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EAST COAST ROAD TRIP · 6 DAYS ONE WAY

A History and Space Tour of the East Coast of America - Self-Drive Itinerary

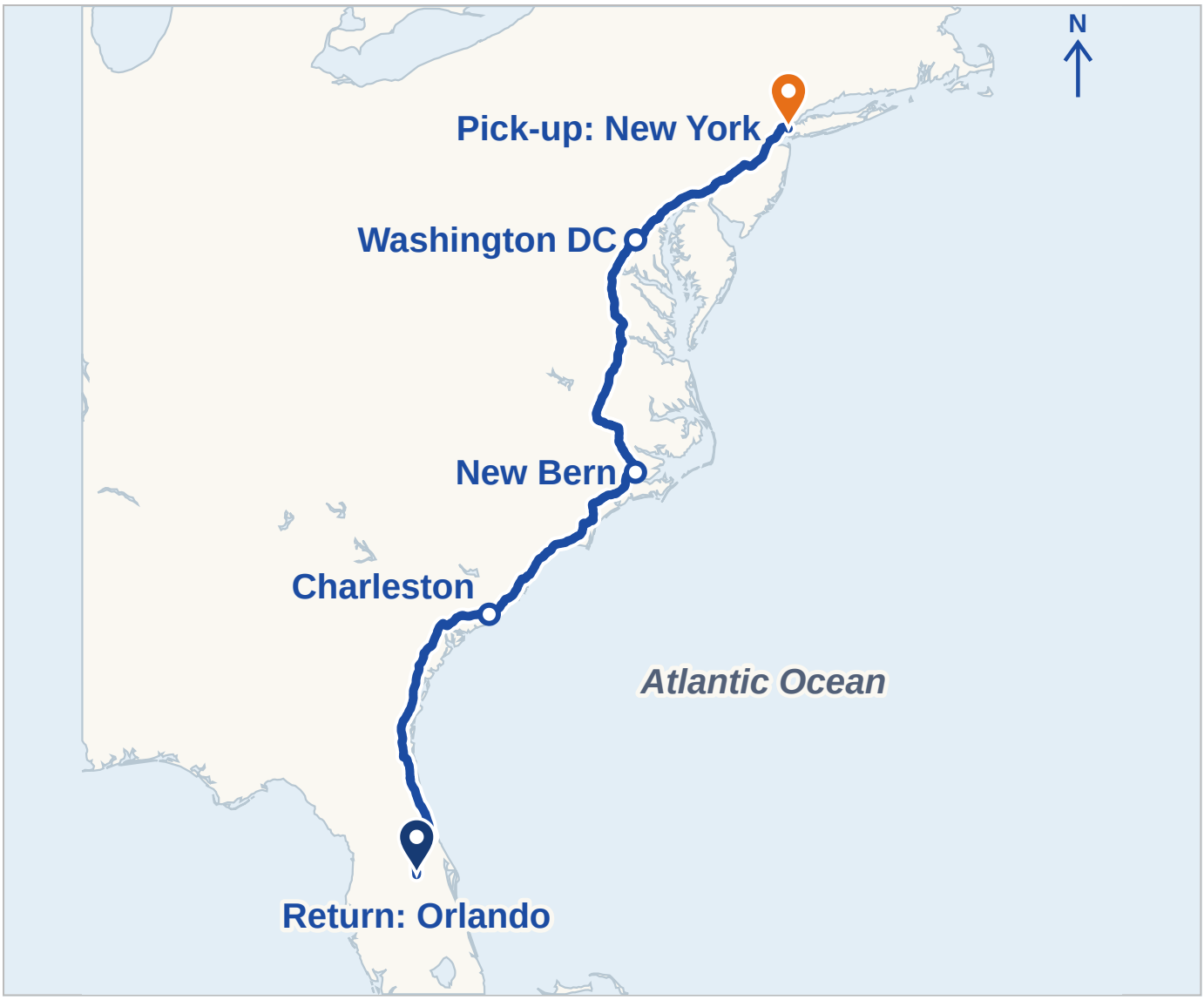
6 Days down the eastern seaboard of the US probably does not give justice to the wealth of things to see, visit and do on this 1200 mile drive. So why not combine these stages with your own and discover the diversity of the US from top to bottom.

DISTANCE	DAYS	ROUTE	DRIVING TIME
About 1,930 km (1,200 mi)	6 days, 4 drives	One way, New York to Orlando	About 24 h 30 min by car

LONGEST DRIVE	VEHICLE
610 km (380 mi), Charleston to Orlando	Car or motorhome



Space Coast, Florida, day 6 · Illustrative image



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Picking up in New York

You'll generally need your licence, a credit card in the main driver's name and your booking confirmation: see what to bring at pick-up. Before you drive away, you'll check the vehicle against its condition report, and with a motorhome staff show you how it works: see what happens at a motorhome handover. More on motorhome hire in New York.

