



## ***Natural, Practical & Nautical***

### ***An Outer Banks Itinerary for a Student Field Trip (includes Cape Hatteras National Seashore)***

#### ***Day One***

Afternoon arrival to the Outer Banks of North Carolina

**3:00pm**      ***Wright Brothers National Memorial (1 hour, 30 minutes)***  
See where on a cold day in December, 1903 Wilbur and Orville Wright changed the world forever as their powered airplane, the “Wright Flyer”, skimmed over the sands of the Outer Banks for 12 seconds before returning to the ground. See the new flight museum which still has exhibits from the First Flight Centennial Celebration, *cost is \$100.00 for the Motorcoach, unless your entrance fee is waived by the National Park Service*

Check in to an oceanfront hotel, to be determined

**6:00pm**      ***Pizza Party at Pizzazz Pizza, Kitty Hawk***  
Dinner includes salad bar, pizza buffet, soft drink, ice tea, dessert

#### ***Day Two (Please note this will be a long day!)***

*Today’s journey will be a long day as you travel through the Cape Hatteras National Seashore to Ocracoke Island via the Hatteras/Ocracoke ferry. Highlights will be the Bodie Island Lighthouse, Chicamacomico Life Saving Station, Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, Ocracoke Lighthouse, Teach’s Hole, the Banker Ponies*

*(Please note: The mileage to the Hatteras/Ocracoke Ferry Terminal is 72 miles from the Wright Brothers in Kill Devil Hills, which will take 1 hour and 15 minutes to reach the ferry terminal)*

**8:15am**      ***Bodie Island Lighthouse – windshield tour***  
This 156-foot beacon began operation in 1872 and has the black and white horizontal bands.

**9:00 am**      ***Chicamacomico Life Saving Station (1 hour)***  
View the historic building and boathouse that housed the service that was the predecessor to the United States Coast Guard. Hear the history of daring ocean rescues by brave men who dedicated their lives to the sea. Cost is \$3.00 per student.

**11:00am**      **Visit the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse (1 hour)**

See tallest brick beacon on the American coast with its black and white stripes, it stands at 208 feet high. Learn the marvelous history, which includes its half-mile move in 2000 away from the ocean. Admission to the grounds are complementary; however the cost is \$6.00 per person to climb

**Picnic Lunch on the grounds of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse**

**12:45pm**      **Arrive at the Hatteras-Ocracoke Ferry Terminal.** Before getting in line, quickly visit the

**Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum.** Located at the ferry docks, this museum is still a work in progress, Exhibits now on display include artifacts from historical shipwrecks, unique beach finds and locally carved ships' models. This is a great spot for a bathroom break before embarking on your ferry ride to **Ocracoke Island.**

**1:00pm**      **Catch the ferry to Ocracoke Island.** Enjoy a 45-minute **free** ferry ride to historic

Ocracoke Island. This is where the famous pirate **Blackbeard** plundered many a ship and was eventually beheaded by a British naval captain in 1718, in a slough off of the island. Reservations are recommended but not required for this free ferry (Danny is available to go to Ocracoke Island for an additional fee)

**2:00pm**      **Arrive at the Ocracoke Island Visitor Center**

Tour needs to be arranged in advance with a National Park Service interpreter who will give the Ocracoke history and mystery of this quaint fishing village.

**Stop at the Ocracoke Lighthouse (Windshield Tour).**

Nestled in this quaint fishing village along Silver Lake, this whitewashed tower is the oldest and shortest. Built in 1823 it is the oldest operating lighthouse on the North Carolina Coast and the second oldest in the nation. It was the beneficiary of the first Fresnel lenses.

Other points of interest on Ocracoke Island:

**Teach's Hole** – *Blackbeard Exhibit and Pirate Specialty Shop,*

**British Cemetery** – located on Howard Street

**Banker Ponies** – pins are located on NC 12 on the way to village **Ocracoke Preservation Museum**

**Ocracoke Island Visitor Center** (next to the Cedar Island ferry docks)

**4:00pm**      **Catch the free Ocracoke/Hatteras Ferry back to Hatteras Village.** If time did not permit

on your journey over to Ocracoke Island, stop at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum on your way back.

*It takes about 1 hour and 15 minutes to return to the Northern Beaches (Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills, Kitty Hawk)*

**6:30pm**      **Dinner and Dancing The Pit Surf Shop & Boardriders Grill**

**Give your students a true Outer Banks Experience!** "The Pit" a local board sports themed entertainment complex will host groups from 50-150. Prices range from \$12.00

- \$22.00 per child and includes dinner and activities. The Pit offers a taco dinner (excellent hard and soft tacos and all the fixins') and "Dogtown"- Hotdogs and all the fixins' The Pit entertainment complex is a 3 story log cabin style building. Your school will enjoy dancing to music on the house music system complete with disco lights on the main floor. There is a small seating area where the group will flow through for dinner on the second floor. On the third floor your group will enjoy video games, pool tables and foos ball. During dinner and activities your group can enjoy watching surf videos on one of the many flat screen TV's. This will be a true Outer Banks experience! (*cost is dependent on the size of the group*)

**9:00pm**      ***Return to your oceanfront hotel***

### **Day Three**

**8:30am**      ***Jockey's Ridge State Park (1 hour)***

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.

**9:30am**

***Jennette's Pier*** in Nags Head is next. Opened in May 2011, this is a super-pier, a re-imagination of traditional fishing piers for the future. 1000 feet long, LEED certified featuring green technologies like wind turbines. Operated by the NC Aquarium system, this rebirth of the OBX's oldest fishing pier and features fish tanks and live exhibits, educational programs, meeting space and more in it's 16,000 ft. pier house. The first of its kind, Jennette's Pier serves as a model for how you can sustain construction on a dynamic coastline, when many family piers are damaged during storms and never recover. Keeping alive our fishing heritage for the next generation.

***Picnic lunch on the grounds of Roanoke Island Festival Park.***

**12:00pm**      ***Roanoke Island Festival Park, Downtown Historic Manteo (1 hour)***

Here you will see the ***Elizabeth II***, a 69-foot sailing vessel representative of those sailed to the New World in 1585. Also we will visit the Roanoke Island Adventure Museum and Settlement Site where you can see what life was like for those early explorers as they arrived on Roanoke Island.

**1:00pm**      ***North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island (1 hour)***

Learn about the "waters of The Outer Banks" and its many coastal environments on these barrier islands. See the aquarium's 285,000-gallon Graveyard of the Atlantic tank. Visit "Aquarium Confidential" the new exhibit that captures the behind the scenes life at the aquarium.

Depart the Outer Banks for your homeport!