homage at Wilmington National Cemetery - the largest USCT burial ground in North Carolina - and visit the marker that honors the U.S. Colored Troops who participated in the 1865 Civil War battle to capture Fort Fisher.

📍 *2011 Market St. between 20th & 21st*

WILMINGTON HISTORY TOURS (S)

Download the free Wilmington History app, then purchase the full African

American History Tour through the app for a self-guided stroll through nearly three centuries of African American history. ▶ wilmingtonhistory.com/apptours

WILMINGTONCOLOR HERITAGE TOUR (S)

This 90-minute downtown shuttle tour shares the history of Wilmington's 1898 insurrection and stories of African American achievements and legacy. Advanced booking required.

📍 *1018 N 3rd St., 28401*

▶ wilmingtonNColor.com

USCT PARK (FREE) ♿

Visit USCT Park within the historic Forks Road Civil War Site on the grounds of Cameron Art Museum to see *Boundless*, a public bronze sculpture commemorating the United States Colored Troops who fought in the Civil War.

📍 *3201 S. 17th St., 28412*

☎ *910-395-5999*


MUSEUMS

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 814 Market St., 28401

 910-798-4370  capefearmuseum.com

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 116 Orange St., 28401

 910-254-3534  playwilmington.org



THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF WILMINGTON

HISTORIC HOMES MUSEUMS

For full descriptions for Bellamy Mansion Museum, Burgwin-Wright House and Latimer House Museum, see pages 45-46.

MUSEUM OF THE BIZARRE

From the Crystal Skull of Knowledge to Houdini's Ouija Board, explore the wild and weird at Wilmington's only curiosities museum.

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 201 S. Water St., 28401

 910-399-2641  museumbizarre.com



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- 25+ operating scale model trains

 **505 Nutt St., 28401**

 **910-763-2634** ▶ wrrm.org

FAMILY FRIENDLY ATTRACTIONS

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF WILMINGTON

See page 49 for a full description.

DEFY WILMINGTON

Reach new heights within a wall-to-wall, cutting-edge trampoline sports park.

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 **6431 Market St., 28405**

 **910-444-1002**

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Jump into fun at this state-of-the-art indoor trampoline park that includes a dodgeball court, aerial silks, a trapeze, 5 foam pits, full ninja course, kids' course and arcade.

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 **830 Inspiration Dr., 28405**

 **910-679-5050** ▶ flipnfly.com

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Choose from five scenarios: Kidnapped, Alien Escape, Jurassic Labs, Attic, Brewery Heist. Try to solve the mystery and break free in 60 minutes. Great for kids age 8+.

- All rooms are wheelchair accessible
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 **130 N. Front St., #202., 28401**

 **910-833-5522**

▶ greenlightescape.com

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 **5320 Oleander Dr., 28403**

 **910-791-0666**

▶ junglerapids.com

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Includes a skate bowl and street features such as railings and steps. Skateboards and BMX freestyle bikes welcome. Helmets and pads required. Open 8 a.m. to sunset.

 **615 Ogden Park Dr., 28411**

▶ parks.nhcgov.com

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 **7201 Ogden Business Ln., 28411**

 **910-686-1987**

▶ polaricewilmington.com

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 **5811 Carolina Beach Rd., 28412**

 **910-392-3604**

▶ tregemboanimalpark.com

WILMINGTON RAILROAD MUSEUM

See above left for a full description.

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- ▶ doug.lewis@wilmingtonnc.gov
- ▶ wilmingtonnc.gov/visitors/riverwalk
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- 📍 **10 Harnett St., 28401**
- ☎ **910-251-6151**

TOURS & CRUISES

Take a guided walking tour or a horse-drawn carriage ride through historic downtown Wilmington. Get on board a narrated riverboat or catamaran cruise or hop on a pedal-pub boat. Call the Wilmington and Beaches Visitors Center at **866-534-0845** or visit WilmingtonAndBeaches.com for information on tours and cruises.

BREWBOAT WILMINGTON (S) ♿

BrewBoat Wilmington is a one-of-a-kind BYOB cruise on the Cape Fear River.

- Accommodates up to 15 passengers
- 📍 **Docked by Port City Marina, 10 Harnett St., 28401**
- ☎ **910-239-7703** ▶ brewboatnc.com

BREWERY & DISTILLERY TOURS

More than 15 breweries operate in Wilmington and our island beaches, and many offer tours. Or discover the nuances of grain-to-glass distilling on a tour of End of Days Distillery.

- ▶ wilmingtonandbeaches.com/restaurants/drinks/wilmington-ale-trail
- ▶ eoddistillery.com

CAPE FEAR RIVERBOATS (S) ♿

Enjoy historically narrated sightseeing tours or scenic sunset cruises. Canopy covered, open air or a fully enclosed, climate-controlled deck allow for all weather trips.

- Nature tours & private charters available
- Bar and light snacks available on board
- 📍 **Departs from Dock & Water Streets**
- ☎ **910-613-9822**
- ▶ capefearriverboats.com

"DAWSON'S CREEK" / "ONE TREE HILL" SELF-GUIDED TOURS

Satisfy your inner fandom with a self-guided tour of filming locations for these two popular series.

