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Tours & Travel

## NORTH CAROLINA'S *Crystal Coast & Inner Banks*

### Sample Itinerary

#### Day 1 -

After arriving in New Bern, NC, check into your riverfront hotel and unwind with a relaxing Wine Reception on the waterfront with live guitarist and vocalist. In the evening, savor a delightful dinner at a unique local restaurant before settling in for the night.

#### Day 2 -

Start your day with a hearty breakfast each morning. Afterwards, embark on a fascinating trolley tour of historic downtown New Bern. Explore three centuries of history as you admire the city's charm. Spend time at the North Carolina History Center, then explore Tryon Palace, the first permanent capitol of North Carolina. After a day of history, relax with dinner at a local favorite before retiring to your hotel.

#### Day 3 -

After breakfast, check out and journey to Fort Macon State Park for a ranger-led tour of this pre-Civil War fortress. Continue to Beaufort for lunch and a guided bus tour through this charming coastal town, with time to explore local boutiques and the NC Maritime Museum. Check-in to your waterfront hotel in Beaufort and enjoy dinner at your leisure, with shuttle service provided to downtown Beaufort.

#### Day 4 -

Today's adventure takes you on a scenic ferry cruise to Shackleford Island, where you'll witness the wild ponies and pristine beaches of the Crystal Coast. Continue to Cape Lookout for a photo opportunity at the iconic lighthouse & shelling at Cape Point. Later, visit Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center before returning to your hotel for a relaxing evening.

#### Day 5 -

Enjoy a morning visit to the NC Aquarium, followed by a seafood lunch at an iconic location. Then, head to Wilmington for a tour of the Battleship North Carolina before checking into your beachside resort in Wrightsville Beach. Spend the evening at your leisure, exploring the local dining scene or enjoying the hotel's amenities.

#### Day 6 -

Take a docent-led tour of Airlie Gardens, famous for its beautiful blooms and gardens. Then, enjoy free time in Wilmington with a horse-drawn carriage ride and lunch in the beautiful riverfront town. In the afternoon, stop at Duplin Winery for a wine tasting before dinner at a local favorite. End the day with an overnight stay in Washington, NC.

#### Day 7 -

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel this morning before checking out and departing for home with a camera full of treasured memories.

Explore the rich history, charming towns, & beautiful coastlines of North Carolina on this 7-day adventure with stays at waterfront properties all along the way.

From the historic streets of New Bern, to the wild ponies of Shackleford Island, and the majestic blooms at Airlie Gardens, each day is filled with fascinating tours, delicious meals, and memorable experiences. Wrap up your tour with a visit to Wilmington and a relaxing stay on Wrightsville Beach.

Join us for a delightful exploration of North Carolina's coastal treasures!

### Highlights

- Historic Trolley Tour
- North Carolina History Center
- Tryon Palace
- Fort Macon State Park Ranger Tour
- Double Decker Bus Tour of Beaufort
- North Carolina Maritime Museum
- Shackleford Island Shelling & Lighthouse
- Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center
- North Carolina Aquarium
- Waterfront hotels
- All restaurants are locally-owned & operated, each unique & serving distinctive & enticing menus!

### Inclusions

- 6 nights' hotel accommodations
- Roundtrip baggage handling
- 4 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners
- Admissions and Guide Services
- Taxes & Hotel Fees

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