



Crystal Coast & Myrtle Beach

August 23 – 29, 2026

7 Days / 6 Nights

Day #1 – Sunday, August 23rd:

- 5:45 AM** Depart Peoria from Peoria Charter, 2600 NE Adams Street (Waiting Room)
6:10 AM Depart Morton from Wal Mart, 155 E Courtland Street (behind Culvers)
6:45 AM Depart Normal from Schnuck's off Raab Road, 1750 Bradford Lane
7:45 AM Depart Urbana from Peoria Charter, 1910 N Federal Drive traveling southeast towards our home for the night in Charleston, WV. We'll make rest and meal stops along the way as needed. ***Note: Don't forget to set your watches ahead an hour as we enter the Eastern Time Zone.***
6:00 PM Arriving in Charleston, we check into the **Hampton Inn – Downtown Charleston*** for our overnight stay. Dinner is on your own tonight.

Day #2 – Monday, August 24th:

Breakfast* is served at the hotel this morning before departing for Beaufort, North Carolina. We'll make rest and meal stops along the way as needed. Upon arrival, we'll get checked into the **Beaufort Hotel*** for our 2-night stay. **Dinner*** is included at a local restaurant tonight.

Day #3 – Tuesday, August 25th:

Breakfast* is included at the hotel this morning and then we'll enjoy some "free time" on the beach with time for lunch on your own and shopping along the Beaufort Boardwalk. This afternoon, cruise up Taylor's Creek past beautiful waterfront homes and the Rachel Carson Reserve. You can cruise past Fort Macon, Pivers Island and even past Shackleford Banks where you may chase a view of the famous wild horses roaming the shores. You may even catch a glimpse of a dolphin or two. Don't forget to bring our cameras for some great pics to capture some memories that will last a lifetime. **Dinner*** is included at a local restaurant and then we'll take a **Beautiful Ghost Walk***. After dinner,



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take a walk with your haunted guide, who shares their own story of betrayal, treachery, and tragedy from the Golden Age of Piracy, Colonial & Civil War eras, or the early 1900's.

Day #4 – Wednesday, August 26th:

Breakfast* is included this morning before we check out and depart for Myrtle Beach, SC. We'll make a stop at **Fort Macon State Park***. Fort Macon State



Park is centered on an impeccably restored pre-Civil War fort that offers daily guided tours and frequent cannon and musket demonstrations. Extensive exhibits educate visitors on fort history and the natural surroundings. The beach is perfect for swimming, beachcombing or even spotting a dolphin or two. Trails traverse the salt marsh and dune fields and provide the opportunity to see one of the 300-plus species of birds found in the park. After our visit, we depart for Myrtle Beach. Upon arrival in Myrtle Beach, we check into the **Springhill Suites*** for a two-night stay. **Dinner*** is included this evening at a local

restaurant. Tonight you'll enjoy a **Broadway Theatre Performance***. Welcome to Broadway Theater, located in the heart of Myrtle Beach's busiest attraction, Broadway at the Beach! A marvel in architecture and wonder, soaring ceilings provide the perfect atmosphere for you to sit back, relax and escape into an incredible entertainment experience.

Day #5 – Thursday, August 27th:

Breakfast* is included this morning before we set out to explore **Murrell's Inlet** and its beautiful saltwater marsh estuary. Enjoy the sight and sounds as we **tour*** the tranquil waters, bird watching and observing the underwater sea life with a naturalist. While on the cruise, participate in a live demonstration that includes local crabs and pulling a sample dredge from the bottom of the creek bed directly into the touch tank for all to observe. Next, we arrive at **Brookgreen Gardens*** where you'll enjoy a **boxed lunch*** prior to our tour. After lunch, we'll enjoy a self-guided tour of serene Brookgreen Gardens, part of a 6000-acre estate that was once four rice plantations. More than 500 works of American sculptors are on display in the gardens, as well as wildlife and historical exhibits of South Carolina animals & artifacts. Discover the history of Brookgreen Gardens and the collection of Anna Hyatt Huntington and additional sculptors. Included with your visit to Brookgreen Gardens is a Creek Excursion that will allow you to cruise the creeks on a 48-foot pontoon boat. You'll pass historic rice fields, now home to alligators, waterfowl and osprey as an interpreter helps you see the distinctive



landscape of the rice plantations and understand the role of enslaved Africans in the cultivation of the rice crop and the shaping of the history of the Lowcountry. Tonight, you'll enjoy **Dinner & Show at the Alabama Theatre***. Alabama Theatre's latest show, ICONIC, continues to dazzle Myrtle Beach groups. Their groundbreaking production blends stunning visuals, a state-of-the-art video wall, and a thrilling musical journey – from chart-topping Country hits and Classic Rock to Broadway and Pop. ICONIC, is a brand new production that takes center stage both on the ground and in the air.

Day #6 – Friday, August 28th:

Breakfast* is included before we check out and begin our journey towards home. We'll make rest & meal stops along the way as needed. Tonight we check into the **Hampton Inn – Charleston, WV** and enjoy dinner on your own. We'll make rest and meal stops along the way to Charleston.

Day #7 – Saturday, August 29th:

Breakfast* is served and then we'll check out and begin our journey towards home.

8:00 AM We check out, board our coach and begin our final leg of our journey towards home. ***Note: Don't forget to set your watches back an hour as we enter Illinois and the Central Time Zone.*** We'll make rest and meal stops along the way as needed.

5:15 PM Approximate arrival time back in Urbana.

6:15 PM Approximate arrival time back in Normal.

7:00 PM Approximate arrival time back in Morton.

7:30 PM Approximate arrival time back in Peoria.

Cost Per Person:

Single: \$3090.00 Double: \$2310.00 Triple: \$2080.00 Quad: \$1845.00

Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Professional Driver & Tour Hosts, Hotel Accommodations, All Attractions & Meals in bold print and marked with an asterisk*

If you feel the Driver & Tour Hosts have done a good job, it is appropriate & appreciated if you tip them. We suggest \$4 per customer per day for the Driver & \$4 per customer per day for the Tour Hosts on this trip.

Days #1 & #6:

**Hampton Inn – Downtown
Charleston, WV**

Hotels:

Days #2 & #3:

**Beaufort Hotel
Beaufort, SC**

Days #4 & #5:

**Springhill Suites
Myrtle Beach, SC**

