

50 Things to Do in Myrtle Beach

1. The Grand Strand offers over 60 miles of beach, and it is the number 1 reason people visit with us. Enjoy swimming, running, fishing, shell gathering, sand castle building, Frisbee throwing, volleyball, etc., etc. That's what makes the beach so great!
2. Take a riverboat cruise down the Intracoastal Waterway.
3. Shop, dine, and be thoroughly entertained at Barefoot Landing, featuring 100-plus shops, great restaurants, Alligator Adventure, The Alabama Theatre, the Barefoot Princess Riverboat, and the House of Blues.
4. Challenge friends and family to a race at NASCAR SpeedPark, where visitors can experience the excitement of NASCAR on seven challenging racetracks. Follow up with lunch or supper at the NASCAR Cafe.
5. Take a boat tour! Here are some popular ones to get you started: Kingston Lady, Rover Tours (Carolina Rover and Jolly Rover) Cap'n Rod's Low Country Tours, Capt. Dick's Amphibious Gator Tours; Carolina Safari Jeep Tours. You will find many other tours are offered as well.
6. Shag the night away at one of many local dance spots, or simply sit, sip, and enjoy watching others do the state dance.
7. The Myrtle Beach Pavilion and Family Kingdom are must-stop for all vacationers, especially if they have children or grandchildren. Admission is free; you pay for the rides individually.
8. Let the talented cast of the Carolina Opry entertain you and yours for an evening. Enjoy pop music, country, show tunes, comedy, and more.
9. During baseball season, cheer for the Myrtle Beach Pelicans. The Pelicans, an Atlanta Braves Carolina League Class-A team, were league champions in 1999 and 2000.
10. Broadway at the Beach offers over 20 restaurants, more than 100 specialty shops, and 16 attractions including an IMAX theater, mini-golf, 3 on-site hotels and 10 nightclubs. Take a free ride in the Miss Broadway boat, feed the ducks and fish, and enjoy lunch or dinner at Jimmy Buffet's fun-filled Margaritaville. Don't forget the History and Nature Building which features the H.L. Hunley exhibit that tells the story of the first submarine built by the confederacy in 1864.
11. Go antiquing. The Grand Strand has dozens of whatnot shops, thrift stores, highbrow galleries, and everything in between.
12. Sample wine at Belle Amie Vineyard & Winery and select your favorite to enjoy during vacation or take home to the house sitter.
13. Create a cuddly creature at Build-A-Bear at Broadway at the Beach or Teddy Town Circus at Barefoot Landing.
14. Whet your appetite for fine art. Visit the Franklin G. Burroughs-Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum on the south end of Myrtle Beach where you will find free admission (donations please) or, if you're shopping for local artwork, visit one of many local galleries.
15. Take the little ones to the Children's Museum of South Carolina, where hands-on activities rule. The all-time favorite is Bubble Mania.

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16. Spend a day and a night at Broadway at the Beach - not necessarily in the same 24-hour period. Besides biggie attractions like Ripley's Aquarium, Imax Theater, the Butterfly Pavilion, and the Palace Theater (mentioned separately), there are lots of other attractions and activities to keep you entertained, plus unique shops and restaurants galore. The Hard Rock Cafe and Planet Hollywood are among the fun places to enjoy a meal.
17. Go parasailing. You won't have to travel far to hook up with a parasail crew, because this popular activity takes place from one end of the Stand to the other.
18. Discover Brookgreen Gardens. One of those must-see places, Brookgreen is an outdoor sculpture garden that was lovingly created by sculptor Anna Hyatt Huntington and her husband, Archer, on the site of four former rice plantations. More than 500 works by American sculptors are showcased beneath magnificent oaks, nestled among native flora.
19. Chill out at a water park. Myrtle Waves is in the heart of Myrtle Beach, and Wild Water is on the South Strand. Family Kingdom Water Park is the only oceanfront waterpark. Enjoy slides, lazy rivers, wave pools, kiddie pools, concessions, and more.
20. Head south for a half-day or more in Georgetown, a historic port city about 30 miles south of Myrtle Beach. Stroll along the waterfront, learn about the city's past at the Rice Museum, and savor local cuisine at one of many excellent restaurants.
21. Go to the rides! Amusement parks bring out the kid in all of us, whether we ride the rides or simply eat cotton candy and people-watch. The Myrtle Beach Pavilion Amusement Park is home to the Hurricane Category 5 roller coaster, dozens of rides, a historic carousel and band organ, and the oceanfront Pavilion. Down the boulevard is the Family Kingdom Amusement Park & Oceanfront Water Park, famous for the Swamp Fox roller coaster, the state's largest Ferris wheel, tons of rides (many for small children), and a water park overlooking the ocean. Smaller parks also can be found throughout the area.
22. Shop for an authentic Pawleys Island hammock (and watch one being made) at the Original Hammock Shops. Other versions of the comfy rope hammocks can be found at local shops and outlets throughout the area.
23. Rent a Jet Ski (personal watercraft) or sailboat for an hour or more of fun beyond the breakers.
24. See the area's newest show, Calvin Gilmore's "Tribute the Concert"; featuring tributes to legendary performers.
25. Go outlet shopping at Tanger Mall North and South. Barefoot Landing also has several outlet stores.
26. Spend a half-day or more in historic Conway. Learn the history of the county seat at Horry County Museum, shop for antiques, and have lunch at a quaint Main Street eatery.
27. Join the kids for arcade games. Besides high-tech video games, you'll find old favorites like Skee-ball, pinball, air hockey, baseball, and more - not to mention photo booths, where you can all pile in for a goofy family photo.

