

Cape Hatteras National Seashore & The Outer Banks Of North Carolina



10 Days – May 15-24, 2012
Tulsa, Muskogee & Fort Smith
Tour #1205CHNS

Tour Highlights:

9 Breakfasts - 3 Lunches - 3 Dinners
Blount Mansion
Biltmore Estate & Gardens
North Carolina History Center
Tryon Palace & Other Historic Buildings & Gardens
Ocracoke Island
Cape Hatteras National Seashore
Cape Hatteras Lighthouse & Museum
2 Nights Best Western Ocean Reef Suites Kill Devil Hills
Wright Brothers National Memorial
Fort Raleigh National Historic Site
Elizabethan Gardens
Currituck Beach Lighthouse
Historic Edenton Narrated Tour
Grand Ole Opry
Graceland Mansion
Fun & Fellowship

Day 1: Board your Travel Tours coach at designated pick-up points to explore the North Carolina coastline and the Outer Banks. Enjoy a **buffet dinner** at the **Old Country Store** upon arrival in **Jackson, TN**. Your accommodations for the night are at the **Comfort Suites**. (D)

Day 2: Travel on across Tennessee, stopping in Knoxville, TN for a tour of the **Blount Mansion**. William Blount was appointed by George Washington to be Governor of the Territory of the U.S. South of the River Ohio. Blount's Knoxville mansion would serve as the territorial capitol, as well as a family home. Overnight is at the **Holiday Inn Express** in **Newport, TN**. (CB)

Day 3: This morning visit the **Biltmore Estate & Gardens** in Asheville, NC. Take a self-guided tour of George Vanderbilt's 250-room home, America's largest. It has been enchanting visitors since its opening in 1895 and continues to captivate today. Your visit is during their **Festival of Flowers**; gorgeous blooms will be in full glory - tulips, azaleas, snapdragons, poppies; with special activities on the grounds. Also, you will have time to check out the Winery. Touring continues after an **included lunch** at the beautiful **Deer Park Restaurant**. Travel on to **Raleigh, NC** for accommodations at the **Hampton Inn & Suites**. (CB, L)



Day 4: Today arrive in historic New Bern, NC. Start your visit at the **North Carolina History Center**. The museum, located on historic grounds, takes you from the very formation of the coastline to the people who shaped the history of the region. New Bern is also known as the birthplace of Pepsi-Cola. **Tryon Palace** was the centerpiece as the grandest public building in all the American colonies. Royal Governor William Tryon and his family brought architect John Hawks from London to design & build the Georgian-style structure. Completed in 1770, Tryon Palace served as the first permanent capitol of North Carolina and home to the Tryon family. Today **guides in period dress** conduct tours of the Palace, filled with an outstanding collection of antiques and art, followed by a **self-guided tour** of other historic buildings and the gardens. Check into the **Hampton Inn Morehead City** for the evening. (CB, L)

Day 5: Depart early for Cedar Island to board the **ferry** to Ocracoke Island. After de-boarding the ferry you'll make a stop at the **Ocracoke Visitor Center** where the driver will park the coach. Lunch is on your own. Enjoy a photo op at the Ocracoke Lighthouse (it has been closed, but may be available for photos). Board another **ferry** to Hatteras. Enter the **Cape Hatteras National Seashore** making a stop at the **Cape Hatteras Lighthouse**, the most famous lighthouse in America, tallest lighthouse structure in the U.S. & famous icon of North Carolina. Built in 1870 it stands at 208 feet tall. Enjoy two nights at the **Best Western Ocean Reef Suites Kill Devil Hills, NC**. (CB)

Day 6: After breakfast visit **Kitty Hawk**, the historic home of modern flight at the **Wright Brothers Memorial**. Start your visit at the Visitors Center where their story is told through exhibits. After four years of experimentation, Orville & Wilbur Wright achieved the first successful airplane flight in 1903. At Roanoke Island you'll visit **Fort Raleigh National Historic Site**, England's first home in the new world. This historic site protects and preserves known portions of England's first New World settlements from 1584 to 1590. Located inside Fort Raleigh, tour the **Elizabethan Gardens** - a place full of history and beauty in a tranquil setting. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your oceanfront hotel. (CB, D)

Day 7: Travel to Corolla for a visit to the **Currituck Beach Lighthouse**. Located half-way between Cape Henry to the North and Bodie Island to the South, it still illuminates one of the last

remaining dark stretches of the southern coastline. The Museum Shop, housed in one of the restored buildings, is a favorite spot for all visitors. Next visit one of the South's prettiest small towns...**Edenton**, located on Albemarle Sound's Edenton Bay. After lunch at the **Nothin' Fancy Café**, stop at the Visitor Center. History seeps from every nook & cranny of Edenton...a **knowledgeable and entertaining guide** boards your coach for a narrated driving tour. Sights include the St Paul's Episcopal Church, Cupola House, the Chowan County Courthouse, the Barker House and the James Iredell House, all of which are listed on the **Register of Historic Places**. Return to **Raleigh, NC** for accommodations at the **Hampton Inn**. (CB, L)

Day 8: Arrive in **Music City...Nashville, TN**. Enjoy dinner at a local favorite, the **Cock of the Walk**; then take reserved seats for the **Grand Ole Opry**. The Opry started as a simple radio broadcast in 1925 and today is a live entertainment phenomenon dedicated to honoring country music's rich history and dynamic presence with a mix of country legends and contemporary chart-toppers. Overnight is at the **Drury Inn & Suites Nashville, TN**. (CB, D)

Day 9: Depart for Memphis where you will tour **Elvis Presley's home, Graceland**, which will take you on a one-of-a-kind journey through Elvis' humble beginnings and rise to superstardom. Step inside Graceland Mansion and follow in the same steps as Elvis himself as you enjoy an **audio-guided tour** featuring commentary and stories by Elvis and his daughter Lisa Marie. See where he lived, relaxed and spent time with his friends and family. Over-night accommodations are at the **Drury Inn Memphis, TN**. (CB, snacks & beverages)

Day 10: Depart Memphis for your final day of travel arriving back in Oklahoma with new found friends and wonderful memories to last a lifetime. **Travel Tours** looks forward to hosting you again soon on another great adventure. (CB)

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