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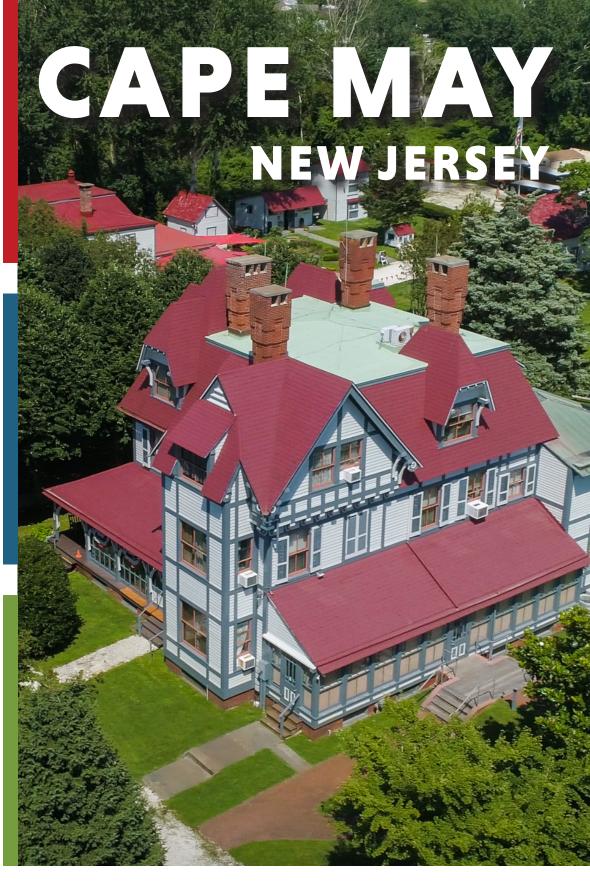
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Guided tours are offered daily April through December and select dates at other times of the year. Special living history presentations are also available. The Physick House and the Carriage House are airconditioned for the comfort of visitors.

The Physick House was designed by Frank Furness, the renowned architect of more than 600 buildings in the greater Philadelphia area in the late-19th and early-20th centuries. Such trademark features as the greatly oversized corbelled (upside down) chimneys, jerkinhead dormers, and porch brackets appear in many other Furness buildings of the period.

Also on the grounds is the 1876 Carriage House. Today, it is home to the Carriage House Museum Shop, with merchandise ranging from tea-related items to books, jewelry and more, as well as fine teas.

The Carroll Gallery is the only gallery in the county dedicated to changing exhibits that focus on Cape May history.

The first floor of the house museum, as well as the Carriage House, is fully accessible.

A visit to the Physick Estate offers a look back at the Victorian past: its architecture, decorative arts, customs, and the lives of one Cape May household.

Emlen Physick Jr., his widowed mother, Frances Ralston, and his maiden aunt Emilie Parmentier moved into their home when it was completed in 1879.

Emlen, who never married, was descended from two famous and wealthy Philadelphia families, the Physicks and the Emlens. His grandfather, Dr. Philip Syng Physick, was considered the father of American surgery and invented numerous surgical procedures and medical instruments that are still in use today.

While he did graduate from medical school, Emlen never practiced medicine. In Cape May, he led the life of a gentleman farmer. He bought and sold a great deal of real estate in Cape May, and took an active role in civic affairs.







1859 Cape May Lighthouse

Located in Cape May Point State Park, Lower Township

In December, 1986, the Cape May Lighthouse was leased to Cape May MAC (Museums + Arts + Culture). The organization assumed responsibility for restoring the lighthouse, interpreting it as a historic site and opening it to the public.

The process of restoration took more than 15 years (1987-2002), and was funded by nearly \$2 million in grants.

Cape May MAC supervised the restoration of the lighthouse windows and doors, the addition of safety improvements, the restoration of the oil house which is at the entrance to the lighthouse grounds, the restoration of the lantern roof and windows, the interior walls and staircase, an archaeological investigation that located the original privies and walkways, and the restoration of the arounds.

The lighthouse has also been repainted in its original color scheme, in which the tower is crème and the lantern is red.

Visitors can climb the 199 steps to the top for a breathtaking view of the Atlantic Ocean and Delaware Bay. For those who choose not to climb, the Lighthouse's Oil House has been fully restored, and houses a fully accessible visitors' orientation center as well as a museum shop offering a variety of lighthouse and seashore memorabilia.

