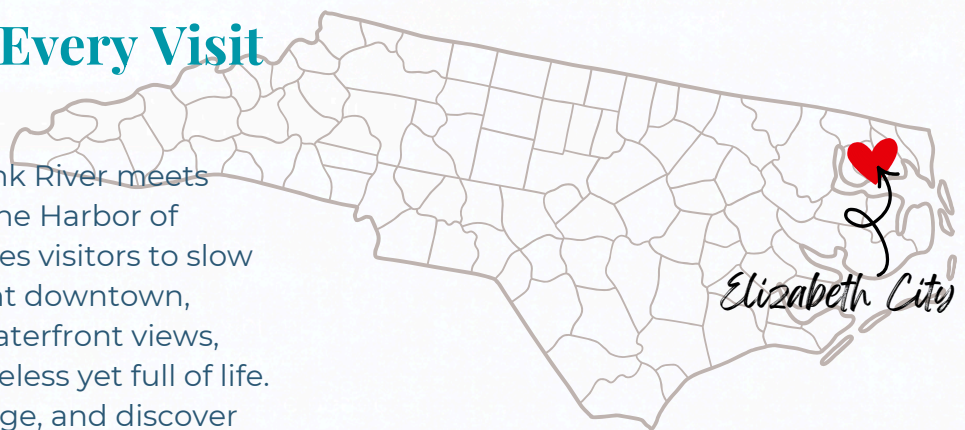




Elizabeth City: Where Every Visit Has a Story

Elizabeth City is where the Pasquotank River meets Southern hospitality. Also known as the Harbor of Hospitality, the town warmly welcomes visitors to slow down and feel at home. With a vibrant downtown, historic neighborhoods and scenic waterfront views, Elizabeth City is a place that feels timeless yet full of life. It's the perfect stop to explore, recharge, and discover something new.



A Hand-Written Welcome at the Harbor

Historic downtown overlooks the Pasquotank River, offering beautiful views, waterfront parks and the famous Rose Buddies who welcome boaters at the city's complimentary docks. Along the pristine waterfront is Marviners' Wharf Park that hub for concerts, festivals and outdoor gatherings throughout the year. With walkable streets, a lively downtown and easy access to the Intracoastal Waterway, Elizabeth City is the ideal destination for coastal Carolina experiences.



Hot Cocoa Capital of the World

Elizabeth City is also home to an annual Hot Cocoa Crawl, where local businesses and organizations come together to create innovative hot cocoa-themed creations and experiences during the holiday season. The Hot Cocoa Crawl always kicks off with the city's Grand Illumination, when downtown streets come alive with music, laughter and a dazzling display of holiday lights. All of December is packed with festive events like Santa Con, choir and theatrical productions, whimsical lighted boat parade and the beautiful lighted lantern parade that welcomes in the new year.



Outdoor Recreation

The Pasquotank River is nationally recognized for largemouth bass fishing, and Elizabeth City has welcomed the internationally known Bassmaster Elite series for two years in a row with plans to host Major League Fishing Bass Pro Tour in August 2027. Elizabeth City is also an ideal home base for exploring the Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center and Dismal Swamp State Park. Located within the College of the Albemarle, the Fenwick-Hollowell Wetlands Trail is a beautiful and peaceful trail great for birdwatching and enjoying the shade of towering cypress trees.



Center for Exploring the Albemarle Region

Elizabeth City's Museum of the Albemarle is the perfect place to begin exploring the region. The nine-county regional museum contains exhibits, paintings, and installations that help tell the story of the northeastern North Carolina. Visitors can step into history even further with a trip on the Albemarle Queen, a paddlewheel boat that offers sunset cruises, live music, private events and seasonal celebrations all aboard a classic riverboat.

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