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## Hungry Town Tours

**Hungry Town Tours:** Hungry Town Tours offers several unique bicycle and walking tours in Beaufort, North Carolina. While each tour is different, the underlying goal remains the same: to provide environmentally friendly options to those who love the outdoors and are keenly aware that preserving nature is essential to their travel experience today and for years to come.

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**Founded:** Hungry Town Bike Tours was founded in 2011 by a local personal chef who wanted to create a tour for people to hear some unusual stories about Beaufort that they might not hear on a typical tour.

In May 2013, the company was sold to a couple with an extensive background in the hospitality and restaurant business.

In 2014, the sightseeing tour company received town approval to offer walking tours. With a broad range of bicycle and walking tours, the name changed to Hungry Town Tours in 2015 to reflect the varied offerings.

**About our Name:** “Hungry Town” and “Fish Towne” were some of the early names for Beaufort, North Carolina.

The name “Hungry Town” was noted on the only surviving 1713 plat of Beaufort. This draft is the only documentation that the newly laid-out town may have been casually called “Hungry Town.” Architectural historian Tony P. Wrenn, who did the 1970 study for Beaufort’s nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, had his theory concerning “Hungry Town.” Wrenn believes that surveyor Richard Graves spilled ink but continued to use the sheet as he practiced with his ink and quill. Graves’ “Hungry Town” scribbles may have referred to the new town full of lots “hungry” for buyers, or to a few struggling settlers in the area.

Many changes have taken place since that time in Beaufort’s history over 300 years ago. Today, the name “Hungry Town” is a natural tie-in with Beaufort’s history and bountiful culinary offerings.

**Getting Around:** The single-speed, foot-brake cruiser bicycles are easy to ride. Anyone who has ever ridden a bike will love Hungry Town Tours! In fact, they’ve inspired more than one person to go out and get their own cruiser bike after riding through Beaufort with them.

**Recognition:** Hungry Town Tours is the first business in Carteret County to be accepted into the NC GreenTravel Initiative. Hungry Town Tours has combined green from “spoke to fork” by combining nature-based travel with culinary tourism through bicycle and walking tours.

**Awards:** Hungry Town Tours is the recipient of the 2017 TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence Award for the third consecutive year. Many customer reviews for Hungry Town Tours can be found on TripAdvisor.com, the world’s largest travel site with more than 60 million reviews and opinions by travelers around the world.

**Reservations:** Advance reservations can be made by telephone at 252-648-1011, seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Major credit cards are accepted.

**Bicycle Tours:** Visitors can pedal through 300 years of Beaufort's history on several unique guided bicycle tours with Hungry Town Tours including:

**Hidden Beaufort Tour**

It's the perfect tour to see a unique side of historic Beaufort. Participants will ride off from the beautiful waterfront and make their way through historic streets – all while their local guide reveals a side of history they won't get anywhere else. They'll get an insider's perspective on where the locals go to eat and play.

**A Ride to Remember**

This bicycle tour features places in Beaufort that inspired Nicholas Sparks and were referenced in his books, *A Walk to Remember* and *The Choice*. The tour serves as a memorable way for visitors to get to know Beaufort, while biking in the unique setting for the story of each novel, and the movie adaptation of *A Walk to Remember*.

**Legends & Lore of the Sea**

Enjoy the lure of the sea and the wonderful stories of confederate spies, pirates, privateers, seafarers and star-crossed lovers that make up the rich history of this seaport town. From tales about the pirate Blackbeard to the girl buried in the rum barrel, participants will learn about the military war heroes and early sea captains that became historic legends.

**Early Morning Risers Tour**

Visitors can get an early start on their day with the early morning tour. Participants will enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of our seaport town as we pedal down the tree-lined streets and past the historic homes and buildings.

**Food Tours:** Hungry Town Tours promotes restaurants with locally sourced food that allow for an enhanced experience with their culinary tours:

**Beaufort Culinary Bike Tour**

Participants will ride along the waterfront and through beautiful historic streets, stopping at several of Beaufort's best culinary treasures. Inside,

they'll nosh and sip on some of the most delicious flavors on the Crystal Coast. Enjoy amazing seafood appetizers, wine tastings, and more. It's an opportunity to taste some of the best restaurants in Beaufort in one trip – and when they come back for dinner, they'll know exactly where to go!

### **Food by Foot Culinary Walking Tour**

Participants will stop at several of Beaufort's best culinary treasures as they walk, they'll be able to taste some of the best restaurants in Beaufort in one trip – and when they come back for dinner, they'll know exactly where to go! This is a walking version of our popular Beaufort Culinary Bike Tour.

### **Bike, Brunch & Bubbles**

Enjoy Sunday Brunch at Beaufort Grocery Company, one of the area's most renowned dining establishments. Select an entrée from a number of culinary features and enjoy a mimosa or Bloody Mary, plus other non-alcoholic beverages. Before brunch, visitors will be given a bicycle tour through Beaufort's historic district and along the waterfront.

### **Sunday Brunch Walkabout**

Enjoy Sunday Brunch at Beaufort Grocery Company, one of the area's most renowned dining establishments. Select an entrée from a number of culinary features and enjoy a mimosa or Bloody Mary, plus other non-alcoholic beverages. Before brunch, visitors will enjoy a walking tour through Beaufort's historic district. This is a walking version of one of our popular bicycle tours, Bike, Brunch & Bubbles.

### **Beaufort Lunchbox Tour**

In addition to the Hidden Beaufort Bike Tour, participants will enjoy a picnic lunch on the waterfront. From the cloth napkins to hand-painted artisan wine glasses, it all makes for the perfect afternoon in Beaufort.

