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Entertainment in the Myrtle Beach area pumps up the volume

Boasting a unique variety of award-winning music, dance, comedy, dinner shows and celebrity concerts, the Myrtle Beach area today is home to some of the best of the entertainment world. Several showplaces and thousands of seats provide the perfect venues for top-notch entertainment every night of the week – in addition to the Grand Strand's music festivals and dancing scene. Whether travelers are looking for a family-friendly entertainment experience or a simple spot to let loose, the Myrtle Beach area has plenty of fantastically fun options for a night on the town.

Live entertainment

The Alabama Theatre

Gaylord Entertainment presents "ONE The Show" at the Alabama Theatre, which was recently voted the No. 1 Live Entertainment Theatre by Myrtle Beach visitors and locals. This one-of-a-kind production features multi-talented entertainers performing America's favorite music like country, Broadway, bluegrass and gospel. In addition, there is comedy, dance and more. For more information, call (800) 342-2262 or visit www.Alabama-Theatre.com.

The Carolina Opry Presented by Calvin Gilmore

Calvin Gilmore Presents The Carolina Opry – consistently voted best show by readers of Myrtle Beach's daily newspaper. The Opry also won the prestigious South Carolina Governor's Cup for "Most Outstanding Attraction" for its stellar music, dance and comedy acts performed by professional artists. Joining the Opry's repertoire on select nights is "Time Warp," where the Carolina Opry cast turns out hits from the '60s, '70s and '80s. New in 2015, the Opry will also feature a laser extravaganza show, titled "Light," that was called exhilarating by the *New York Times*, as well as a new show titled "Thunder & Light" featuring All That!, the renowned clogging group of NBC's "America's Got Talent!" fame. For more information, call (800) 843-6779 or visit www.TheCarolinaOpry.com.

GTS Theatre

Friends and family will be on the edge of their seats waiting to see what happens next at GTS Theatre. Their family-friend Wild 4 Hypnosis Comedy Fusion Show and the Wild 4 Hypnosis Comedy Wild Show for adults offer high-energy, rock n' roll interactive variety comedy that is sure to please. Audience participation only adds to the fun. For more information, visit www.gtstheatre.com.

House of Blues

The House of Blues attracts standouts in the world of blues, jazz, gospel, rock and even comedy. Norah Jones, Edwin McCain, Keith Urban, Hootie & The Blowfish and Dave Chappelle are just a few of the headliners who have appeared on the Myrtle Beach stage. Other big draws include the Sunday Gospel Brunch, Teen Dance Night, Murder Mystery Dinner Theater and the all-new Rockstar Karaoke, where amateurs take the stage to sing their favorite tunes, accompanied by a live band. For more information, call (843) 272-3000 or visit www.HoB.com.

Legends in Concert

The Legends in Concert show in Myrtle Beach is the greatest live show of celebrity impersonators, featuring some of the best musical legends of our time. Since 1995, the show has had a successful run at its Surfside Beach location, but after 15 years, it's time for some change. In 2011, the show renovated a commercial building near Broadway at the Beach, next to Planet Hollywood in Myrtle Beach. For more information and ticket reservation, visit http://www.legendsinconcert.com/locations/myrtle-beach.

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LIGHT Presented by Calvin Gilmore

LIGHT is America's biggest multi-million dollar permanent laser light show, presented at the Gilmore Auditorium. The laser show is provided by Lightwave International, which provides lasers for big-name concert tours such as Madonna and Pink Floyd. The production can feature a number of themes, including Classic Rock, Christian, Patriotic, Family Fun, Beatles, Led Zeppelin, U2, Pink Floyd and Holiday. The 45-minute running time is ideal for patrons of all ages, while the spectacular show ensures everyone will be left delighted and amazed. For more information, call (800) 843- 6779 or visit www.TheCarolinaOpry.com.

Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament

At Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament, the glory and chivalry of the Middle Ages come to life amid pageantry and thrilling tournament action. Guests enjoy a four-course banquet while six knights compete in medieval games of skill astride magnificent Andalusian stallions. For more information, call (888) We-Joust or visit www.MedievalTimes.com.

