

# HATTERAS ISLAND

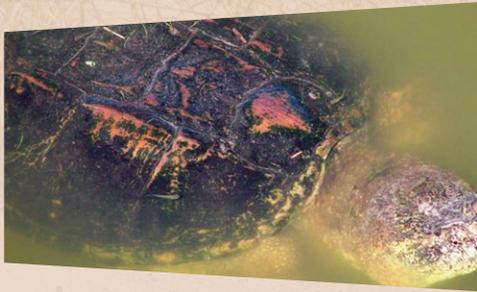


## Things to Do

Planning a week stay and need some suggestions of things to do? Enjoy some local recommendations for your next Hatteras Island getaway!

## Short Drive

### FROM THE HATTERAS CONDOS



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#### **Observe the Wildlife at Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge**

Enjoy 400+ species of birds at Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, the patch of island located just south of Oregon Inlet and Bonner Bridge. Bring along your binoculars and take a stroll down the soundside boardwalk near the The Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. Don't miss the small turtle pond near the beginning of the boardwalk. Just 9 miles north of Rodanthe condos.



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#### **Snag a Pic at the Oregon Inlet Life-Saving Station**

Oregon Inlet Life-Saving Station is on the National Register of Historic Places, and is one of the most distinctive buildings on the Outer Banks. The exterior and interior of the building was recently restored. Be sure to stop by the Oregon Inlet Life-Saving Station and take a photo with the station in the background. Located just south of Bonner Bridge, and 9 miles north of the Rodanthe condo communities.



#### **Browse Pea Island Art Gallery**

Over 100 local and regional artists are represented within this historic replica of the 1874 Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station. Browse the Pea Island Art Galleries expansive offering of watercolors, oils and acrylics, sculpture, jewelry and other beautifully inspirational works of local Hatteras Island art. The Gallery is just 10 minute drive south (4 miles) of Waves Village Resort / Rodanthe Sunset Resort.

# Walking Distance

## OF THE HATTERAS CONDOS



### Hatteras Island Beach Horseback Riding

Probably one of the best experiences available during your Hatteras vacation. Enjoy the Buxton Woods Coastal Reserve and the Cape Hatteras National Seashore by horseback! Enjoy the barrier island's natural beauty from an entirely different perspective. Your guided horseback tour will take you through Buxton Woods for 45 minutes, then you'll ride your trusty horse over the rolling sand dunes and onto the beach! Hatteras Island beach horseback riding adventures are available through Kitty Hawk Kites.



### Explore Uncharted Waters by Kayak

Hatteras Island is encircled by water, and is a haven for kayak enthusiasts of all skill levels and ages. Explore the nooks and crannies of the island by means of either a single or tandem kayak. Or, take a Hobie fishing kayak out on the water and try your luck at landing the big one. (Be sure to bring your NC Fishing License!)

Kitty Hawk Kites has an assortment of kayaks that you can either rent or purchase.



### Check out Rodanthe Fishing Pier

Walking distance to the Hatteras Island condos, the Rodanthe Pier offers the opportunity for great ocean fishing, or just amazing views. Rodanthe Pier is just a short walk from Waves Village Resort or Rodanthe Sunset Resort condos (@ Atlantic Drive).



### Enjoy a Sunset Meal or Cocktail at Good Winds Restaurant

With massive glass windows overlooking the scenic Pamlico Sound and a spacious outdoor seating area, Good Winds Restaurant is one of the very best spots to enjoy a sunset on the entire Outer Banks. The eatery is located on the second story of the Waves Village Resort shopping complex, above the Kitty Hawk Kites' retail store. (Just a 300 yards south of Rodanthe Sunset Resort). Open for lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch, the restaurant's menu consists of a variety of items including sandwiches, salads, and signature seafood entrées. Closed from December through February, Good Winds Restaurant is open every day of the week.