A DAY IN NEW YORK

DAY 1

New York NY

PICK-UP

To begin your journey, spend one night in New York. New York is home to many famous historic monuments, but none more prominent than the Statue of Liberty. A gift from the French to the Americans, the statue represents the freedom of America and welcomes immigrants arriving from abroad.

The Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum Complex is unlike most museums, as it calls its home aboard the aircraft carrier Intrepid. The Space Shuttle Pavilion is lucky enough to exhibit the space shuttle Enterprise, the prototype that paved the way for current space shuttle technology.

Collect your rental car or pick up your campervan in New York. If you are hiring a motorhome, allow time at the depot for the rental company to show you how it works before you leave.

DRIVE

375 km (230 mi) from New York

about 5 h 15 min by car · about 6 h 15 min by motorhome

Via **New Jersey Turnpike**

DAY 2

New York NY to Washington DC via Philadelphia PA

Depart this morning and take the I-78 W in Jersey City. Take the I-95 and NJ Turnpike S to N 15th Street in Philadelphia, taking just under two hours.

Philadelphia is home to Independence Hall, one of the most important buildings in American history. Both the United States Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution were adopted here. Entrance to the Hall is by tour guide only, so make sure to book some tickets.

Depart Philadelphia and take the I-676/US-30 E from S Penn Square and N Broad Street. Follow I-95, I-895 S and Baltimore-Washington Parkway to US-50/ New York Avenue NE in Bladensburg. Take the US-50 W exit. Continue on New York Avenue NE to Washington DC.

Washington DC is the home of politics within America. It is a must to visit the iconic Lincoln Memorial, and see the monument built to honour the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. Just across from the Lincoln Memorial, you will find the Washington Monument. This particular monument was built to commemorate the very first President, George Washington.

Stay Cherry Hill Park

A DAY IN WASHINGTON DC

DAY 3

Washington DC

This morning, visit the National Air and Space Museum. The museum is home to thousands of displays, including the first successful heavier-than-air flying machine, the 1903 Wright Flyer. The Planetarium is a great way to experience zooming through space from the comfort of your chair.

In the afternoon, head west towards Chantilly, which is just under an hour away. Here you will find the Udvar-Hazy Center, where you can do a number of things from touching a space suit, flying in a simulator and learning how humans made it to the moon.

Stay Cherry Hill Park

DRIVE

515 km (320 mi) from Washington DC

about 6 h 15 min by car · about 7 h 30 min by motorhome | Via **I 95**

DAY 4

Washington DC to New Bern NC

Depart this morning and take 14th Street NW to I-395 S. Take I-395 S to US-13 S/ NC-11 S in Upper Conetoe. Take the NC-30 E, US-264 E and US-17 S to New Bern.

The Tryon Palace is firstly known as North Carolina's first permanent state capital. However, you will soon discover the rich history behind this place, including the Governor's Palace, North Carolina History Center, Historic Homes and Gardens. Walk inside the former home of Royal Governor William Tryon, or see where the first general assembly was held.

The historic buildings nearby have been preserved as a way to discover how people lived in the 18th century. Including three celebrated houses, there is also North Carolina's first publicly-chartered school to explore.

Stay New Bern KOA Holiday

DRIVE

435 km (270 mi) from New Bern

about 6 h by car · about 7 h 15 min by motorhome | Via **North Fraser Street**

DAY 5

New Bern NC to Charleston SC

Depart this morning and take the Doctor M. L. K. Jr Boulevard and the US-17 BUS to US-17 S in Pollocksville. Continue on US-17 S, then take the SC-31 and US-17 to Wentworth Street in Charleston.

Fort Sumter is a national monument, as it marks the place where the American Civil War began. After an increasingly tense time between the North and the South, the Confederates took over Fort Sumter after 34 hours. It is such a unique experience to learn about the Civil War from where it first began.

Note, Fort Sumter is an island, so you have to take a boat to reach there.

Stay James Island County Park

DRIVE

610 km (380 mi) from Charleston

about 7 h 15 min by car · about 8 h 45 min by motorhome | Via **I 95**

DAY 6

Charleston SC to Orlando FL

RETURN

Depart this morning and take the I-95 S/ US-17 S in Jasper County. Follow the I-95 S and I-4 W to E Anderson Street in Orlando.

The Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is considered to be an educational theme park for space lovers. Take a bus tour behind the scenes, and see historic launch sites as well as the working space facilities. Check the events calendar to see if any launches are planned, and you could actually witness a real rocket blast off into space.

The American Space Museum and Space Walk of Fame is a great way to get a complete understanding of space exploration history. The museum pays tribute to all the astronauts and people behind the space shuttles, as well as the major launches.

Stay Orlando SE/ Lake Whippoorwill KOA

Returning in Orlando

When you return your motorhome, allow time for the return inspection. Return it by the time on your booking, as rental companies charge for late returns. If staff find new damage, ask for the updated condition report and how any charge is worked out: see checking the vehicle when you return it. More on motorhome hire in Orlando.

Enjoy the drive down the East Coast.

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