Stairway to the Stars offer a chance to visit the Lighthouse at night to witness the start of a new 29.5 day lunar cycle, when the moon is so dark it blends in with the night sky and is invisible to the naked eye.

A beautiful new brick pathway was installed on the grounds in 2021, with dedicated bricks available for purchase.

Tens of thousands of visitors each year experience a visit to the top of the lighthouse, and learn about the Lighthouse Keepers of a century ago.

World War II Lookout Tower

Located near Cape May Point on Sunset Boulevard in Lower Township

lookout tower, is another Cape May MAC historic preservation success story. Fire Control Tower No. 23 is New Jersey's last freestanding World War II tower, part of the immense Harbor Defense of the Delaware system known as Fort Miles. Built in 1942, the tower was one of 15 towers that helped aim batteries of coastal artillery. The tower was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on Nov. 17, 2003.

Restoration of Fire Control Tower No. 23, a World War II coastal artillery

The restoration included building staircases in the Tower so that the public can safely climb to the top; construction of a wooden walkway from the street to the Tower, and a deck around its base to preserve the fragile dune environment; replacing missing windows and doors; recreating historical details, such as the original wooden ladders, and outfitting the watch room and viewing platform at the top; installing interpretive panels along the walkway and at every level in the Tower; and upgrading the existing parking lot across Sunset Boulevard. A Wall of Honor on the third level honors local World War II veterans. An All Veterans Memorial at the rear of the Tower was dedicated in 2012 and is open year-round. The walkway, interpretive panels and All Veterans Memorial are fully accessible.





Cape May MAC's open-air red trolleys are the perfect way to tour Cape May and discover its history, architecture and natural beauty. Throughout the year, daytime and evening trolley tours focus on differing aspects of Cape May, the nation's only National Historic Landmark City. Combination house and trolley tours include a tour of the 1879 Emlen Physick Estate. Specialty trolley tours celebrate the changing seasons and holidays from spring to Christmas. An accessible trolley is also available (call for details).



Historic District Trolley Tour

Cape May is the nation's oldest seaside resort and the Historic District features a variety of styles of Victorian architecture. Wonderful tour guides explain why Cape May is a National Historic Landmark City and why preservation is so important here.



Combination Trolley/ Physick Estate Tour

A guided trolley tour of Cape May's Historic District is followed by a guided tour of the Physick House Museum, Cape May's only Victorian house museum. Visit the Carroll Gallery in the Carriage House.



Welcome to Cape May Trolley Tour

This is the best introduction to Cape May for first timers and also for those who haven't been to Cape May in some time. Find the hidden gems and the little-known treasures of this glorious seaside town and learn about natural and cultural points of interest. This narrated tour highlights the many cultural, historical and natural attractions on the island.



Mansions by the Sea Trolley Tour

This tour features a century of beachfront development, from Victorian cottages of the 1870s to the most up-to-date seaside cottages and mansions of today. It includes the history of some of Cape May's most magnificent structures.



Underground Railroad Trolley Tour

Hear the history of Cape May's connection to the Underground Railroad and how legendary antislavery fighter, Harriet Tubman, who was present here in the early 1850s, along with businessman and former slave, Stephen Smith, helped hundreds escape to freedom. Co-sponsored by the Center for Community Arts.



Historic Haunts Combo Tour

First you'll travel by trolley past properties reputed to be haunted and hear supernatural stories unearthed during paranormal investigations. The trolley then brings you to the 1879 Physick House Museum, where you step inside and learn why Victorians were so fascinated by Spiritualism.



Spirits & Oddities Trolley Tour

Cats in ghostly form purr from the beyond. Beloved family members in photographs without their heads. Graves equipped with a torpedo to put off intruders. Hear several Cape May ghost stories and more strange stories from Victorian Cape May history that are macabre, mysterious or just downright weird!



Roots of Cape Island

West Cape May has a history of farming, and much more. Learn about the roots of this area, both literal and cultural on the new Roots of Cape Island Trolley Tour. Hear about those who farmed the mighty lima bean. Learn about the Native American tribes who inhabited this land. Hear about the area's history, including the whaling industry, and its farms and shops, with stories of the vibrant African American community who live and work here.



