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# Gone to Carolina

We have been rolling right along, down through Virginia and into the Carolinas, and then to Georgia and Florida. We're currently spending a couple days in Daytona Beach, but more on that later.

On Monday April 10th, we left our hotel in Virginia and made good timing getting across the border into North Carolina. There's definitely still something up with GPS - apparently he's taking a longer vacation than we'd hoped. However, Anthony and I have been tapping into our map-reading skills and using Google Maps old school style: "Wait, what street are we on? What's the cross street? It says we have to go north, but the compass on Google Maps is wrong. The car compass says we're going east, so maybe we should turn?" We've had a couple slight delays as a result, but luckily southern Virginia and North Carolina aren't traffic-heavy, so our wrong turns only delay us by a few minutes. Has anyone else been trying to use their Google Maps GPS lately and failing? It can't just be us!

Once we made it into North Carolina we stopped for lunch in Raleigh. Then we walked around by the State Capitol and drove over to the Mordecai Historic Park, which was once upon a time a plantation but now houses a village of historical buildings, including the house where Andrew Johnson, our 17th president, was born. The park was beautiful and serene; tiny, colorful houses surrounded by paths and gardens of spring flowers.



In the afternoon we made our way down into South Carolina, a long drive past farms and fields, until we reached coastal civilization at Myrtle Beach, which was our stop for the night. We arrived around 4pm which gave us plenty of time to check into our hotel and head to the boardwalk. Our hotel was an adorable 1-bedroom villa with a kitchenette/dining room, living room, and separate bedroom. Too bad we barely spent any time there except to sleep!

As part of Anthony's 30th birthday gifts, I bought him tickets to the Myrtle Beach Sky Wheel, so we got to go for a ride and see the sights from above. Then we walked around, went to the most ridiculously huge candy store I've ever seen, and played some arcade games. Afterwards we went to dinner at Rioz Brazilian Steakhouse, and people, yes, the hype about this place is warranted. If you're in South Carolina GO TO RIOZ. They have one location in Myrtle Beach and one in Columbia. It was fantastic! Anthony and I have been eating REALLY well on this trip so far!

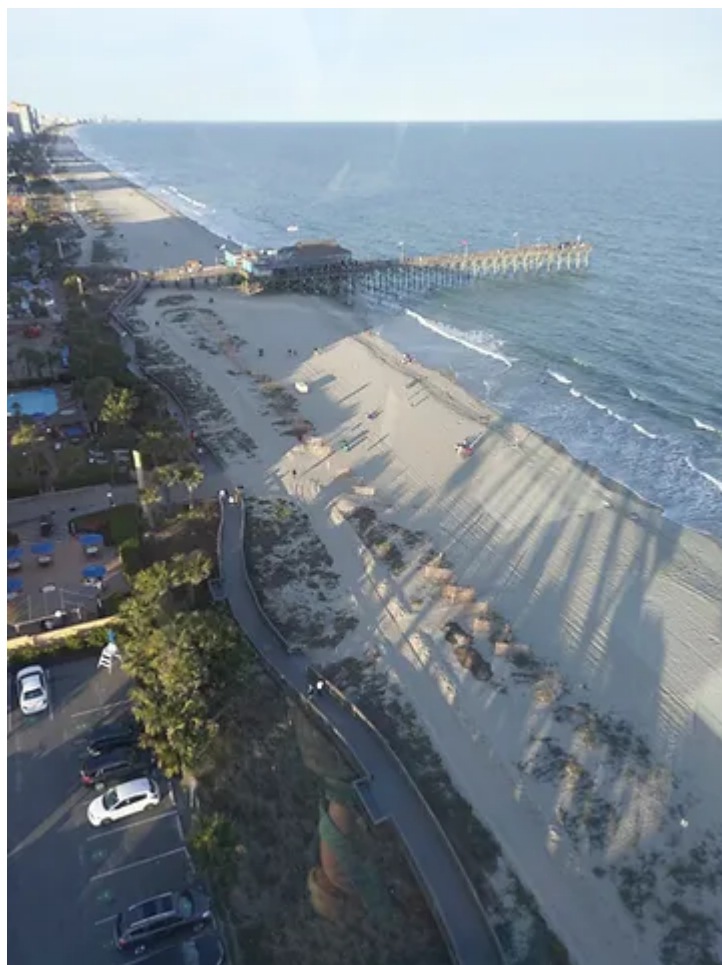








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