

# Summer Series, COMPLETE!



With the ocean and the inlet both easily accessible, there are many water sports to explore in the Outer Banks.

It felt like a hangover to wake up today. I rolled over and closed my eyes, groaning. It was barely 8 am and to do lists were already swirling in my head. This wasn't an alcohol-induced situation, it was the effect of knowing today was the last day of vacation.

So I took a deep breath and hopped out of bed. The optimistic side of me kicked in (probably because I could already smell coffee!) and I wasn't going to have a pity party for myself when there was a full day ahead. BAM. Back at it. Maybe it's just that I stayed up a little too late reading [Stir, by Jessica Fechter](#), sitting on the top balcony porch last night.

Since it's the last day, I did not have a plan to crock pot anything, but instead it was a feast of leftovers. I had planned well on quantities for meals and snack foods, but there was still enough to cover today's meals. Let's take a moment to reflect on the deliciousness of this week (CLICK ON EACH LINK FOR FULL POSTS):

[Day One: Menu and Shopping List](#)

[Day Two: Crock Pot Steamed Summer Vegetables](#)

[Day Three: Crock Pot Low Country Boil](#)

[Day Four: Crock Pot Peach Crumble](#) and [Crock Pot Grits](#)

[Day Five: Crock Pot White Ratatouille](#)

[Day Six: Crock Pot Seafood Paella](#)



Thank you for joining Dinner Is A Crock on this Summer Series adventure!

If this week of meals hasn't inspired you to [travel with your crock pot](#), or at least [buy a crock pot](#), then I'm disappointed. Maybe you don't want to cook every night when you are on vacation, but there is a reason you stay at a beach house and not a hotel— because you want the comforts of home, just in a different location. Next time you go on vacation, try cooking a few dinners all together, then sample the local fare at the restaurants the other days. If you want a maid and room service, you won't find it here. But the blessings and freedom of beach house vacations promises adventure and whim instead of turned down sheets and sample-sized soaps. It's a worthy trade off!

This has been an amazing journey with you, fans. While I certainly got more of tan than you did, and probably a little more rest and relaxation, I hope you have enjoyed the adventure. The [beach house we stayed at in the Outer Banks, known as Ooh La La](#), is available for rental– with spaces still available this year and already booking for next! I cannot stress enough the ease of staying at this location. We've vacationed at other places on the coast and this is by far my favorite so far. I would like to publicly say thank you to the owners for letting Dinner Is a Crock share [Ooh La La](#) with the world!

(SHAMELESS PLUG: IF YOU HAVE A RENTAL PROPERTY AND WOULD LIKE ME TO STAY THERE FOR A VACATION SERIES, I AM OPEN TO OPPORTUNITY! PLEASE EMAIL ME AT [DINNERISACROCK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DINNERISACROCK@GMAIL.COM)!)