

The Outer Banks®

VISITORS BUREAU

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NEW & NOTABLE

Restaurant News



- **Nags Head Pier** A newly renovated Outer Banks landmark now offers three ways to experience the pier: Pier House Cafe, Off the Hook Beach Bar and a dedicated ice-cream shop.
- **Gather at Village Beach Club** A new oceanfront restaurant in Nags Head offering breakfast, lunch, and dinner as part of the Village Beach Club experience.
- **The Last Resort** A new Waves restaurant and bar is keeping its kitchen open late, giving visitors a new option for a late-night bite or drink.
- **The Den Coffee Co.** A coffee shop just steps from the ocean, owned by a local photographer and serving coffee, pastries, smoothies, and more.
- **Salt & Cypress Kitchen & Cocktails** Owned by a sibling duo, this new Manteo restaurant overlooking Shallowbag Bay, serving seafood and cocktails with waterfront views.
- **Huanchaco Lounge** Named for a coastal town in Peru, this new bar offers tapas inspired by its namesake alongside beer, wine, cocktails, and wellness-inspired drinks.

Hotel News

- **Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites** Brand-new and ideally situated in Nags Head, this hotel puts you close to the beach, local restaurants, and area attractions, including the Soundside Event Site.
- **Home2 Suites by Hilton** Newly renovated and rebranded, this Kill Devil Hills oceanfront hotel sits just steps from the sand and less than a mile from the Wright Brothers National Memorial.
- **Spark by Hilton** Freshly renovated and now open to guests, this oceanfront hotel offers a central Kill Devil Hills location with the beach right outside your door.

THE LOST COLONY'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

The Lost Colony outdoor drama will celebrate its 90th season in 2027, at the Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island. It first opened July 4, 1937, making it the **nation's longest-running outdoor drama**. This seasonal production takes place from early June until late August and tells the story of England's first attempted settlement in the New World.



THREE NATIONAL PARKS: WINTER UPDATE

The Outer Banks is home to three National Parks that showcase the region's history, wildlife and natural landscapes.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore has newly nourished beaches and is open for amazing cool weather fishing, birding and dark skies! The tallest lighthouse in the US is under renovation, come see! Walk the new Freedom Trail at **Fort Raleigh** and see the art installation telling the stories of the first Freedman's Colony of African Americans living free during the Civil War for Black History. Tour the sky over **Wright Brothers** monument in an open cockpit biplane.

TOP EVENTS



- **Outer Banks Veterans Week | November 9-15, 2026**
 - Honor Veterans and their families through the arts at this annual weeklong event.
- **Grassfed Bluegrass Music Festival | November 14, 2026**
 - Experience world-class bluegrass, delicious food, local vendors and community fun in Nags Head at the Soundside Event Site.
- **Wings Over Water Encore | December 4-6, 2026**
 - Considered one of the best wildlife festivals on the East Coast, with birders, scientists, writers, photographers, among others in attendance.
- **OBXmas | various dates**
 - Celebrate the holidays on the Outer Banks with more than 30 pop-up Christmas restaurants, bars, parades, markets, and experiences such as **WinterLights at The Elizabethan Gardens**.

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ART TRAIL

The Outer Banks has a thriving art scene waiting to be explored. Scavenger hunt the remaining winged horse sculptures from 2003 hidden in plain sight on the OBX. Explore the centuries old marble statues at the **Elizabethan Gardens**, including the Virginia Dare statue which has survived being lost at sea, fire, and censorship over the centuries. See the Outer Banks from the local artists who bring the islands to life with unexpected lenses at the **Nags Head Art District** and many other local galleries. Take in America's longest running outdoor symphonic drama, **The Lost Colony** outdoor drama on summer nights at Fort Raleigh.



FOOD & BEVERAGE FESTIVALS



- **Taste of the Beach | April 9- 11, 2027**
 - Explore, connect, and savor the very best of the OBX food scene with a range of activities from wine tastings to immersive cooking.
- **Outer Banks Soft-Shell Crab Week | May 10-15, 2027**
 - Head to restaurants spanning 100 miles of the Outer Banks to experience a seasonal delicacy.
- **The Lost Colony Wine & Culinary Festival | 2027 Date Announced Soon**
 - Overlook the Roanoke Sound this spring with a glass of wine or beer in hand on the grounds of The Waterside Theatre, featuring Francis Coppola wines named as an homage to The Lost Colony.
- **The Outer Banks Seafood Festival | October 2027**
 - Celebrate the region's seafood heritage and community with a full day of fun, food, and live music in Nags Head at the Soundside Event Site.
- **OBX Brewtag | October 2027**
 - Experience the Outer Banks' spirit of flight at the Soundside Event Site in Nags Head with outrageous homemade flying contraptions launching one-sixth kegs into the sky from a platform.

VOLUNTEER OBX

The Outer Banks Visitors Bureau launched Volunteer OBX, a free online portal that connects Dare County residents and visitors with volunteer opportunities. Hosted by the Bureau and a key part of its Voluntourism initiative, the portal gives people a way to connect more deeply with the community by volunteering with local nonprofit organizations.

volunteerobx.com



THE OUTER EDGE

The video series produced by the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau, returned in 2026 for a second season. By sharing the stories of residents that call these shores home, the second season takes viewers on a dive into the history, landscape and culture that has helped shape the OBX. Season 2 includes five episodes and 18 unforgettable Outer Banks personalities bringing their passions to life. This video series helps visitors gain a deeper sense of respect and personal responsibility to the Outer Banks. Season 3 coming January 2027!

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NEED A STORY? WE CAN HELP

Looking for a local expert, unique experience or story idea? The Outer Banks Visitors Bureau can connect you with the people and places that bring the destination to life. Contact us to start planning your Outer Banks story.

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