- ▶ WilmingtonAndBeaches.com/one-tree-hill
- ▶ WilmingtonAndBeaches.com/dawsons-creek



EZ ELECTRIC BIKE RENTALS (€)

This one-stop shop for all-electric vehicle rentals offers electric bikes and mobility electric wheelchair scooters in the heart of historic downtown. Guided tours are available; book a one-hour Sunset Tour or the two-hour Tour de Wilmington.

📍 200 Market Street, Unit 120, 28401

☎ 910-474-0003

▶ ezelectricbikerentals.com

FILM & TV TOURS

Lights! Camera! Action! Wilmington has been nicknamed "Hollywood East" and "Wilmywood" as more than 400 television and movie productions have filmed here since 1983. Discover filming sites and tours at the link below.

▶ WilmingtonAndBeaches.com/hollywood-east

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🐾 (€) ♿

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▶ hauntedwilmington.com

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HISTORIC TOURS

Explore times past in Wilmington. Tour the Bellamy Mansion, Burgwin-Wright House and the Latimer House Museum (see pages 45-46 for full descriptions) for a glimpse into life from the 1700s through the Victorian age. Take one of Tour Old Wilmington's daily walks. Climb into a horse-drawn carriage to ride through the historic district with a costumed narrator. Download Wilmington History Tours' mobile app and choose a self-guided tour. Or download a World War II Heritage Guide Map from WilmingtonAndBeaches.com/wilmington-history.

- ▶ touroldwilmington.blogspot.com
- ▶ wilmingtonNColor.com
- ▶ wilmingtonhistory.com/apptours
- ▶ wilmingtontruehistory.com
- ▶ Wilmington-tours.com

HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE & TROLLEY TOURS (S)

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FILM & TV TOURS

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For tours not listed here, including culinary, theater and more, please visit:

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or scan the QR code.





TASTE CAROLINA GOURMET FOOD TOURS (S)

Explore the flavors of historic Wilmington. Sample an assortment of restaurants, meet the city's best chefs and learn why the city is a foodie's dream.

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▶ tastecarolina.net/wilmington

WILMINGTON WATER TOURS (S) &

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- Themed cruises and private charters available
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📍 *On the Riverwalk Between Orange & Ann Streets*

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▶ wilmingtonwatertours.net

WILMINGTON RIVERWALK

See page 50 for full description. This is a self-guided tour.

ARTS, THEATRE & MUSIC

Experience Wilmington's arts and culture through performances, exhibits, music and theater. Find live performances in

music, opera, theater and dance online at WilmingtonAndBeaches.com.

BROOKLYN ARTS CENTER + THE ANNEX (P) (S) &

Experience this beautifully restored church and brick schoolhouse turned venue.

- Hosts national concert tours
- 📍 516 N. 4th St., 28401
- ☎ 910-859-4615 ▶ brooklynartsnc.com

CAMERON ART MUSEUM

See page 49 for a full description.

BIG DAWG PRODUCTIONS (P) (S) &

See entertaining, thoughtful and socially responsible theater.

- Ruth and Bucky Stein Studio Theater at Historic Thalian Hall
- Call the Thalian Hall Box Office at 910-632-2285 for tickets
- 📍 310 Chestnut St., 28401
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- ▶ bigdawgproductions.org

DEAD CROW COMEDY ROOM (P) (S) &

Laugh it up at weekly shows and special events - Improv and Open Mic Nights.

- Hosts annual Cape Fear Comedy Festival
- Beverages available; food trucks hosted regularly
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- Tickets available online
- Most shows are general admission
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- Hosts 30+ concerts per year
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📍 10A Cowan St., 28401

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📍 703 N. 3rd St., 28401

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GALLERIES

Prepare to be spellbound at the creativity on display during Fourth Friday Gallery Nights, where you can see anything from oil on canvas to 3-D art and sculptures. National and regional pieces are displayed in local businesses and several art galleries including Acme Art Studios, ACES Gallery, Art in Bloom, Gallery Citrine, Eclipse Artisan Boutique, New Elements Gallery, Port City Pottery & Fine Crafts, The Bryand Gallery and The Gallery of Fine Art, just to name a few.

ARTS & CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

To learn more about specific arts and cultural organizations, contact the Wilmington and Beaches Convention & Visitors Bureau at **866-534-0845** or **910-341-4030** or visit the Arts Council of Wilmington and New Hanover County at artscouncilofwilmington.org.

COLLEGIATE

CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE (CFCC)

CFCC is home to The Wilson Center and hosts several events and activities.

📍 411 N. Front St., 28401

☎ 910-362-7000

▶ cfcc.edu

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON (UNCW)

UNCW offers activities, events, sites and venues that support its ranking among the Top 100 Public National Universities.

Campus Tours/Admissions: **910-962-3243**, uncw.edu/admissions

📍 601 S. College Rd., 28403

☎ 910-962-3000

▶ uncw.edu



THALIAN HALL



NEW HANOVER COUNTY ARBORETUM

PARKS, GARDENS & OUTDOOR FUN

Connect with nature in Wilmington's many parks and gardens. Rent a bike from Bike Cycles Shop or Shore Break Bikes and enjoy a ride on miles of trails from downtown Wilmington to Wrightsville Beach.

- crosscitytrail.com
- wmpo.org/maps
- capefearcyclists.org

Discover Wilmington and the beaches' nine sites on the NC Birding Trail. Visit ncbirdingtrail.org for a complete list of birding trail sites in New Hanover County. Public boat ramps and docking facilities are available. For downtown Wilmington docking information: wilmingtonnc.gov/departments/parks-recreation/docking.