### **North Carolina Shrimp Tour**

Sample North Carolina's Treasure of the Sea! Enjoy delicious samplings at different restaurants where the main dish is fresh local shrimp. Participants will receive recipes paired with oils and vinegars to create their own shrimp dishes at home. Each couple takes home one pound of local fresh shrimp.

## **North Carolina Oyster Tour**

Learn about North Carolina Oysters with delicious samplings at different restaurants where the main dish is fresh local oysters. So many oysters. So little time. Aww shucks! Don't worry, each couple takes home one dozen Cedar Island Select Oysters from a local oyster farm with recipes.

**Walking Tours:** Visitors can step back in time and vision 300 years of Beaufort's history on several unique guided walking tours with Hungry Town Tours including:

### **Historic Beaufort Walking Tour**

Discover the historic homes in Beaufort that once belonged to the town's earliest sea captains, seafarers, and merchants. You'll learn about many of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century homes as you step back into 300 years of history in Beaufort's historic district.

**Tour Durations:** Bicycle tours and walking tours run 1 to 1 1/4 hours. Most culinary tours typically run 3 to 3 1/4 hours. Bike, Brunch & Bubbles, Sunday Brunch Walkabout and the Beaufort Lunchbox Tour last about 2 hours.

**Supporting Local Fishermen & Farmers:** Hungry Town Tours is proud to work with restaurants offering fresh, local products that support our local fishermen and farmers. They also promote three Beaufort-based organizations:

### **Carteret Catch**

This non-profit organization's mission is to sustain the livelihood and heritage of the Carteret County fishing industry through public marketing and education. Hungry Town Tours is a member of Carteret Catch.  
[carteretcatch.org](http://carteretcatch.org)

### **Walking Fish**

The award-winning community supported fishery (CSF) that links fishermen on the coast of North Carolina to consumers in the Triangle.  
[walking-fish.org](http://walking-fish.org)

### **Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market**

The organization provides high quality local food to Beaufort and the surrounding area, shows support for small farmers, grows the local

economy, and provides an enjoyable open space for the community to gather weekly, April through November. Hungry Town Tours is a market sponsor. [beaufortfarmersmarket.com](http://beaufortfarmersmarket.com)

## **Local Seafood**

### **Fishtowne Seafood**

#### **Partners:**

Since its inception in 2004, Fishtowne has focused on buying local seafood harvested by local fishermen. Hungry Town Tours is proud to help bring locally caught seafood to your dinner table through Fishtowne Seafood. [fishtowneseafood.com](http://fishtowneseafood.com)

### **Carolina Mariculture Co.**

Owned and operated by Jay and Jennifer Styron, Carolina Mariculture Co. is a small, family-owned, North Carolina oyster farm located on Cedar Island. They raise oysters using mariculture practices: buying seed from a hatchery and raising them to market size in floating cages on their lease in Core Sound. Available year-round at Fishtowne Seafood. [carolinamariculture.com](http://carolinamariculture.com).

## **North Carolina Seafood:**

Hungry Town Tours promotes seafood availability to consumers looking for fresh local fish.

### **North Carolina Sea Grant**

Utilizing collateral materials provided by NC Sea Grant, Hungry Town Tours provides seasonal availability guides on the food tours. [ncseagrants.org](http://ncseagrants.org)

## **Weddings:**

Getting married on The Crystal Coast? Hungry Town Tours is perfect for wedding parties or bachelorette parties. The "Ride with the Bride" tour offers the bridal party an opportunity to enjoy time with the bride and enjoy an afternoon on beach cruiser bikes. These tours can be customized to include lunch or a wine tasting. They are perfect for bachelorette parties.

## **Groups:**

Group reservations can be made for up to eight (8) people on the bicycle tours and up to (15) fifteen people on the walking tours. The tours are perfect for small, intimate groups. Custom tours available.

**Blog:** Get an insider's connection to "America's Favorite Town" with our blog. Visitors will discover there's "more to the tour" with our frequent posts about things to do, where to go and what to see in Beaufort, North Carolina. From pirates to shipbuilders and historic homes to fresh seafood, we'll reveal more interesting facts about Beaufort.

**Directions:** Hungry Town Tours is easy to reach with these driving directions:

**Directions from Emerald Isle/Atlantic Beach or Morehead City areas:**

- Drive Highway 58 South/Salter Path Road to the Atlantic Beach Causeway.
- Turn left and continue across the Atlantic Beach Bridge.
- At the stoplight, turn right onto US-70 East/Arendell Street; continue following US-70 East.
- Once across the Beaufort drawbridge, turn right at the first stoplight onto Turner Street.
- Follow Turner Street until it ends at Front Street. The Somerset Square building is straight ahead (you'll see our sign).
- Take a left for parking on Front Street or you can park on Turner Street.

**Directions from Cedar Island / Downeast:**

- Head South on NC 12 / Cedar Island Road.
- Continue straight onto US 70 West. Follow US 70 West for about 25 miles.
- Once in the Beaufort city limits, turn left onto Turner Street and follow it until it ends at Front Street. The Somerset Square building is straight ahead (you'll see our sign).
- Take a left for parking on Front Street or you can park on Turner Street.

**Get Social:**

Get connected with Hungry Town Tours. You can Like us, Follow us or Pin us on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram.

- **Facebook:** [facebook.com/hungrytownbiketours](https://facebook.com/hungrytownbiketours)
- **Twitter:** [twitter.com/hungrytownnc](https://twitter.com/hungrytownnc) @HungryTownNC
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