Natural & Family Resources, Inc. Frances Parnell Travel Adventures

Christmasing Along The Crystal Coast of North Carolina

"Where history and coastal charm is found around every corner."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

Along the round trip drives between Morehead and Davis our story teller will share history and interesting tales of the villages of: Morehead, Beaufort, Bettie, Otway, Smyrna and Williston as well as Davis.

07:15 AM: Board motor coach at Winter Park Baptist Church.*

07:30 AM: Motor coach rolls toward Morehead City.

07:45 AM: Second pick up at Food Lion in Hampstead.

09:30 AM: Stop in Morehead City to pick-up a local historian step-on guide and take a quick tour of "*The Promised Land*." Then, make a rest stop and take a quick *overview* of the *North Carolina Maritime Museum*. You will have an opportunity (in lieu of shopping) to return to this site later.

10:00 AM: Depart for the village of Davis and the quaint *Down East Provision Company* where you can shop for handmade holiday crafts. They also carry the Core Banks Christmas Trees regaled by *Our State Magazine*.

11:00 AM: Depart for *Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center* for a tour. Your lunch will include Core Banks specialties of the day. They offer foods such as clam chowder, chicken and pastry, scallop fritters, seafood baskets, hush puppies and desserts by their vintage recipes. Food included!

12:30 PM: Depart for *Shackleford Banks Horse Adoption Farm*. Learn the history of the famed horses that are descendants from shipwrecks in the 1700s and how they have become the treasured herd of the Crystal Coast. Carolyn Mason will be our host and speaker. You may get up close to the actual horses for photo ops.

2:00 PM: Depart for the Beaufort water front to say good-bye to our guide and for some free time. You may shop and/or tour the *North Carolina Maritime Museum* where we "rested" earlier in the day.

3:30 PM: Take a break for a light supper after which you can shop your way to the *Visitors and Tourism Center*.

4:30 PM: Begin your official tour of Beaufort's historic homes at a private gathering hosted by the *Visitors Center* just for our group with a cup of Eggnog!

5:00 PM: Six buildings will now be open for the 2017 Christmas Candlelight Tour. This can be a walking tour, or the double-decker bus will be running a shuttle service complete with carolers, continuously until 8:00 PM.

8:00 PM: Take a bathroom break and return to the coach for our drive back to Wilmington.

10:30 PM: (Approximately) Return to Hampstead.

11:00 PM: (Approximately) Return to Wilmington

COST: \$175 per person

TRIP INCLUDES: Motor coach transportation, food, tours and entrance fees.

NOT INCLUDED: Gratuities for the coach driver (suggested \$3), step-on guide (suggested \$4) and shopping.

PAYMENT IN FULL DUE: September 30, 2017

Mail check made out to Natural & Family Resources, Inc., and registration form to 6451 Quail Run Road
Wilmington, NC 28409

*A departure/return site is planned for the <u>BACK</u> parking lot at Winter Park Baptist Church. The church is located at 4700 Wrightsville Ave. The <u>BACK</u> of the church is on Park Avenue and Pine Grove Dr. You will see vehicles marked Winter Park Baptist Church parked on the lot and most likely the charter motor coach will be in place when you arrive. You may leave your care there for the day <u>at your own risk</u>.