

The Outer Banks[®]

OF NORTH CAROLINA

AmericasFirstBeach.com

It's a straightforward claim. America's First Beach. In 1953, Cape Hatteras was named as our country's first National Seashore, setting aside recreational area and public access to a pristine coastal North Carolina wilderness, preserving natural beauty on a grand scale. Read between the lines, and what you really get is sanctuary from the daily drain on the senses. People have been drawn to our shores for hundreds of years. Explorers. Settlers. Pirates. And because it's a National Seashore, that means it's your beach.

America's First Beach

Be the First 2018 Bucket List

- **Wright Brothers - September 29, 2018 Grand Opening!** The National Memorial to the Birthplace of Flight near Kitty Hawk is getting a makeover. The archetype for Mission 66 architecture, the visitors center has been closed since 2016 for a restoration and upgrade to the public engagement with aviation history.
- **Climb the TALLEST lighthouse** - The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse is the most recognized coastal icon in the US. It's also the tallest brick lighthouse. One of three lighthouses you can check off your bucket list on the OBX this year!
- **Hang glide down the BIGGEST sand dune!** Jockey's Ridge State Park is the tallest sand dune on the East Coast. Fly like a Wright Brother down the giant 80 foot rolling hills of the "South's Sahara." For a North Carolina First experience, choose the replica 1902 Wright Glider to see what Orville and Wilbur experienced on the Outer Banks more than a century ago.



Highlights

- "Best Beaches 2017" - AARP
- "Top 10 Beaches in US" - Travel Channel
- "South's Best Island" - Southern Living
- "#1 Family Beach Vacation - US News
- "10 Amazing Adventures...Your Dog" - National Geographic
- "15 Best Mini-Honeymoons" - Time
- "18 Best Cities for Solo Travelers" - Travel + Leisure
- "20 Best Vacation Destinations" - Frommers



Cape Hatteras Oysters: A new marine farm is breeding boutique oysters for the high-end restaurant market. “Hatteras Salts” are one of the newest varieties of the few North Carolina farmed oysters. Come tour and taste the difference. Year round!



Hatteras Saltworks: Season your favorite food with a brand new boutique sea salt from Hatteras Saltworks, evaporated in a way that retains the minerals of the Gulf Stream and Labrador Currents off Cape Hatteras. Three flavors!



Outer Banks Distilling: North Carolina’s biggest producer of rum is new and growing on the Outer Banks. Kill Devil Rum is produced locally in several varieties. It joins the Lost Colony Brewery and Outer Banks Brewing Station for beverage fun.



Wings Over Water Wildlife Festival! October 16-21! The festival takes place in 6 national wildlife refuges. Did you know OBX has black bears and migratory fowl? Build your own itinerary of tours with biologists, bird watchers, photographers, kayaking.



15,000
Plates of Food

Outer Banks Seafood Festival! October 20! Meet commercial watermen, see the tools of their trade, including boats, crab pots and pound nets. Educational booths, live music, arts and crafts. Best of all, the chance to eat fresh, local seafood from a dozen local OBX restaurants!



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