

Explore Nearby Wilmington

Just 30 minutes north of St. James Plantation, Wilmington, NC, will greet you with open arms AND a ton of fun to explore! Be a tourist for the day and check out these fantastic spots in (or around) the port city.

6 WAYS TO MAKE A DAY OF IT



1

WILMINGTON'S HOLLYWOOD WALK

Numerous movies and TV shows have been filmed in Wilmington over the years – so many that the town has been dubbed “Hollywood East.” The popular tour will take you to iconic film shoot locations and favorite haunts of Hollywood celebs. See where big movies were filmed, like “Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood” and “Iron Man 3.”

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THE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Wilmington's historic district is one of the largest districts listed with the National Register of Historic Places. You'll find beautiful homes, eclectic shops, restaurants, art galleries, the Riverwalk and more! While there, take a horse-drawn carriage ride through the tree-canopied streets. Or do a little shopping!

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BATTLESHIP NORTH CAROLINA

Along the banks of the Cape Fear River, you'll find the glorious Battleship North Carolina, which has been calling this area home since October 1937. Enjoy a walk through history as you take the self-guided tour and climb the ladders to explore all nine levels of the ship.

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NC AQUARIUM AT FORT FISHER

Fort Fisher is a National Civil War Landmark. It's also home to the NC Aquarium! This 93,000 sq. ft. building houses exhibits demonstrating how habitats flow from the Cape Fear River Basin to the Carolina Coast. You'll meet Luna, a rare albino alligator, and see Loggerhead sea turtles, sharks and more. Kids love the touch tank!

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THALIAN HALL

Completed in 1858 and built in an Italianate opera house-style, Thalian Hall has been in continuous operation since its opening and hosts world-class performing artists, the Cinematique art-house film series, children's theater, community-based theatre, dance, and film and music organizations.



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AIRLIE GARDENS

Celebrating more than a century of gardens by the sea, Airlie amazes visitors with 67 acres of breathtaking formal gardens, wildlife, historic structures, walking trails, sculptures, 10 acres of freshwater lakes, more than 100,000 azaleas and the grandeur of the 467-year-old Airlie Oak. Airlie Gardens bring together history, art and nature for outdoor lovers.