Most Scenic Road trips – Gulf Coast (Carolinas/Tennessee/Virginia)

Day 1 – Gulf Shores beach arrival + sunset boardwalk vibes

White-sand shoreline, easy coastal cruising, and your first Gulf sunset

🌞 **Morning: Drive into Gulf Shores → quick stretch + coffee stop → beach gear pick-up (water, sun protection, towels)**

🌤️ **Afternoon: Check-in at The Beach Club Resort & Spa → unwind on the beach → gentle stroll for views and sea breeze**

🌙 **Evening: Golden-hour shoreline walk → dinner with Gulf flavours (seafood-focused) in Gulf Shores**

Day 2 – 🚴 Dunes, trails & coastal nature (Gulf Shores/Orange Beach)

The most scenic "land + sea" day: dunes, wildlife, and calm water

🌞 **Morning: Sunrise beach walk → coastal cruising by bike (easy pace) around Orange Beach → photo stops along the water**

🌤️ **Afternoon: Nature time (choose your pace) → boardwalk-style strolls and birdwatching → downtime back at The Beach Club Resort & Spa**

🌙 **Evening: Sunset viewpoint stop → relaxed dinner in Orange Beach (aim for somewhere with outdoor seating and live music)**

Day 3 – 🚤 Scenic Gulf drive west to Ocean Springs

Beach towns → bays → artsy historic streets

🌞 **Morning: Check out of The Beach Club Resort & Spa → coastal drive west (build in plenty of stops for photos)**

🌤️ **Afternoon: Arrive in Ocean Springs → wander the charming centre → gallery/shop browsing and a late lunch**

🌙 **Evening: Sunset by the water → dinner in Ocean Springs (seafood or Southern comfort)**

Day 4 – 🏖️ Barrier-island scenery day trip + slow coastal evening

Big-sky beach landscapes and that "endless shoreline" feeling

🌞 **Morning: Easy breakfast → beach morning (aim for wide-open stretches and fewer crowds)**

🌤️ **Afternoon: Choose one signature nature stop (keep it safe and relaxed) → wetlands/boardwalk-style exploring → return to town for downtime**

🌙 **Evening: Dinner in Ocean Springs → optional night stroll through the historic streets**

Day 5 – 🚙 Long scenic transfer day: Gulf Coast → Chattanooga

From coastal blues to mountain-river city energy

🌞 **Morning: Check out → start the drive inland (plan 2–3 rest/photo stops so it doesn't feel like a slog)**

🌤️ **Afternoon: Arrive Chattanooga → check-in at Hampton Inn & Suites Chattanooga/Downtown → riverside reset on Tennessee Riverwalk**

🌙 **Evening: Dinner at State of Confusion → evening wander in Southside**

Day 6 – 🌅 Scenic overlooks + farewell in Chattanooga

Water + viewpoints: a satisfying "last day" without rushing

🌞 **Morning: Slow start → coffee → short scenic walk for views (choose a lookout close to the city)**

🌤️ **Afternoon: Free time for anything you loved most—riverwalk, easy trails, or neighbourhood wandering → pack up**

🌙 **Evening: Farewell dinner at Wooden City**