The Palace Theatre

The Palace Theatre is located at the heart of Myrtle Beach in the award winning Broadway at the Beach Entertainment Complex. The Palace Theatre plays host to some of the greatest and most spectacular live entertainment shows, Broadway theatre productions and musicals from around the world, including "Illusions of Magic" and "Hot Jersey Nights." For a current listing of shows and tickets call 1-800-905-4228 or visit www.palacetheatremyrtlebeach.com.

Pirates Voyage Dinner and Show

Dolly Parton set sail and opened the Pirates Voyage Dinner and Show in Myrtle Beach in 2011. Guests can experience the wonder, excitement and spirit of the pirates who docked on the shores of Myrtle Beach. In an interactive experience, viewers start out in the Pirate's Lair and Crow's Nest and then make their way in the Crimson and Sapphire pirates' camps in the main arena. Not only does the show feature brand new music by Dolly Parton and Mark Brymer, but the presentation also includes acrobatics and live animals. This attraction received over \$11 million in production upgrades. For more information, call (843) 497-9700 or visit www.piratesvoyage.com.

Live musical performances and programs

Atlantic Stage

In partnership with Coastal Carolina University, Atlantic Stage is the first and only professional theatre company in the Myrtle Beach area. Atlantic Stage was formed in August 2008 and is comprised of professional directors and designers, as well as professional actors and stage managers who are members of the Actors Equity Association. It is committed to bringing the Myrtle Beach area the best in Broadway, Off-Broadway and new plays from regional theatre across the United States. A notfor-profit theatre, Atlantic Stage is funded through ticket sales, private donations and in-kind donations from Coastal Carolina University and the Department of Theatre and individuals. For more information, visit www.atlanticstage.com.

Carolina Master Chorale

The Carolina Master Chorale is the oldest community chorus on the Grand Strand, founded in 1982. The volunteer chorus consists of over 70 auditioned members. Members come from all parts of the Grand Strand and have very diverse musical backgrounds. Dr. Timothy Koch, the group's director and conductor, is recognized as a champion of contemporary composers and a leading interpreter of choral/orchestral masterworks. The Carolina Master Chorale not only contributes to the cultural and civic life of the Grand Strand, but acts as cultural ambassadors for the community through performances throughout South Carolina, the United States and the world. It offers four concerts during its annual season, including the concert for combined choruses at the "Festival-By-the Sea," a weekend-long choral workshop for invited choruses from the United States and Canada that features internationally known choral conductors. For more information, call (843) 444-5774 or visit www.carolinamasterchorale.com.

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Coastal Carolina University Cultural Arts

Each year, Coastal Carolina University presents a dynamic cultural program for students, the community and visitors to the area. The online calendar offers a detailed listing of the exciting program of events scheduled throughout the year. For more information, call (843) 349-2502 or visit www.coastal.edu/culturalarts/.

The Long Bay Symphony

The Long Bay Symphony Orchestra has been performing 15-20 concerts each year since its founding in 1987. Offering a variety of classical music ranging from chamber music to a full orchestra and youth orchestra, The Long Bay Symphony provides a welcoming musical respite for visitors to the Myrtle Beach area. Adult tickets are available for \$20 to \$45 and student tickets are offered at \$10, making an evening at the symphony accessible for all family visitors.

Nightlife aplenty

Barefoot Landing

During the day, shopping is the rage. But once the sun sets, Barefoot Landing becomes the place to be. Located along the Intracoastal Waterway in North Myrtle Beach, there's plenty for everyone. Whether it's taking in a great musical act at the House of Blues, experiencing "the shame of Barefoot Landing," Dick's Last Resort, or enjoying an evening at Wild Wing Café, Bully's Pub and Grill, Castano's Italian Steakhouse, Fire Island Grille or Greg Norman's Australian Grille, the night time is definitely the right time when you're here.

