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Autumn on North Carolina's Outer Banks

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$2,895 per guest/double • $3,474 per guest /single

Autumn by the Sea

As autumn paints the Carolinas in russet and gold, journey from the mountains to the coast for a serene five-day escape to Beaufort, gateway to the Southern Outer Banks. Here, maritime heritage, wild natural beauty, and Southern charm blend seamlessly. Unpack once at the award-winning Beaufort Hotel, set on ten peaceful acres overlooking Taylor's Creek, and explore the windswept shores, lighthouses, and barrier islands that define North Carolina's Crystal Coast.

From a visit to the pristine beaches of Ocracoke Island, rich with pirate lore, to the sight of wild horses grazing along the Rachel Carson Reserve, each day unfolds like a watercolor of coastal light and motion. Between adventures, indulge in the region's famed seafood, watch sunsets from the dock, and savor the easy rhythm of life by the water.

TOUR INCLUDES

- Local home pick-up service and luggage handling
- Fully escorted by Globe Treks tour manager
- All meals, attractions, guides, and activities
- Four nights at the Beaufort Hotel, rated by USA Today as "Best Boutique Hotel in America."
- Day trip to Ocracoke Island with golf cart tour
- NC Maritime Museum and Bonehenge Whale Center
- Guided double-decker bus tour of Historic Beaufort
- Visits to Harkers Island, Core Sound Waterfowl Museum, and Cape Lookout Lighthouse via shuttle truck
- Wildlife and dolphin cruise past the Rachel Carson Reserve
- Fresh, locally caught seafood at Beaufort's finest restaurants.
- Deluxe Globe Treks motorcoach transportation

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Beaufort and the Crystal Coast: **Day by Day**

Day 1 – Autumn's Tapestry: Arrival in Beaufort
A Globe Treks representative greets you at your door for a relaxing ride eastward. As the leaves turn golden in the foothills, settle back in our spacious motorcoach for a comfortable drive toward the coast. Enjoy a delicious lunch en route before arriving in Beaufort, the third-oldest town in North Carolina — a place where maritime history meets small-town grace. Check in for four nights at the Beaufort Hotel, a tranquil waterfront retreat on Taylor's Creek. Surrounded by tidal marshes and salt breezes, the hotel features bright, coastal-inspired rooms, wide porches, and sweeping water views. It's a peaceful haven with the feel of a private resort, yet just minutes from town. Tonight, gather for a welcome dinner at the hotel's acclaimed 34° North Restaurant, where each dish reflects the bounty of the sea and the spirit of the coast.

Life at the Beaufort Hotel
Set along the quiet waters of Taylor's Creek, the Beaufort Hotel is where coastal charm meets refined comfort. This boutique retreat evokes the elegance of the seafaring South — crisp white verandas, airy interiors, and the scent of salt and magnolia in the air. Enjoy leisurely morning coffee as shrimp boats drift by, or evenings watching the sunset turn the creek to gold. The hotel's centerpiece, 34° North Restaurant, is beloved for its locally sourced seafood and warm Southern hospitality. From its marsh-framed vistas to its award-winning design, the Beaufort Hotel offers an intimate sanctuary that captures the beauty and serenity of the Crystal Coast.

Day 2 – Exploring Beaufort's Charms
Awaken to the sounds of gulls and the scent of the tide, then enjoy a leisurely breakfast overlooking the water. Today, a double-decker bus tour led by a local historian reveals Beaufort's past — tales of sea captains, shipbuilders, and a town shaped by wind and waves. Later, step aboard a wildlife and dolphin cruise through the Rachel Carson Reserve, where wild horses roam the dunes and seabirds wheel overhead. Visit the North Carolina Maritime Museum, filled with shipwreck relics and treasures from Blackbeard's flagship Queen Anne's Revenge. The afternoon offers free time to explore Beaufort's charming shops and waterfront promenade before another delightful dinner at one of the town's favorite restaurants.

Day 3 – Harkers Island & Cape Lookout National Seashore
After breakfast, cross the sound to Harkers Island, a proud fishing community where traditions run deep. Explore the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center, celebrating the artistry of local decoy carvers and generations of watermen who've worked these waters. Following lunch, we continue to Cape Lookout National Seashore, traveling by small shuttle trucks across a landscape of dunes, tide pools, and shells. Marvel at the 163-foot Cape Lookout Lighthouse, its black-and-white diamond pattern gleaming above the sea. Enjoy time to stroll the beach and take in the pristine beauty of this protected shoreline. Before returning to Beaufort, visit the fascinating Bonehenge Whale Center, where marine biologists preserve and display the skeletons of North Carolina's great ocean mammals. This evening, enjoy another fine Beaufort restaurant for dinner by the water.

Day 4 – Ocracoke Island Adventure
An early start brings us to Ocracoke Island, a tranquil outpost rich with history and coastal character. A golf cart tour reveals its quiet lanes, centuries-old cottages, and stories of shipwrecks and privateers. Visit the Ocracoke Lighthouse, the oldest operating light in North Carolina, and pause at the British Cemetery, where sailors lost during World War II are honored. Return to Beaufort for a special farewell dinner at 34° North, savoring the best of coastal cuisine in the warm glow of evening.

Day 5 - Homeward Bound
After breakfast, we bid farewell to Beaufort and begin our return journey. Enjoy one last scenic glimpse of the salt marshes before stopping for lunch en route. By late afternoon, you'll arrive home — refreshed, inspired, and carrying the peaceful rhythm of the coast with you.

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