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Dear Harry,

Where did April go?? Time flew by so fast I'll bet you are like many of us realizing we need to make some summer vacation plans soon. The Southeast has some of everything to offer vacationers. Ocean, mountains, swamp and everglades, history, art, culture and cuisine. All of it awaits you somewhere in the South and [Southeast Getaway](#) can help you quickly compare and select the perfect destination for you.

• Spotlight on Service: Vacation Company

Founded in 1987 on Hilton Head Island, The Vacation Company is a short-term rental and property management firm. They manage over 195 quality villas and custom homes on Hilton Head.



They understand that their most important asset is service to their owners and guests, they continue to be one of the fastest growing management companies on the island.

Vacation Company owners, Bob Hawkins and Beth Henzler, are long-time Hilton Head residents and, along with their staff, know what makes a great vacation experience for guests and a great management experience for owners. In 2002, they added over one hundred luxury villas on the Caribbean Islands of St. Martin and Barbados to their inventory. These gorgeous homes are located on two of the largest and most popular islands. They are easily reached by air, with direct flights from most East Coast cities. They can now offer sunny island holidays for all seasons.

[For The Vacation Company](#)

• Spotlight on Service: Coast Rentals



Coast Rentals offers vacation rental properties in both Myrtle Beach, SC and Destin, FL. The links provided will bring you great overviews of the properties and special deals offered in these areas.

[For Myrtle Beach Rentals](#)

• Upcoming Events

The [Daytona Beach](#) area's Spring Family Beach Break Season runs from May 12-24 and features family friendly festivals and events including discounts good at Daytona beach area attractions, restaurants and retail shops.

Join in an enchanting evening of wine and entertainment at Mount Vernon May 18-20. Bring a blanket and stretch out on the lawn to enjoy an elegant evening of live jazz music and stunning Potomac River views. [For Washington, DC accommodations](#)

The 400th anniversary of the 1607 landing at Jamestown will be commemorated May 11-13. At this "Anniversary Weekend" you will enjoy cultural and educational family-oriented festivals, interactive exhibits, live music, celebrity appearances, heritage and commemorative dedications. [For Williamsburg Accommodations](#)

Spoletto Festival USA fills Charleston's historic theaters, churches, and outdoor spaces with over 120 performances May 25 -June 10. [For Charleston Accommodations](#)

• Little Gem of the South: SC Congaree National Park

Just thirty minutes from Columbia, SC you can feel like a woodlands adventurer. Step onto one of these woody trails and you'll discover that this is not your average stroll in a park. As you walk deeper you will experience the allure of the Congaree. The beautiful 26,000-acre park actually protects the largest old-growth bottom-land forest in the country. Because it sits on a floodplain, it offers a swampy yet enticing quality

The tall, tall trees--some 500-plus years old- command respect from all who visit. With one 170 feet tall and many others well over 100 feet, they cover the forest to form a ceiling of green. You may hear the heavy snorting of wild hogs. The hog is one of many animals that call this forest home. The park serves as a refuge for owls, bobcats, deer, snakes, bars and others. Don't worry, they usually steer clear of humans.

[For Accommodations in Columbia, SC](#)

• Travel Help

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The Outer Banks of North Carolina

Throughout the past ten years that the [Southeast Getaway](#) website has been in existence [The Outer Banks of North Carolina](#) have been by far the largest area of visitor interest. It also seems that once a person visits the Outer Banks it becomes THE place to return to over and over again. [The Outer Banks](#) is a series of sea islands. I will try to give an overview of each and a reference for accommodations at each in this article. The section for the Outer Banks on the [Southeast Getaway](#) website contains information on fishing, boating, events, weather, maps and much more. Check out all this information and you too could become "Hooked on the Outer Banks".

In [Kitty Hawk](#) you can visit the Lost Colony, Elizabethan Gardens, four area lighthouses, Roanoke Island Festival Park, or the Wright Brothers Memorial - site of man's first flight. There's also hang-gliding, deep sea fishing or just browse the area shops and art galleries. Many of the exciting places to see and things to do are available year round. [The Garden Inn](#) Outer Banks in Kitty Hawk features an indoor pool, seasonal outdoor pool, whirlpool, fitness center and 24 hour complimentary business center. [The Hilton Garden Inn](#) offers the Great American Grill restaurant serving freshly prepared breakfast, lunch and dinner. [The Hilton Garden Inn](#) also has great restaurants nearby.

[The Sanderling Resort & Spa](#) on North Carolina's Outer Banks touches the shores of both the majestic Atlantic Ocean and the serene Currituck Sound. Located near Duck, NC, The Sanderling with its luxurious spa overlooking the sound is the Outer Banks' only true resort.

[Kill Devil Hills](#) is the site of the Wright Brothers National Memorial, commemorating Orville Wright's historic first flight in a machine powered heavier than air vehicle. This historic event occurred on Thursday, December 17, 1903. The Wrights returned in 1911, and on October 25, Orville Wright reached an elevation of 225 feet and remained in the air 10 minutes and 34 seconds in a glider, setting a new world record. [The Clarion Hotel](#) On The Ocean offers such local attractions as Bodie Island Lighthouse, Hags Head, Kitty Hawk, and Jockey's Ridge State Park.

For more information on the Outer Banks

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