

14 Beaches That Are Better in the Fall

Who says beach season ends on Labor Day? Once September hits, beach destinations around the country experience a drop in tourists and prices, even as temperatures stay balmy. Here's where to hit the beach this fall.

The Crystal Coast, North Carolina



The beaches of the Crystal Coast, the southernmost part of the Outer Banks, includes North Carolina's entry in **the best beach in every state**, Emerald Isle. And in the fall, the area welcomes prime surf-fishing season, as migrating drum fish swim by. Pier and inshore fishing are popular in fall as well. Anglers can enjoy a number of tournaments along the coast, including the **First Annual Emerald Isle Fishing Tournament** in September, and the **Gordie McAdams Speckled Trout Surf Fishing Tournament**, and **Cape Lookout Albacore and Redfish Festival** in October. Not into fishing? Visitors can also take in the **Crystal Coast**'s namesake clear waters, natural beauty, and wildlife including hatching sea turtles, dolphins, and wild horses. Stay at the **Beaufort Hotel** in the quaint town of Beaufort, North Carolina (not to be confused with Beaufort, South Carolina).

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