

# 10 Romantic Retreats for Valentine's Day

**"Sparks Fly" at The Crystal Coast – North Carolina's Southern Outer Banks**

*Available year-round. Rates starting at \$239. Sunday arrival.*

Setting the stage for an amorous getaway, where wild horses roam freely and southern charm meets rich maritime history, The Crystal Coast is nestled along North Carolina's Southern Outer Banks. Romantic couples love stepping onto the oak-lined streets of favored seaside "gem," historic Beaufort, and it is not uncommon while dining at a waterfront cafe to see wild horses running freely on Carrot Island, just across the glassy waters of Taylor's Creek. Historic walking and culinary bicycle tours inspired by Nicholas Sparks' Beaufort-set books, "A Walk to Remember," and "The Choice," are popular with active couples. Intimate bed and breakfasts with elegant Victorian suites and charming gardens, boast decadent home-cooked meals in close proximity to quaint shops, a waterfront boardwalk and divine fresh-from-the-docks restaurants.

Hopeless romantics in search of hotel accommodations may especially be intrigued by (the newly opened) Beaufort Hotel's 'A Ride to Remember' package including:

- Two (2) day / one (1) night luxury accommodations for two (2) boasting relaxed maritime elegance and coastal North Carolina décor
- Two (2) Bicycle Tour Tickets from Hungry Town Tours for 'A Ride to Remember' inspired by Nicholas Sparks
- One (1) 'A Ride to Remember' keepsake
- Concierge hotel services available to assist during your stay in Beaufort, N.C., described as "America's Favorite Town" by Travel + Leisure

For more information on The Crystal Coast, visit [crystalcoastnc.org](http://crystalcoastnc.org).