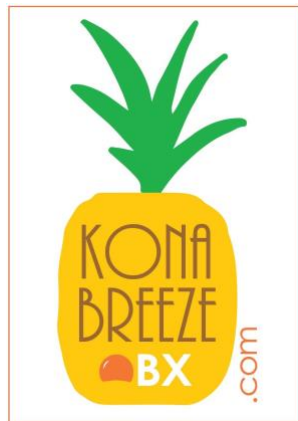


# Outer Banks Vacation Planning Guide

# Kona Breeze OBX

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# ARRIVAL INFORMATION

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Welcome to our OBX retreat, Kona Breeze, our home away from home in the Hatteras Island village of Avon, NC. You want to have a wonderful stay, and we want that for you too. We hope that when you are our guest, Kona Breeze is your home and that you will be relaxed, comfortable and happy.

## **CHECK-IN TIME**

Check-in time is 5PM. Our home will be thoroughly cleaned for your arrival with fresh linens and towels sets for each bedroom. Please let us know if these preparations are not provided to your expectations within 24 hours of arrival via text, email, or phone call.

## **DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

Please use the address on the front page of this booklet in your driving directions app. Kona Breeze is located in a quiet residential area in Avon. Please be careful driving through the neighborhood as children and pets can be on the roads as there are no sidewalks once you turn off of Rt. 12. Please obey the speed limit.

## **INVENTORY CHECK**

There will be a welcome bag upon arrival from our Shore Details' housekeeper that will include a few rolls of toilet paper, a roll of paper towels and a couple trash bags to get you started. We have a large trashcan in the kitchen that we provide the bags for. I have included a packing list later in this booklet to help you prepare for your stay at Kona Breeze.

## **PARKING**

Covered parking is under the home for 2 vehicles with additional parking in the driveway. PLEASE DO NOT park on or drive on the grass as the septic system could be damaged.

# DEPARTURE INFORMATION

## CHECK-OUT TIME

Check-out time is strictly 10AM. We will most likely have guests coming in after your departure. Allowing time for the cleaning service to be completed before their arrival requires this schedule. If you depart early, we would appreciate that you let us know (send us a quick text) so that we can inform our cleaning staff.

When you leave, please ensure the following basic tasks are completed:

- Leave beds that were occupied un-made. Please DO NOT strip beds.
- Remove all food from the refrigerator and cabinets and wipe out refrigerator.
- Put dishes in dishwasher and start on NORMAL cycle before leaving.
- Wipe down all counter tops and tabletops.
- Remove all trash from bedrooms, bathrooms, and kitchen and leave in the trashcan under the home.
- PLEASE do not leave any trash (e.g. cans, cups) on the decks, in the yard or on the pier.
- Sweep, mop, or vacuum if there is excessive sand on the floors and decks. This is not required if not excessive.
- Set the air conditioner temperature to 78° F.
- PLEASE check for personal items (i.e. cell phone chargers).
- Lock all doors including the sliding glass doors, laundry room door and kitchen door.
- Close and lock all windows.

## CLEANING

No need for you to perform a full clean! We pay a housekeeper to have the house prepared for our next guest as it was prepared for you. But it is helpful if you could leave house generally tidy, particularly the kitchen, and BBQ/grill if used.

## LEFTOVER SUPPLIES

Any leftover unopened non-perishable food/goods can be left at our local food bank. It is just down the street at the St. John's United Methodist Church. There is a drop off located in the parking lot.

# AREA INFORMATION

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Kayaking/Paddle-boarding/Kite-boarding/Windsurfing is wonderful at this location. You can launch directly from your private dock. Swimming is fun near the dock but it isn't very deep, typically about 2 to 4 feet deep. The depth will vary depending on the winds. **Be sure to wear protective footwear in the water and in the yard as there can be issues with shells/crabs/lost fishing tackle, the dreaded sand spurs, etc.** The dock has a ladder for climbing in/out of the water. It is also just a great area to float around on rafts/tubes, etc.