AIRLIE GARDENS

Walk 67 acres of paths and trails and see the nearly 500-year-old Airlie Oak.

- Butterfly house: open May-Oct; weather dependent
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 300 Airlie Rd., 28403

 910-798-7700 ▶ airliedgardens.org

BLUETHENTHAL WILDFLOWER PRESERVE

This 10-acre forest in the center of the University of North Carolina Wilmington's campus is home to many species of plants and animals, including the carnivorous plants native to the area.

- Stay on the designated trails
- No biking, fishing or swimming

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- Dogs not allowed

 6150 Rock Creek Rd., Leland, NC 28451

 910-962-3107

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GREENFIELD PARK

Breathe easy in this 190-acre city park with a lake, cypress swamp, 20 acres of gardens, skatepark and nearly 5-miles of walking/ biking trails.

- Canoe, kayak and paddleboat rentals

 302 Willard St., 28401

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HALYBURTON PARK 🐾 (FREE) ♿

Escape to a 58-acre nature preserve with 1.3-miles of biking/walking trails, picnic shelters, playgrounds and nature center.

- 📍 4099 S. 17th St., 28412
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LONG LEAF PARK 🐾 (FREE) ♿

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- ☎ 910-798-7275 ▶ parks.nhcgov.com

THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY ARBORETUM 🐾 (FREE) ♿

Relax in the contemplation garden, experience a Japanese tea house and koi pond.

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- ▶ parks.nhcgov.com

OGDEN PARK 🐾 (FREE) ♿

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- ▶ wilmington.gov/departments/parks-recreation/athletics/olsen-park

RIVERFRONT PARK & LIVE OAK BANK PAVILION 🐾 ♿

Includes gardens, play space, Riverwalk access and the Live Oak Bank Pavilion amphitheater.

- 📍 10 Cowan St., 28401
- ▶ livenation.com/venue/KovZ917A0DZ/live-oak-bank-pavilion-events
- ▶ wilmingtonrecreation.com

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- ▶ coastallandtrust.org/lands/rehdergarden



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OGDEN SKATE PARK

VETERANS PARK 🐾 (FREE) ♿

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 - TripAdvisor Review (Scratch Player, Charlotte, NC)

"During our trip, our entire group was treated tremendously by the staff at all times. The convenience of the guest suites being located directly on the course was outstanding. You can literally roll out of bed, take a few steps to the pro shop and restaurant, eat a delicious breakfast and walk right over to the first tee box. We have taken so many group trips in years past in which we had to drive all over the place to reach courses so this was a nice change. The golf course was challenging, but fair, and in immaculate condition... not to mention beautiful. You cannot beat the value of Beau Rivage golf packages."

 - TripAdvisor Review (Avid Golf Traveler, Raleigh, NC)





CAMPING

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SPORTS

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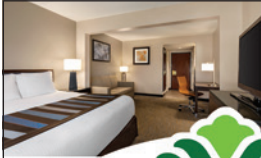
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ACCOMMODATIONS

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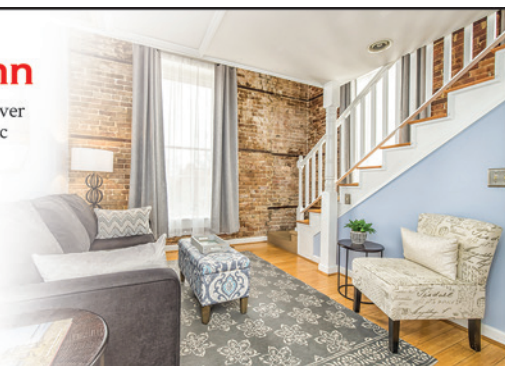
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Some of the South's hottest beach music bands grace our shores during the annual Carolina Beach Music Festival, one of the country's longest-running beach music festivals held right on the shore. Every summer, Fireworks by the Sea & Boardwalk Blast offers live entertainment, family-friendly activities and a spectacular fireworks show each Thursday - just because.

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Hounds Distilling, the island's first distillery, to sample the spirits and take some home with you. Later, experience the vibrant nightlife at a tiki bar or seaside café.

For outdoor fun, hike Carolina Beach State Park to discover the native Venus flytrap or bike the Island Greenway. Hang ten with a surfing lesson from the pros at a local surf school. Navigate the coastal waters on rented paddleboards or book a guided kayak tour. As the day ends, meet up with friends for a drink in an outdoor beer garden and a game at Trinity Disc Golf Course behind Good Hops Brewing.

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• THINGS TO DO

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JOSEPH RYDER LEWIS JR. PARK

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Stroll along the trails in this 10-acre park that played an important role in the end of the Civil War. The park's restored Civil War earthworks provided backup defense in the event Fort Fisher were to fall.

