





# LIGHTHOUSES SOUTH

Around the year 2000, Eric created a series of four popular lighthouse paintings, each one dedicated to one of the four seasons, to commemorate the inseparable relationship shared between folk art and Lighthouses. Re-released in a new format we are glad to bring back Eric's lighthouse series. The Lighthouses South features the historic and beautiful Tybee Island Lighthouse of Tybee Island, Georgia and the Assateague Lighthouse at Chincoteague Island in Virginia. Enjoy these paintings of classic Americana and wonderful seasonal scenes. Let your light shine.

1. Lighthouses have to be a certain height depending on how close they are to the shore. Shorter one will be on a cliff, while taller ones are built near the shore.
2. The Tybee Island Lighthouse was constructed in 1736 but has been rebuilt many times until its most recent structure in 1916.
3. The current Tybee lighthouse is fireproof.
4. The Tybee lighthouse was destroyed during the Civil War but was quickly rebuilt.
5. The different colors and patterns painted on lighthouses help marines and sailors identify where they are in the daytime.
6. John Smeaton designed the iconic lighthouse in 1759 that many builders use today. Because of its interlocking blocks of stone instead of wood, the lighthouse can withstand powerful winds and waves.
7. The world's oldest and still operational lighthouse is the Tower of Hercules, which resides in Spain's La Coruna harbor.
8. The Assateague Lighthouse was built in 1867.
9. The Assateague Lighthouse became an electric light in 1933.
10. A lighthouse source of light is called an "optic" where a powerful lens magnifies light, which can be seen over 20 miles away.
11. The first known lighthouse was in Egypt called Pharos of Alexandria—300 BC.
12. There are more lighthouses in the United States than any other country.
13. Michigan is home to more than 115 lighthouses, seeing that it sits along the Great Lakes.
14. The first lighthouse to be built in America was the Little Brewster in 1716 located in Boston.