PLEASE...**no jumping/diving off the dock.** It is shallow and there are old pilings under the water that you may not see from above.

For beach access, you can drive/bike/walk to the Avon Fishing Pier parking lot (about 1 mile). Parking is available with access to the beach. They have outdoor showers for rinsing before you leave.

Alternately, there are beach access lots to the north and south of Avon. If you have 4-wheel drive, you can purchase a permit to drive on the beach in certain areas.

More information here:

[www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/permitsandreservations.htm](http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/permitsandreservations.htm)

You can fish off the dock at the house. A 10-day NC fishing license is ~\$10 for ages 16 and older. Fishing license information:

[www.outerbanks.org/things-to-do/on-water/fishing/fishing-license-information/](http://www.outerbanks.org/things-to-do/on-water/fishing/fishing-license-information/)



# OTHER DETAILS

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## **AIR CONDITIONING**

Our home has central air conditioning. You will find thermostats in the living room and upper floor hallway. Please ensure that all windows and outside doors are closed while the AC is running to ensure it operate to maximum efficiency. We ask that you not to set the temperature below 72F, which we find keeps the place as cool as the weather allows. Setting it lower risks the unit freezing up. We also find that keeping the living room curtains closed when the sun is really blazing during the late afternoon also helps with the temperature, especially if you will be away from the home during the day (don't forget the curtains in the upstairs bedroom, too). Just make sure to pull them open before the evening sunset!

## **CEILING FANS**

Our home is equipped with ceiling fans in the living/dining area to help keep you cool. Each fan is operated via a switch on the wall and pull chain on the fan. The fans/lights in the second-floor bedrooms have a remote control on the switch-plate. The remote allows you to change the setting while in bed. Please return the remote to the switch-plate holder on your departure.

## **TV**

A live TV streaming service (40+ channels) is provided for your stay. By each TV is a card describing how to locate the app on the remote. If ever prompted for a sign-in or code, please text me at 252-621-5662 for the password. Other streaming service apps (e.g. Netflix) are available that can be used with your personal account sign-in. If you login to one of those apps with your account, please logoff before departure. The TVs can also be used with AirPlay to watch content from your iPhone/iPad.

## **BREAKAGES**

We understand that sometimes accidents happen. Should you break anything please let us know - if it's minor we most likely won't charge. If it's a larger issue (e.g. the TV screen!) we would like to agree the cost with you before you leave to avoid any issues later. Thank you!

**TRASH**

Large trash cans are below the home. Trash pick-up is on Monday and Thursday night (overnight). Please place cans by the road. If multiple cans are placed by the road, please leave 3 ft between the cans for the truck mechanism. All trash must be placed in the cans as nothing placed outside a can will be picked up. Please place the cans back under the home after pick-up as heavy winds tend to carry them away.

# ENJOYING YOUR VACATION

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## **BEACH/WATERSPORTS EQUIPMENT**

We don't provide beach and water sports equipment with the rental to keep the price as affordable as possible. Beach gear, water sports equipment, and bikes can be rented from local places in the area. We like to use Island Cycles for our needs. They can supply kayaks, paddleboards, beach chairs, umbrellas, bikes, etc. They will deliver to the home and pick up at the end of your stay. When booking online at [www.islandcycles.com](http://www.islandcycles.com) use the coupon code "konabreeze" for 10% savings or call 252-995-4336.

Also, Ocean Atlantic Rentals has beach/recreation equipment and will deliver:

<https://www.oceanatlanticrentals.com>

## **CHAIRS / TABLES**

There are tables and chairs on the upper and lower decks. Several are tied down to prevent issues during high winds. Chairs may be moved around but we ask that they be returned to where you found them before you leave. There should be 4 Adirondack chairs on the upper deck. There should be brown plastic chairs (please leave under the home upon departure) for use on the lower deck and yard with two wooden chairs and table.

## **GRILL / BBQ**

There is a park charcoal grill available for your use. If you use the grill, please carefully clean out the cooled ashes before you leave.