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- ☎ 910-409-6687
- ▶ a1propertyman.com/vacation-rentals

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📍 203 N. 8th St., 28428
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 ▶ bryantre.com/vacation-rentals

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 ☎ 910-458-4028
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📍 1009 N. Lake Park Blvd., Ste. B3, 28428
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 ▶ carolinabeachrealty.net

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📍 1025 N. Lake Park Blvd., 28428
 ☎ 910-256-3780 ▶ intracoastalrealty.com

ITRIP VACATIONS NC BEACHES

📍 8200 River Rd., Wilmington, 28412
 ☎ 888-457-1830 ▶ itrip.net/nhc

NETWORK REAL ESTATE

📍 1029 N. Lake Park Blvd., #1, 28428
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 ▶ networkvacationrentals.com

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📍 1009 N. Lake Park Blvd., 28428
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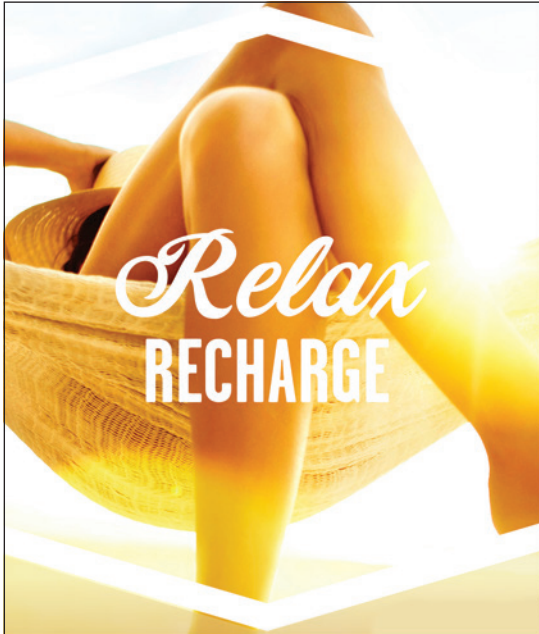
SEA COAST RENTALS

📍 1018 N. Lake Park Blvd., Ste. 102, 28428
 ☎ 910-458-9073 ▶ seacoastrentals.com

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📍 206 Fayetteville Ave., 28428
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Recreate childhood memories on miles of unspoiled beach amidst loads of small-town charm, big-time attractions, local events, retro motels with modern amenities and outdoor activities. It's easy to see why TripSavvy.com named Kure Beach one of the best beach vacations in the Southeast.

Reel in the big one at the Kure Beach Fishing Pier, one of the oldest piers on the East Coast. At Fort Fisher State Recreation Area, soak up some sun on six miles of protected shoreline or hike maritime forest trails.

Tap into your sense of wonder at the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher. Meet the aquarium's residents including an albino alligator, sharks, stingrays, sea turtles and a family of Asian small-clawed otters. You'll see why Travel Channel ranked it one of the best in the country.

Tour the largest earthen fort in the South at Fort Fisher State Historic Site,

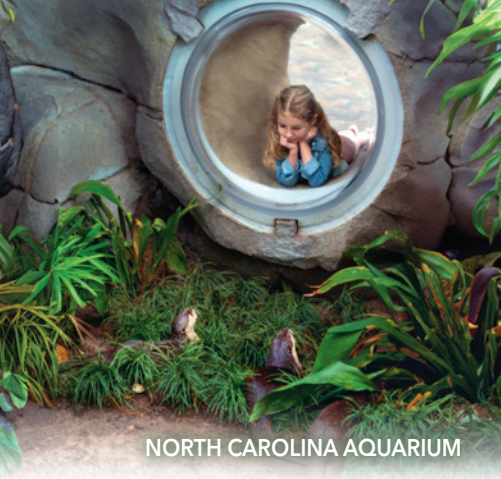
where the largest land-sea battle of the Civil War occurred. Dive North Carolina's first heritage dive site and shipwreck, the Civil War Blockade Runner *The Condor*. Or paddle along the area's naturally beautiful waterways and marshes before reaching Zeke's Island Reserve, a protected shorebird habitat only accessible by water.

Free family-friendly Boogie in the Park concerts, Storytime by the Sea, Turtle Talks and other events are on the schedule at Ocean Front Park. Joe Eakes Park is home to baseball, volleyball, tennis and basketball courts, plus an 18-hole disc golf course and dog park.

From thick, juicy burgers at beachside walk-ups to classic diner fare to Italian or Caribbean seafood, our small beach town has big flavors.

Tap into childlike wonder in nature's playground, Kure Beach.





NORTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM



FORT FISHER STATE HISTORIC SITE

Things to Do

IN KURE BEACH

PARKS, NATURE & HISTORIC SITES

FORT FISHER STATE

HISTORIC SITE (FREE)

Experience living history at the South's largest earthen fort and site of the largest land-sea battle of the Civil War. Donations are welcome.

- Occasional guided tour (fees apply)
- 📍 1610 Fort Fisher Blvd. S., 28449
- ☎ 910-251-7340
- ▶ historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/fort-fisher

FORT FISHER STATE

RECREATION AREA (FREE)

Roam six miles of undeveloped beach and secluded maritime forest. A public beach access provides a protected swimming area, seasonal lifeguards, picnic area, visitors center.

- Four-wheel drive access by permit only
- 📍 1000 Loggerhead Rd., 28449
- ☎ 910-458-5798
- ▶ ncparks.gov/fort-fisher-state-recreation-area

JOE EAKES PARK (FREE)

Joe Eakes Park includes tennis, basketball and pickleball courts, baseball field, 18-hole disc golf course, playground, dog park, bicycle repair station and shaded picnic area.

- 📍 Corner of 7th Ave. and K Ave., 28449
- ☎ 910-458-8216 ▶ townofkurebeach.org/recreation/joe-eakes-park

KURE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER

Plan your next big event at the Community Center, which includes a kitchen, small meeting room, main hall and restrooms.

