

Celebrate the Arrival of Spring with a Visit to Beaufort

This spring, Beaufort offers visitors two fun-filled festivals – its Soft Shell Crab Festival and its Gullah Festival – plus, the historic city celebrates the 20th anniversary of “Forrest Gump,” the blockbuster hit that filmed many of its iconic scenes in Beaufort.

[Soft Shell Crab Festival](#)

Saturday, April 19

Held annually in Port Royal, the Soft Shell Crab Festival celebrates the fine cuisine of the Lowcountry by providing guests with a fun and festive day for all ages, and includes an open street market with a variety of shopping and dining choices. Attendees can enjoy:

- Beaufort's famous “Soft Shell Crabs”
- Food and craft vendors
- Entertainment
- Plus many other fun and exciting activities

[The Original Gullah Festival](#)

Friday thru Sunday, May 23-25

The Original Gullah Festival, held annually on Memorial Day weekend, reclaims the beauty of the Gullah Culture through dance, art and Gullah cuisine to foster a better appreciation for the culture. This year, the festival will be held at the Technical College of the Lowcountry (921 Ribaut Rd. Beaufort, S.C.) and includes:

- Consumer, educational and historic workshops
- Fine arts exhibits
- Music and arts demonstrations
- Food for all

“Forrest Gump’s” 20th Anniversary Celebration

Celebrate the 20th anniversary of the movie release of “Forrest Gump” by visiting iconic locations throughout Beaufort that were used in the film. Start your visit with the [Beaufort Movie Tour](#) that takes you to gems such the Gump Medical Center, the Mississippi River Bridge (used during Forrest’s cross country running scenes), the house of Bubba’s mama, and locations for shrimping and Vietnam scenes. The tour will also show you where movie stars lived in Beaufort while they taped the film. Afterward, stop by [The Shrimp Shack](#), a popular local restaurant Tom Hanks frequented during his time in Beaufort. Rumor has it, that he was a fan of their Shrimp Burger. Also, make sure to visit [The Chocolate Tree](#), our local chocolate shop that provided the infamous “Box of Chocolates” used by Forrest during the film.

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