

U.S. ROUTE

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ROUTE 17 PRINTABLE LIBRARY

TRIP COMPANION

Charleston to Wilmington Road Trip Companion

Choose the trip shape first: fast transfer, full coastal day, or relaxed overnight split.

USE THIS FOR

Carry the live itinerary on paper: trip promise, route phases, anchor roles, backups, pacing posture, route distinctions, cut-first choices, and a final worksheet.

LIVE GUIDE <https://route17roadtrip.com/trips/charleston-to-wilmington-road-trip/>

Florida > Georgia > South Carolina > North Carolina > Virginia

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LIVE GUIDE

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Trip promise and route phases

Keep Charleston, Georgetown, the Grand Strand, and Wilmington in distinct roles so the coastal handoff feels planned.

Route phases

- [] Charleston - major southern anchor.
- [] McClellanville / marsh middle - optional texture.
- [] Georgetown - most reliable middle reset.
- [] Grand Strand / Little River - choose beach energy and traffic deliberately.
- [] Wilmington - Cape Fear finish.

START Charleston Depth and launch.	MIDDLE Georgetown River-town reset.
DECISION ZONE Grand Strand Choose-or-skip activity/traffic layer.	FINISH Wilmington North Carolina city anchor.

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Backups, pacing, and what to cut first

The printable should never be more authoritative than the live guide; use current checks for anything time-sensitive.

Backup choices

- [] Mount Pleasant / Awendaw - Charleston exit and nature context.
- [] Pawleys Island / Murrells Inlet - optional quiet-beach / marsh hinge.
- [] Atlantic Beach / North Myrtle Beach - heritage and north-Grand-Strand context.
- [] Little River - state-line orientation, not a stop to overbuild.

Pacing posture

Fast transfer with Route 17 identity, full-day coastal drive, or overnight split.

Route distinction

Traffic, parking, and activity density on the Grand Strand can change the whole day. Choose that layer intentionally.

If the day runs long

Cut McClellanville and secondary beach stops first. Keep Georgetown if you need one middle reset, then protect Wilmington arrival.

FINAL WORKSHEET

Commit the day before you drive

Write the anchors and verification items that matter. Leave optional stops optional.

Start time / first anchor	
Primary reset	
Backup stop	
Finish / overnight	
Cut-first choice	
Live checks before departure	

Trip notes

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