## **GYM**

Just down the street at the traffic light for Rt12 is Raise the Bar Fitness and Gym. They are open 24 hours and offer short-term membership arrangements for island visitors. Contact information and pricing can be found on Facebook @raisethebaravon.

# LOCAL ACTIVITY LINKS

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## **NORTH OF HATTERAS ISLAND**

Wright Brother's National Memorial: [www.nps.gov/wrbr/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/wrbr/index.htm)

Jockey's Ridge State Park: [www.ncparks.gov/jockeys-ridge-state-park](http://www.ncparks.gov/jockeys-ridge-state-park)

The North Carolina Aquarium: [www.ncaquariums.com/roanoke-island](http://www.ncaquariums.com/roanoke-island)

The Lost Colony Outdoor Drama: [www.thelostcolony.org](http://www.thelostcolony.org)

The Bodie Island Lighthouse: [www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/bils.htm](http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/bils.htm)

## **HATTERAS ISLAND**

(Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo, Avon, Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras Village)

Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge: [www.fws.gov/refuge/pea\\_island/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/pea_island/)

The Chicamacomico Life Saving Station: [www.chicamacomico.org](http://www.chicamacomico.org)

Cape Hatteras Light Station: [www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/chls.htm](http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/chls.htm)

This lighthouse is about 10 minutes south of Avon. There is a nice visitor center and museum. You can also climb the lighthouse. If it is hot, I recommend doing this activity earlier in the day.

Ocracoke Car Ferry: You can take the ferry (it is FREE) with your car from Hatteras Village to Ocracoke. We do this occasionally (lunch or dinner and ice cream). There are shops and restaurants on Ocracoke. Allow at least 4-6 hours (or more) depending on how long you want to stay. Be aware that the wait for the ferry can be long especially if you return from Ocracoke in the evening after dinner. If you go, take some popcorn or bread to throw to the seagulls that follow the ferry.

[www.outerbanks.com/hatteras-ocracoke-ferry.html](http://www.outerbanks.com/hatteras-ocracoke-ferry.html)

Ocracoke Passenger Ferry: This is seasonal and when running is a fun way to see Ocracoke. Spend the day or just a couple hours. Ocracoke is walkable but they also have bike rentals and golf cart rentals when you arrive at the ferry dock.

The Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum: [www.graveyardoftheatlantic.com](http://www.graveyardoftheatlantic.com)

Please check websites to see dates and hours of the listed activities. Hours are seasonal and can also be impacted by other conditions.



# LOCAL RESTAURANTS

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## AVON

Gidgets: [www.pizzagidget.com](http://www.pizzagidget.com)

Oceania's Bistro: [www.oceanasbistro.com](http://www.oceanasbistro.com)

Pangea Tavern: [www.pangeatavern.com](http://www.pangeatavern.com)

The Mad Crabber: [www.themadcrabber.com](http://www.themadcrabber.com)

Bro's Sandwich Shack: [www.brossandwichshack.com](http://www.brossandwichshack.com)

## BUXTON/FRISCO:

Cockeyed Clam:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Restaurant/Cockeyed-Clam-101013978453294/>

Lighthouse Sports Bar: <https://lighthousesportsbar.com/>

Diamond Shoals: <https://diamondshoalsrestaurant.com>

**RODANTHE, WAVES and SALVO:** About 15-20 minutes north of Avon

Watermen's Bar and Grill, Waves NC: [www.watermensbarandgrill.com](http://www.watermensbarandgrill.com)

They have live music a couple times a week. This is next to REAL Sports. They specialize in kite boarding, paddle boarding and surfing lessons.

**HATTERAS:** About 20-30 minutes south of Avon

Dinky's: [www.villagemarinahatteras.com](http://www.villagemarinahatteras.com)

Hatteras Sol: [www.hatterassol.com](http://www.hatterassol.com). They get great reviews. Reservations are recommended.

