



BEAUFORT, SC

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT
PORT ROYAL & SEA ISLANDS

General Info Fact Sheet

- Beaufort is the second oldest city in South Carolina and was founded in 1711 by the British. It has a rich history that dates back centuries, including ties to the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.
- Today, Beaufort generates approximately one million visitors annually, and is regarded as one of the most diverse of any community of its size due to its historic character and prominent architecture.
- Beaufort is located on Port Royal Island and its surrounding area within South Carolina's Lowcountry. It represents a beachfront community situated along the Atlantic Ocean, and is conveniently located just 70 miles from Charleston and 40 miles from Savannah.
- Beaufort is home to one of the largest population of Gullahs, a culture known for preserving its African linguistic and cultural heritage more than any other African-American community within the United States.
- The Marine Corps Recruit Depot for the Eastern Seaboard can also be found in Beaufort, in addition to the Marine Corps Air Station and Naval Hospital. Each year, the Recruit Depot transforms more than 20,000 recruits into Marines. More than 17,000 active duty military members and families live and work in Beaufort.
- Beaufort is also home to the only kazoo factory still operation within the United States – [The Kazoobie Kazoo Factory](#). Visitors may tour the factory and create custom kazoos of their own.
- The Beaufort Visitors Center is located at 713 Craven Street in downtown Beaufort.
- For more information about Beaufort, visit www.BeaufortSC.org, www.pinterest.com/VisitBeaufortSC and www.facebook.com/VisitBeaufortSC.