The Bowery

Located just a short walk from the ocean, The Bowery has been called Myrtle Beach's "music museum" since it opened its doors in 1944 and established itself as a country music haven on the beach. Often recognized as the home of powerhouse country legends, Alabama, The Bowery boasts live music every night, a plentiful menu of Southern favorites, nearly 100 different liquors, and a beer and wine menu that caters to even the most peculiar tongue. For more information visit <u>www.thebowery.com</u>.

Casino Boats from Little River, SC

The Atlantic Ocean is home to Myrtle Beach casino ships – the Big M – which provide guests with scenic and entertaining excursions that include gambling, fine dining and live entertainment. The five-hour cruise sets sail twice a day from beautiful Little River, just a short drive north from the central Myrtle Beach area. www.bigmcasino.com/myrtle-beach

Celebrity Square at Broadway at the Beach

Celebrity Square is a New-Orleans style boulevard bursting with 10 of Myrtle Beach's hottest clubs and night- spots, from the well-known Hard Rock Café and Margaritaville to favorite haunts like Senor Frog's. Travelers can keep an eye out for inseason happy hours, street parties and daily specials. There is always something new to entertain visitors! For more information call (800) 386-4662 or visit www.broadwayatthebeach.com/nightlife.html.

Shag Dancing

Myrtle Beach is home to the time-honored tradition of shag dancing - also known as the Carolina Beach Shag. The Shag dance started as a beach dance popular with young, college-aged adults back in the fifties and sixties. It has been referred to by some as "a sort of a lazy jitterbug" that used to be danced late at night on the beaches. In 1984, it became the official state dance of South Carolina. The Ocean Drive section of North Myrtle Beach is where the Shag originated decades ago and continues to stand strong, housing a plethora of Shag dancing clubs such as Fat Harold's Beach Club, Duck's, and OD Lounge.

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Seasonal entertainment

Each Christmas season, the Myrtle Beach area's many theaters and attractions stage heart-warming and celebratory performances. Parades ring in the season all along the Grand Strand, while holiday displays like the Night of a Thousand Candles at Brookgreen Gardens and Festival of Trees at Ripley's Aquarium are festivities to be enjoyed. With great seasonal rates offered alongside a wide array of holiday shopping options, the Grand Strand is an ideal place for families to spend the holidays.

The South's Grandest Christmas Show at The Alabama Theatre

Each Christmas season, The Alabama Theatre presents The South's Grandest Christmas Show, a festive spectacle of traditional carols and holiday musical favorites along with dance and comedy acts.

The Carolina Opry Christmas Special

The magic of the season comes to life each year at The Carolina Opry's colorful and eagerly awaited holiday music variety and comedy show.

Christmas with Legends

Forget Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra. The sounds you want to hear during the holidays come from the King. Legends in Concert bring the sounds of the season up a few decibels, with Elvis Presley, The Blues Brothers, Rod Stewart, Dolly Parton and Nat King Cole announced as the performers who will close out 2015. For more information, go to www.legendsinconcert.com.

Jersey Nights Christmas Spectacular at The Palace Theatre

Come celebrate the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons at The Palace Theatre's Jersey Nights Christmas Spectacular. These legendary songs, like "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry" and "Ain't That A Shame," are given new life just before the holidays. It would be a shame if you missed out on this early Christmas gift. For more information, call (800) 905-4228 or go to www.palacetheatremyrtlebeach.com.

A Pirates Voyage Christmas

Arrrr!!! What scallywag would say no to a fun-filled Christmas adventure on the high seas? Come out for Christmas at Pirates Voyage and join Capt. Scrooge as he travels to the past, through the present and to the future. The child in everyone is sure to be taken back to Christmas mornings past as an assortment of toys come to life during the production. So, mateys, make yer' Christmas the merriest yet by coming to Pirates Voyage. For more information, call (843) 497-9700 or go to www.piratesvoyage.com.

For additional information on the Myrtle Beach Area, visit www.VisitMyrtleBeach.com or call 1.888.Myrtle1.

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