Keep in mind, most restaurants do not take reservations so we find it easier to go a little earlier in the evening (5-6PM) for a shorter wait time, especially if you have a larger group, or later in the evening.

If you like to prepare your own seafood for dinner at Kona Breeze, we recommend **Sunrise Seafood Market** at the corner of Rt. 12 and Harbor Road (a bike ride away :). There is a charcoal grill at the house. Grills are not allowed on Kona Breeze decks. [www.sunriseseafood.net](http://www.sunriseseafood.net)

If you are an online community person, there is an active message board that can give you a lot of information: [www.obxconnection.com/](http://www.obxconnection.com/)

# PACKING FOR YOUR OBX VACATION

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We've rented vacation homes in the OBX for years, and one of our lessons learned is to know what is provided with your vacation rental, and what you need to pack or be prepared to buy locally.

With the Kona Breeze, we provide: All bedding, bath towels, hand towels, wash clothes and dish towels. Our housekeeping company, ***Shore Details***, provides a fresh "starter" package of toilet paper and paper towels to allow you to get thru the first day or so before shopping locally.

Below is a recommended packing list. Most of this is pretty obvious but hopefully makes clearer what will be waiting for you. Fortunately, Avon has a big ***Food Lion*** grocery store that has everything you need to stock your refrigerator, pantry, and bathroom for your days on vacation.

## Recommended Packing/Shopping List:

Toilet paper	Plastic wraps	Staples (Salt, pepper, etc.)
Dish detergent	Paper towels	Shampoo
Dish Washer Detergent	Condiments	Paper plates
Napkins	Laundry detergent	Bath soap
Coffee/filters/K-Cups	Tea	Sponges
Garbage bags (we provide for kitchen)		

## Some recommended "Beach" items to pack:

Sunscreen	Cooler	Beach toys
Lip Balm	Beach towels	Beach chairs
Beach umbrella	Rafts/boogie boards	Fishing gear
Insect repellent	Beverage Koozies	Sunglasses
Flip Flops		

There is a **pharmacy**, ***Dollar Tree*** and ***Ace Hardware*** in the same shopping center as the ***Food Lion*** grocery store. There is another grocery store in Buxton (about 8 miles south of Avon called Conner's. They are a locally owned family business and their service and selection is wonderful.

For adult beverages, we use the ***Food Lion*** for a wide selection of beer and wine, and the ***ABC Store*** in Buxton (village south of Avon) for liquor.

# MISCELLANEOUS

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## **FISHING SUPPLIES:**

Frank & Fran's Fisherman's Friend: <https://hatteras-island.com/>  
They have everything you could possibly need; rods, tackle, clothing, bait, etc.

## **CHURCHES:**

Our Lady of the Seas Catholic Church: <https://www.ourladyoftheseas.org>

St. John United Methodist Church: <http://stjohnobx.org> (in our neighborhood).  
Also, the food pantry is located at this church.

Hatteras Assembly of God: <http://hatterasag.org>

Cape Hatteras Baptist Church: <https://capehatterasbaptistchurch.org>

## **MEDICAL SERVICES:**

Beach Pharmacy of Avon: <https://www.mygnp.com/pharmacies/beach-pharmacy-of-avon-avon-nc-27915/>

Outer Banks Hospital Urgent Care:  
<https://www.theouterbankshospital.com/Services/Urgent-Care/>

Outer Banks Hospital: <https://locations.theouterbankshospital.com/nagshead/the-outer-banks-hospital.html>

Dare Country Sheriff's Office:  
<https://www.darenc.com/Home/Components/News/News/7667/724>

## **TRANSPORTATION:**

The closest airport is Norfolk International (ORF). It is about 2.5 to 3 hours away. Alternate airports would be Newport News, Richmond and Raleigh/Durham. Car rentals would be available from these locations.

**Fishing Charters:**

<https://shoredetails.happystays.com/visitor-guide/#/list/6846>

Tightlinz Charter departs from the Avon Marina just around the corner from Kona Breeze.