- 📍 118 N. Third Ave., 28449
- ☎ 910-458-8216
- ▶ townofkurebeach.org/recreation/community-center

OCEAN FRONT PARK & PAVILION (FREE)

Dance seaside at the Boogie in the Park summer concert series or search for gifts

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at seasonal open-air markets. Ocean Front Park features a pavilion with a stage for concerts and events, restrooms, a play area and swings.

📍 105 Atlantic Ave., 28449

☎ 910-458-8216

▶ townofkurebeach.org/recreation/ocean-front-park-and-pavilion

ZEKE'S ISLAND RESERVE 🐾 FREE

Visit this unspoiled natural reserve of marshes and tidal flats with shorebirds, mammals and loggerhead sea turtles.

- Primarily accessed by personal watercraft
- Third party kayak tours available

▶ nccoastalreserve.net

NORTH CAROLINA BIRDING TRAIL

Find a new favorite pastime at Kure Beach's four North Carolina Birding Trail sites. For Birding Trail information: ncbirdingtrail.org. For more information: nc.audubon.org.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

FORT FISHER STATE HISTORIC SITE

(For full description, see page 78)

HI-TECH ARCADE 🎮 💰

Test your skills and see who can earn the biggest prize. Games include basketball, ice-ball, ticket time, smokin' token, others.

📍 111 K Ave., 28449 ☎ 910-458-6801

NORTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM AT FORT FISHER 🐠 🐡 🐠 🦎

Come face-to-face with an albino alligator and sea turtles. Watch sharks, rays and eels swim. Meet Asian small-clawed otters in the "Otters on the Edge" habitat.

- Adventure Reef & Nature Play areas
- Purchase advance tickets online

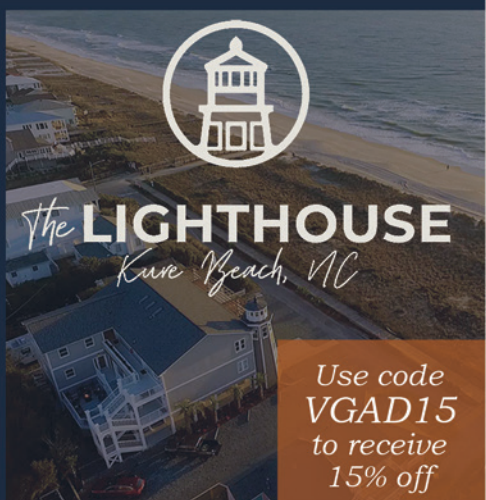
📍 900 Loggerhead Rd., 28449

☎ 910-772-0500

▶ ncaquariums.com/fort-fisher

910-444-4734

kurelighthouseinn.com



Kure Beach's Premiere Boutique Hotel



BOATING & FISHING

Embark from the Federal Point boat ramp. Rent canoes, kayaks, skiffs, outboards and personal watercraft from local outfitters. Carolina Beach Fishing Center and Marina offers half-day and deep-sea fishing charters and cruise boats.

KURE BEACH FISHING PIER

Bait your hook or stroll along the 711-foot wooden pier which has more than 1 million visitors annually. Includes seasonal tackle shop, arcade and souvenirs.

- Oldest privately owned fishing pier on the East Coast
- Free to walk, seasonal fishing fees

 **K Avenue, 28449**

 **910-458-5524**

NORTH CAROLINA FERRY AT FORT FISHER/SOUTHPORT

Cross the Cape Fear River on this 30-minute voyage aboard the Fort Fisher-Southport Ferry. The N.C. Ferry Service shuttles vehicles and passengers daily.

 **2422 S. Fort Fisher Blvd., 28449**

 **800-293-3779** ▶ ncferry.org

SPORTS & WATER ACTIVITIES

BIKE

Try a self-guided tour through Kure Beach. For cycling information, visit capefearcyclists.org, or find rentals at VisitKureBeachNC.com.

DIVE

Explore *The Condor*, North Carolina's first heritage dive site, as well as nearby shipwrecks, reefs and ledges along Kure Beach. Local dive shops provide instruction, charters, certification and

equipment rentals. Info available at VisitKureBeachNC.com.

KAYAK/SURF

Join a kayak tour of Zeke's Island/Ft. Fisher Basin, launching from the Federal Point Wildlife Access Ramp and guided by the pros at Kayak Carolina. Or put your board in the water and ride the waves.

RESTAURANTS

Local favorites include thick juicy burgers, catch-of-the-day and home-style cooking.

▶ VisitKureBeachNC.com/restaurants



- Oceanfront rooms, efficiencies, suites & interconnecting rooms
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Reservations:
866-7SeasInn (866-773-2746)

130 N. Fort Fisher Blvd.
P.O. Box 104
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www.sevenseasinn.com



Kure Beach

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ADMIRAL'S QUARTERS MOTEL

- 📍 129 Fort Fisher Blvd. S., 28449
- ☎ 910-458-5050
- ▶ admiralsquartersmotel.com

BLUE MARLIN BEACH VACATION LODGING

- 📍 309 N. Fort Fisher Blvd., 28449
- ☎ 910-458-5752 ▶ blue-marlin.com

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- 📍 122 Fort Fisher Blvd. N., 28449
- ☎ 910-458-1153 ▶ bythepiermotel.com