### Go ahead, TRY Kiteboarding (or just Watch Others Kiteboard)

Hatteras Island is known for being one of the premier kiteboarding destination locations in the world. Take advantage of the area's ideal conditions and either learn how to kiteboard from a PASA certified school, or stop in at Waves Village Resort and watch others fly through the air with the help of a massive kiteboarding kite. If you are an experienced rider and have your own gear (or wish to rent some from Kitty Hawk Kites), be sure take advantage of the free launch site at Waves Village Resort! Or if you don't need the training, enjoy a free launch at the large launch area at Rodanthe Sunset Resort.



### Enjoy a Beach Day!

You have to spend at least one vacation day on the area's award-winning beaches. Enjoy surfing, fishing, or just relax out under an umbrella with a cold drink in your hand. The beach is only a few minutes away from wherever you are on Hatteras Island. The award winning S-Turns beach is just minutes from Rodanthe Sunset Resort and Waves Villages and provides world-class surfing. The Rodanthe Beach Access includes ample parking +90 spaces plus bath house and outdoor showers that lead to a boardwalk to the beach with gazebo.

# Day Trip Activities

## ON HATTERAS



### Visit the Frisco Native American Museum

Opened in 1987, the Frisco Native American Museum holds a prized collection of Native American artifacts from Hatteras Island as well as other American Indian cultures. Admission to the museum is \$5 per person, \$15 per household, and \$3 for seniors. Museum is 30 min south of the Hatteras Island condos (40 min drive).



### Scale Cape Hatteras Lighthouse

Check out Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, the tallest lighthouse in the United States. If you've vacationed on Hatteras Island before and have yet to visit this iconic black and white striped structure, then you must go! Climb the 200+ stairs to the top and take amazing family pics. The view from the top is well-worth the hike! Cape Hatteras Lighthouse is open year-round, however you can only climb the lighthouse during the spring, summer and fall months. Approx 35 min drive south of the Rodanthe condos.



(Photo by the National Park Service)

### Hike the Buxton Woods Trail

Once you wander down Buxton Woods Trail, it's easy to forget that you're on a thin barrier island that's surrounded by water and covered in sand. Take in the diverse maritime forest ecosystem up close, listen to the birds chirping, and traverse a few of the highest points on Hatteras Island. The start and end of the trail's loop is at the Buxton Woods picnic area. Buxton Woods is 40 min drive (27 miles) south of the Rodanthe Condos OBX.



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### Take a Ride on the Ferry from Hatteras to Ocracoke Island

Only accessible by boat, Ocracoke Island is a unique place to visit. Drive your car onto the ferry at the end of Hatteras Island and take a free ferry ride to Ocracoke. The boat ride typically takes one hour. Stroll the quaint shops and galleries that fill this isolated slice of the NC coastline. Check out the small, Ocracoke Lighthouse during your excursion. Ferry is approx. 50 min drive south of the Hatteras Island condos (35 miles) making for an easy, fun daytrip!



### Visit the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum

The Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum is located near the ferry docks to Ocracoke Island, and tells the story of the area's maritime history. About 600 shipwrecks have occurred off the coastline of Hatteras Island as a result of Diamond Shoals, an area of sandbars that extend 14 miles from the North Carolina coastline into the Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy viewing old Coast Guard memorabilia, artifacts from the various shipwrecks, and get an up close look at the 12-foot-tall lens that was made in 1854 and used in Cape Hatteras Lighthouse for many years.

FREE of Charge. 50 min drive south of Waves Village Resort & Rodanthe Sunset Resort.

## Hatteras Island, Outer Banks is easily one of the most charming places on the East Coast.

There's plenty to do besides just relaxing poolside, enjoying a sunset from a private hot tub, enjoying onsite watersports, or sitting on the beach. Hatteras Island is 25 miles south of Nags Head, so you can enjoy a dinner in Nags Head or some outlet shopping, and get to relax in the charm of Hatteras.

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