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28. Go crabbing. For less than 10 bucks you can outfit your family for a day of fun. All you need is crab line, chicken necks (or other parts), a net, and something to put the crabs in. Or crab the lazy way with a wire trap.
29. Reserve tickets for a celebrity concert. Nearly every week, someone BIG is playing at the Grand Strand. (Hint: Check the listings at House of Blues and Alabama Theatre as well as the Sun News Entertainment section.)
30. Go deep-sea fishing. Take a half-day or full-day trip and bring home supper! Bottom fish a few miles out, or head all the way to the Gulf Stream for a sports fishing adventure.
31. Satisfy your need for speed at Myrtle Beach Grand Prix Family Thrill Park, featuring Formula 1 Grand Prix cars for licensed drivers, go carts for ages 5 and up, and lots of other rides for all ages.
32. Pay a visit to the truly unique Waccatee Zoo, home to more than 100 species of animals.
33. Take in the big screen at the IMAX Discovery Theater, located in Broadway at the Beach. Pick up a listing for shows and times while at Broadway at the Beach.
34. Visit Huntington Beach State Park. This oceanfront park is one of the states most popular. Here, you'll discover a freshwater lagoon with alligators, salt marsh, nature trails, picnic shelters, and the historic castle "Atalaya"
35. Be surprised by the wonderful look-alikes (and sound-a-likes) at Legends in Concert, where you'll find the next best thing to superstars including Elvis, Marilyn Monroe, the Blues Brothers, and others.
36. On Saturday night (April-September), go to the races at Myrtle Beach Speedway, a half-mile, tri-oval asphalt track sanctioned by NASCAR.
37. Hit the surf with your own board, or rent one at a local surf shop. While you're at it, pick up some colorful surfer duds to throw on and enhance your mood after a tough week at work.
38. Travel back to the Middle Ages at Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament, where knights on horseback joust and guests enjoy a banquet fit for a king.
39. Are you a bookworm? Browse to your heart's content and enjoy your favorite coffee or cappuccino at Barnes and Noble, Books-A-Million or The Living Room bookstores.
40. Hit the flea markets. The Grand Strand has some great ones.
41. Explore the salt marsh. Go it alone, or hop aboard a vessel like the Explorer at Capt. Dick's Marina in Murrells Inlet. Learn about blue crabs, flounder, spartina (marsh grass), oysters and clams, Great Blue Herons, and other creatures that call the salt marsh (aka creek or inlet) home.
42. Do your Christmas shopping. Besides malls and other shopping complexes filled with gift ideas of every kind, the Myrtle Beach area has several Christmas shops that sell holiday ornaments and other items year-round.
43. Venture through Alligator Adventure, one of the largest exotic reptile parks in the world. Inhabitants include alligators (rare albinos and the world's largest Croc), a Komodo Dragon, lizards, turtles, giant snakes, frogs, exotic birds, and more.

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44. Spend a day pier fishing. There are eight great piers in the area, and you don't even have to fish to enjoy them - spectators are welcome.
45. Join the fun at the Dixie Stampede, where guests enjoy a four-course meal along with singing, dancing, comedy, and friendly competitions between North and South.
46. Spend a day at Myrtle Beach State Park. Besides a great beach, the park has a fishing pier, hiking trails, picnic shelters, nature center, and more.
47. Enjoy the Alabama Theatre's brand-new house show, "One"; featured on evenings when no celebrity concerts are booked.
48. Journey into the underwater world of Ripley's Aquarium. Other Ripley's attractions in the area include Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum, Ripley's Moving Theater, and Ripley's Haunted House.
49. Looking for a place to take your dog? The Bark Park is located off Mallard Lake Drive at the site of the former Air Force Base is a very popular dog run park which includes a lake. It is free, so Fido can enjoy your vacation too!
50. Play a game of miniature golf. To entice visitors, each course has a fun theme-everything from swashbuckling pirates to man-eating dinosaurs. Fun!