KURE LIGHTHOUSE INN

- 📍 329 Atlantic Ave., 28449
- ☎ 910-444-4734 ▶ kurelighthouseinn.com

MORAN MOTEL

- 📍 118 Fort Fisher Blvd. S., 28449
- ☎ 910-458-5395 ▶ moranmotel.com

SEVEN SEAS INN

- 📍 130 Fort Fisher Blvd. N., 28449
- ☎ 910-458-8122
- ▶ sevenseasinnkurebeach.com

SOUTH WIND MOTEL

- 📍 109 Fort Fisher Dr. S., 28449
- ☎ 910-458-8573 ▶ southwindmotel.com

THE SAND DUNES MOTEL

- 📍 133 Fort Fisher Blvd. S., 28449
- ☎ 910-458-4500 ▶ thesanddunes.com

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- 📍 1018 N. Lake Park Blvd., Ste. 102, CB, 28428
- ☎ 910-458-9073 ▶ seacoastrentals.com

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- 📍 232 Causeway Dr., WB, 28480
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- ▶ seascapevacationhomes.com

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Wrightsville Beach

EXPECT MORE

Crystal blue waters, sea oats and sand dunes, and a vibrant community have earned it accolades from *Travel + Leisure*, which named it one of the 25 best beaches in the U.S.

This is the perfect place to discover elevated island experiences fueled by active adventures. Explore uninhabited islands on an eco-tour or enjoy an epic excursion to one with dinner catered by celebrated local chefs. Go on a scenic sunset cruise or search for pirate treasure on a family-friendly adventure. Reserve time with one of the pros offering sailing and surfing lessons or SCUBA dive historic shipwrecks. *Coastal Living* lists Wrightsville Beach as one of the best little surf towns in America for its surfing competitions, camps and beginner-friendly surf. The island also hosts stand-up paddleboard events and is home to the Carolina Cup, one of the top SUP events in the world.

On land, walk or run The Loop, a scenic 2.5-mile paved path around the island. Stroll through Harbor Way Gardens surrounded by native flowers. Or join

a yoga class offered seasonally on the Crystal Pier. Nearby, 67-acre Airlie Gardens is one of the premier gardens in the South.

Indulge in quality shopping at chic beach boutiques, surf shops and nearby open-air shopping villages. Or, stop by the Wrightsville Beach Museum of History to explore over 100 years of island stories.

Dine on catch-to-table specials paired with seasonal live music waterfront. Admire the views as you sip surf-inspired cocktails on a pier or craft beer from a local brewpub. Couple the momentum of the day's activities with the vibrant nightlife.

Walkable Wrightsville Beach also offers upscale resorts featuring surf-to-sound adventures and full-service hotels and vacation rentals just steps from the beach.

This isn't just another expected beach vacation. Make your next getaway at Wrightsville Beach and discover what it means to beach better.

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Things to Do

IN WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH



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MUSEUMS & ATTRACTIONS

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH MUSEUM OF HISTORY (LIMITED)

Glimpse Wrightsville Beach’s past through exhibits housed in the historic Myers Cottage (c. 1909) and Bordeaux Cottage (c. 1924), designed to reflect beach cottage life in the early 1900s through the 1970s.

- Children’s programs (Summer)
- 📍 **303 & 307 W. Salisbury St., 28480**
- ☎ **910-239-9219**
- ▶ wbmuseumofhistory.com

PARKS, GARDENS & RECREATION

BIRD WATCHING

Witness nature’s glory as you search for willets, least terns, black skimmers and more from North Carolina Birding Trail sites: Mason Inlet Waterbird Management Area and Masonboro Island National Estuarine Research Reserve. For birding sites and tours, visit wrightsvillebeachscenictours.com or VisitWrightsvilleBeachNC.com

HARBOR WAY GARDENS (FREE)

On the west end of Wrightsville Beach Park, this one-acre garden is an oasis and a quiet place to reflect and enjoy native plants and flowers. Harbor Way Gardens is also the only public garden in North Carolina to have Witherspoon Roses thanks to a generous donation from an island resident.

- Children’s Fountain
- 📍 **321 Causeway Dr., 28480**
- ☎ **910-256-7925**
- ▶ townofwrightsvillebeach.com/475/Harbor-Way-Gardens

MASONBORO ISLAND

Wander wild nature trails and glimpse marine life and shore birds on the largest undisturbed barrier island on North Carolina’s southern coast. Part of the North

Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve, the island is accessible by boat only. Daily boat tours are offered by third parties. For outfitter excursions, go to VisitWrightsvilleBeachNC.com.

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH PARKS & RECREATION (FREE)

Relax, work out, sit, play or run at Wrightsville Beach Park, a 13-acre public complex that includes an event stage, tennis, pickleball and basketball courts, softball, football and soccer fields, fitness equipment, picnic shelters, a 2.5-mile fitness trail and an inclusive playground with wheelchair swing.

- Contact Parks and Recreation for access to wheelchair swing
- 📍 **1 Bob Sawyer Dr., 28480**
- ☎ **910-256-7925**
- ▶ townofwrightsvillebeach.com

TOURS & CRUISES

Leave the shore behind as you spend a day on a paddleboard, sailboat, kayak, powerboat, charter boat or personal watercraft. Sailing lessons are available, from beginner to advanced. Numerous dry docks, marinas, boat ramps and service centers exist to serve recreational boating. For more information, go to VisitWrightsvilleBeachNC.com.

