



## Outer Banks Eco-Adventure Challenge (2 full days)

### Day One

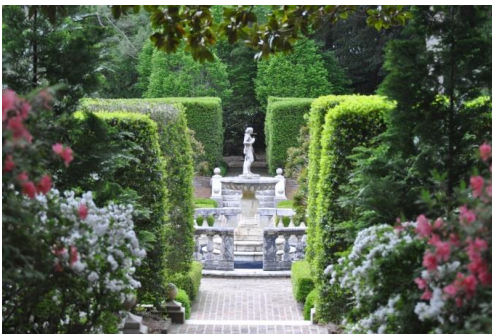
Breakfast at your hotel or one of our locally owned restaurants

#### Kayaking in the Kitty Hawk Maritime Forest (2 hours)

Experience another world as you kayak through this amber colored creek under a canopy of Live oaks and Loblolly Pines. Let our guide teach you about maritime forests and other different zones that make up a barrier island while kayaking. Reptiles such as turtles and snakes are very common in this area, as well as birds such as herons, egrets, woodpeckers, and kingfishers, and ducks. This is a great kayak tour even on windy days due to the shelter provided by the tall trees of the forest. Spring and fall foliage will provide us a glimpse deep into this unique area. A camera is a must.



Lunch on the waterfront in the downtown Manteo. Choose from several cafes or sandwich shops.



#### Elizabethan Gardens (1 hour)

Unique gardens, appeal to horticulturists with myriad varieties of plants, nature lovers with wildflowers and indigenous shrubs and trees, history buffs with its historical setting at the site of the first English Colony in the New World and culture seekers with period furniture, English portraits, and ancient garden statuary.

#### Enjoy a Pier Fishing Class at Jennette's Pier (3 hours)

Get all the angles in the pier's most popular basic-skill class for catching fish from the pier. Topics in the two-hour class include how to cast and tie rigs, best bait to use for target species, pier fishing etiquette and catch and release techniques. Next enjoy the Catch it, Clean it, Cook it class at the Pier as well.



Dinner at one of our locally owned restaurants



### **Red Wolf Howling Safari (1 ½ hours, evening experience)**

The Alligator Wildlife Refuge offers you the experience of a lifetime! Come learn about the red wolf, one of the worlds most endangered wild canines. Once common throughout the southeastern United States, the red wolf populations were decimated by the 1960s due to intensive predator control programs and loss of habitat. By 1987, enough red wolves were bred in captivity to begin a restoration program on Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge in northeastern North Carolina. Howling Programs available during the summer and fall, preregistration is required.

## **Day Two**

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### **Jockey's Ridge State Park (1½ hrs)**

View the tallest living sand dunes on the East Coast. Learn how these shifting sands move with the wind at the visitor's center/museum. There are three self-guided trails in the park that discuss the 3 ecosystems of Jockey's Ridge.

### **Hang gliding at Jockey's Ridge (3 hours, includes ground class)**

Dune Hang Gliding lessons are conducted at the Kitty Hawk Kites training facility. The dunes provide the perfect platform for learning to Hang Glide. They have plenty of height for beginners and are soft for landing.

**Picnic lunch at Coquina Beach, unwind on the beach from your thrilling hang-gliding lesson.**

### **Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge (2 hours)**

Located on the northernmost section of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, this 6,000-acre refuge is a one of the prime birding areas on the East Coast. A haven for more than 265 species of birds such as Canadian geese, snow geese and 25 species of duck during the winter can be seen. Bird walks and other programs may be arranged in advance.



**Dinner at one of our locally owned restaurants**

## Other activities to consider:



**North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island:** Explore the “Waters of the Outer Banks” through aquariums and interactive exhibits. Watch fishes in the "Graveyard of the Atlantic" exhibit. This 285,000 aquarium also features a one-third scale replica of the civil war ironclad USS Monitor. Explore aquatic habitats from grass flats to Gulf Stream waters. Gently stroke a stingray or touch a hermit crab in our “Close Encounters”  
**\*\*NEW\*\***Operation: Sea Turtle Rescue and our new Sea Turtle Assistance and Rehabilitation (STAR) Center. See up close what happens at our rescue hospital.



**Horseback Riding:** See the natural beauty of Hatteras Island from a completely different perspective, by exploring trails through the only Maritime Forests on the Outer Banks, including the Buxton Woods, the NC Coastal Reserve, and the National Park Service. As you come out of the woods and cross the last sand dune before the beach, the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and Cape Point are just off to the left. Miles of pristine beaches await you, and your horse!



**Dolphin Tours:** Check out the most respected aquatic mammal in its natural habitat aboard the pontoon boat, *Captain Johnny*. Breathtaking views are all around you on this tour. Our large viewing areas offer everyone a good spot. Each vessel is covered for sun protection with a restroom on board and Coast Guard inspected. Various types of cruises offered MAY - OCT.