EPIC EXCURSIONS

Island hop to the amazing uninhabited islands surrounding Wrightsville Beach. Soak up the area’s natural beauty on a sunset cruise or enjoy a private dinner on one of the beautiful islands. Glide through the serene salt marshes on a paddleboarding tour or spend an evening “glamping” on an uninhabited island as the ocean lulls you to sleep.

- ☎ **910-239-9248**
- ▶ epicexcursionsnc.com

• THINGS TO DO

FEEL GOOD FISHING CHARTERS & ADVENTURES (S)

Reel in the big one on a deep-sea charter, net your own dinner on a family explorer day or book a sunset cruise. Feel Good has it all.

- 📍 109 Causeway Dr., 28480
- ☎ 910-431-7777
- ▶ feelgoodfishing.com

LA DEE DAH SUNSET CRUISES (S)

La Dee Dah Sunset Cruises provides an intimate sunset experience. Looking for a wonderful date? In search of that perfect backdrop for a special moment? Fun with friends? Food, drinks, sunsets and great memories are all waiting for you aboard the La Dee Dah!

- 📍 120 Short St., 28480
- ☎ 910-231-8455
- ▶ ladedahcruises.com

SOUNDSIDE ADVENTURES

(S) (♿ LIMITED)

Take the Masonboro Island Hopper Cruise, a sunset harbor cruise, a cocktail cruise and more, or fish in the inlet on the



Carolina Runner large pontoon. There are so many options. Learn to sail and surf with certified instructors, rent or take a guided tour on standup paddleboards or kayaks.

- 📍 275 Waynick Blvd., 28480
- ☎ 910-322-2503 ▶ soundside-wb.com

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH SCENIC TOURS & WATER TAXI (S) (♿) (🐾)

Every trip is a quest for fun aboard the *Shamrock*. Try a sunset cruise filled with dolphin sightings, take a family shuttle for a day on Masonboro Island, search for birds on an eco-tour, hook a record catch charter fishing or give the kids the thrill of adventure on the Pirate Island Treasure Hunt.

- Private parties, family and corporate events up to 18 people
- 📍 109 Causeway Dr., 28480
- ☎ 910-200-4002
- ▶ wrightsvillebeachscenictours.com

WRIGHTSVILLE PERFORMANCE SAILING (S)

Challenge yourself to learn a new skill or sit back and let the pros do the work. With a variety of cruises, charters and lessons available, you'll find several ways to take in the scenic views of Banks Channel, the Atlantic Ocean and Intracoastal Waterway.

- Sails by appointment only
- 📍 330 Causeway Dr., 28480
- ☎ 910-622-2503 ▶ WPsail.com





SPORTS & WATER ACTIVITIES

Wrightsville Beach is an ideal place to feel and stay healthy while on vacation with endless activities.

BIKE

Pedal from downtown Wilmington to Johnnie Mercers Pier along the 10-mile River to the Sea Bikeway. For leisurely rides, cyclists opt for the beach or several miles of paved paths. Bike rentals are available from Aussie Island Surf Shop.

- ▶ wmpo.org/maps
- ▶ capefearcyclists.org

DIVE

Take the plunge to uncover centuries-old shipwrecks in the waters along the Carolina coast. Outfitters such as Aquatic Safaris and WB Diving can get you suited up and in the water. For information, go to VisitWrightsvilleBeachNC.com.

KITEBOARD/KAYAK/SURF/SUP

When the wind is good, kiteboarders head out to the jetties at the south and north ends of the island. Learn how to surf or standup paddleboard (SUP) from local pro instructors in this top-rated surf town and SUP hub. Or rent a kayak to explore our waters. Outfitters that offer lessons and equipment include Aussie Island Surf Shop, Indo Jax Surf School, South End Surf Shop, WB

Surf Camp and Wrightsville SUP, or go to VisitWrightsvilleBeachNC.com.

WALK, JOG & RUN

Walk, jog or run The Loop - a 2.5-mile paved trail around the island - and take in sights of the inner island's waterways and marshes.

FISHING

Get hooked on fishing in Wrightsville Beach. From pier fishing, surf fishing and shell fishing, to trolling, inshore explorations and deep-sea outings, there's something to catch year-round. For fishing charters and guides, go to VisitWrightsvilleBeachNC.com.

CRYSTAL PIER (FREE)

Attached to the Oceanic Restaurant, the Crystal Pier features an area for free public access and fishing, as well as outdoor dining with live music on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons at Oceanic.

- 📍 703 S. Lumina Ave., 28480
- ☎ 910-256-5551
- ▶ oceanicrestaurant.com

JOHNNIE MERCERS PIER

This state-of-the-art, concrete pier extends 1,200 feet from the shore and offers a grill, a game area, bathrooms, a gift shop and a fully stocked tackle shop for all your beach and fishing needs.

- 📍 23 E. Salisbury St., 28480
- ☎ 910-256-2743
- ▶ johnniemercersfishingpier.com



Visit [WrightsvilleBeachNC.com/restaurants](https://www.VisitWrightsvilleBeachNC.com/restaurants) for a full list of local restaurants.

Wrightsville Beach is known for its cool hotspots and live music from dockside bars to an oceanfront pier. Or catch live concerts at the local park or nearby Airlie Gardens. Sip on a craft brew or watch the sunset on an evening harbor cruise. For nightlife listings, go to [WrightsvilleBeachNC.com](https://www.VisitWrightsvilleBeachNC.com).

RESTAURANTS & NIGHTLIFE

Taste sea- and farm-to-table while sampling the day's blackboard specials. Family-friendly eats include hot dogs with 1,000+ combinations possible, Baja Mexican, gourmet burgers and more. Dock and dine at the marina or eat oceanfront to enjoy Southern seafood favorites. Go to

SHOPPING

Known for upscale and wallet-friendly options, find everything from beach boutiques and surf shops to open-air pedestrian-friendly shopping villages nearby. For a complete list, go to [WrightsvilleBeachNC.com](https://www.VisitWrightsvilleBeachNC.com).

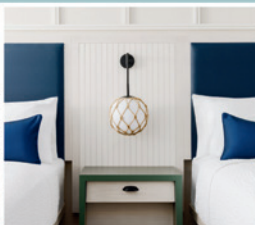


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Wrightsville Beach

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- 📍 275 Waynick Blvd., 28480
- ☎ 877-684-8009 ▶ blockade-runner.com

CAROLINA TEMPLE ISLAND INN

- 📍 550 Waynick Blvd., 28480
- ☎ 910-256-2773
- ▶ carolinatempleislandinn.com

HARBOR INN

- 📍 701 Causeway Dr., 28480
- ☎ 910-256-9402 ▶ harborinnwb.com

LUMINA ON WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH - A HOLIDAY INN RESORT

- 📍 1706 N. Lumina Ave., 28480
- ☎ 910-256-2231
- ▶ luminaresortwrightsville.com

SANDPEDDLER INN & SUITES

- 📍 15 Nathan St., 28480
- ☎ 910-256-2028 ▶ thesandpeddler.com

SHELL ISLAND RESORT

- 📍 2700 N. Lumina Ave., 28480
- ☎ 910-256-8696 ▶ shellisland.com

SILVER GULL MOTEL

- 📍 20 E. Salisbury St., 28480
- ☎ 910-256-3728 ▶ silvergullmotel.com

SUMMER SANDS SUITES

- 📍 104 S. Lumina Ave., 28480
- ☎ 910-256-4175 ▶ summersandswb.com

THE SURF SUITES

- 📍 711 S. Lumina Ave., 28480
- ☎ 910-256-2275 ▶ thesurfsuites.com

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- ▶ carolinaretreats.com

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- 📍 605 Causeway Dr., 28480
- ☎ 910-509-1915
- ▶ intracoastalrentals.com/wrightsville-beach-rentals

ONE SOUTH LUMINA SUITES

- 📍 1 S. Lumina Ave., 28480
- ☎ 910-256-9100
- ▶ onesouthluminasuites.com

SEA SCAPE PROPERTIES

- 📍 232 Causeway Dr., 28480
- ☎ 910-332-7284
- ▶ seascapevacationhomes.com

WRIGHTSVILLE SANDS REALTY

- 📍 530 Causeway Dr., Ste. 6, 28480
- ☎ 910-679-4082
- ▶ wrightsvillesands.com

Must Attend Events

Celebrate year-round at signature festivals and events in Wilmington or on our island beaches. For a complete calendar and event dates, call the **Wilmington and Beaches Convention & Visitors Bureau** at 866-534-0845 or visit our website, WilmingtonAndBeaches.com.

Know Before You Go

Visitors are advised to check event websites or social media pages to determine specific event dates.

Winter



- Enchanted Airlie (Nov.-Dec.)
- Christmas by the Sea (Nov.-Dec.)
- NC Holiday Flotilla & Day in the Park Festival (Nov.)
- Island of Lights Festival (Nov.-Dec.)
- Old Wilmington by Candlelight Tour (Dec.)
- Island of Lights Holiday Flotilla & New Year's Eve Celebration (Dec.)
- Battle of Fort Fisher Anniversary (Jan.)
- NC Jazz Festival (Jan.)
- Novant Health Wilmington, NC Marathon (Feb.)

Spring



- Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival (March)
- Cape Fear Craft & Cuisine (March)
- Feast Wilmington (March)
- Carolina Pro-Am SUP Surf (April)
- The Carolina Cup (April)
- North Carolina Azalea Festival/ Home & Garden Tours (April)
- Orange Street ArtsFest (May)
- Battleship NC Memorial Day Observance (May)
- Fireworks By the Sea & Boardwalk Blast (May-Labor Day)

Summer



- Boogie in the Park Concert Series (May-Oct.)
- Airlie Gardens Summer Concert Series (June-Sept.)
- Cape Fear Blue Marlin Tournament (June)
- Carolina Beach Music Festival (June)
- City of Wilmington July 4th Family Fireworks
- Pleasure Island July 4th Fireworks
- East Coast "Got-em-On" King Mackerel Tournament (July)
- Wahine Classic (Aug.)



Fall



- American Craft Walk (Sept.)
- Dragon Boat Regatta & Festival (Sept.)
- IRONMAN 70.3 North Carolina (Oct.)
- Lighthouse Beer & Wine Festival (Oct.)
- Pleasure Island Surf Fishing Challenge (Oct.)
- Riverfest (Oct.)
- Voracious & Rare Beer Festival (Oct.)
- Cape Fear Kite Festival (Nov.)
- Cucalorus Festival (Nov.)
- Taste of Wrightsville Beach (Nov.)

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