Ghosts of Cape May Trolley Tour

Cape May is renowned as one of the most haunted cities in the country and this tour tells you why. Take this evening trolley tour of the Historic District past places and properties reputed to be haunted, as guides tell stories of the unexplained unearthed by psychic medium Craig McManus during his paranormal investigations.

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Murder Mystery Dinners

Murder and mayhem are served during Murder Mystery Dinners. Savor a multi-course dinner as players take you on a dramatic journey, leaving clues "on the table," figuratively, while you enjoy your entrée or dessert. Keep track of the characters and their motives and plots as the mystery unfolds around you and is finally revealed.

Brunch & Bingo at Bella Vida

Laugh along with your friends as you play a little bingo, compete for prizes and enjoy a fashion show by Lace Silhouettes/Cotton Company. It's all over a scrumptious brunch.

Cape May Garden Tour

This is your invitation to explore Cape May's unique natural areas and the private plants, blooms and landscape designs of some of the area's most passionate gardeners. Smell and see what's blooming and flourishing in several different seashore locations dominated by sunlight, ocean breezes, and sand and salt, each uniquely situated.

Cape May Wine Trail

Hop on the Cape May MAC trolley and enjoy tours and tastings at several of Cape May County premier wineries. Lunch included.

Victorian Weekend

This is the best time of year to visit Victorian Cape May and celebrate the unique heritage of America's first seashore resort. Enjoy a weekend of exciting and entertaining activities focused on history and Victorian Cape May culture.

Sherlock Holmes Weekends

The game's afoot in Victorian Cape May as Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson lead you through a weekend of mystery.

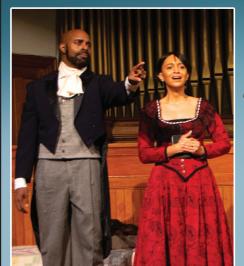








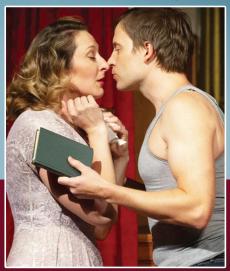






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The Cape May Music Festival features both indoor and outdoor musical performances from May through June, with classical concerts from the Bay Atlantic Symphony, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Chamber Players and the New York Chamber Ensemble, and jazz performances, popular music concerts, and Bach's Lunches.





WAERING TOURS & SPECIAL PHYSICK ESTATE HOUSE TOURS



Painted Ladies, Porches & More Walking Tour

Take a walk from the 1879 Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St., to the Washington Street Mall with a knowledgeable guide and experience charming Cape May, a National Historic Landmark city, up close. Delight in beautiful gardens as you learn about Victorian architecture and Cape May's colorful history along the way. Discover the interesting features of various Victorian styles and learn why front porches were so important to Victorian social customs.



Architectural Walking Tour

See America's only National Historic Landmark City up close on this one-hour walking tour that explores Cape May's renowned historic district by foot. Put on your sturdy shoes and stroll along the sidewalks of streets such as Hughes Street, Howard Street and Columbia Avenue, with a knowledgeable guide to show and tell what makes Victorian Cape May so interesting. See where Victorian gamblers won or lost their shirts, where the Great Fire of 1878 burned, and learn why front porches were so important to Victorian social life.



Fisherman's Warf Tour

Take a guided tour of the Fisherman's Wharf at the Lobster House. Learn how your seafood gets from the sea to your table and discover how Cape May has become the second largest commercial fishing port on the East Coast.



This annual immersive "whodunit" mystery written by Jacklyn Fazio unfolds inside the first floor of the 1879 Physick House Museum. Have fun guessing along as you try to solve this mysterious drama.



Magic & Mystery House Tour

Victorians were fascinated with mystery and illusion and this tour through select rooms in the 1879 Physick House Museum shares that fascination. Learn about the famous Harry Houdini who captivated Victorian audiences with his intricate escapes, the Goddess of Mystery, Ionia, a Belgian beauty who Victorians worshipped for her spectacles of magic, The Great Lafayette, who became known as the world's greatest magician, and Pepper's Ghost, an illusion still used today, with Sherlock Holmes, Jack the Ripper and more.

OUTDOOR EVENTS

Cape May MAC offers outdoor festivals each year on the beautiful grounds of the Emlen Physick Estate that bring together crafts vendors, live music, craft beers and beverage vendors and a variety of vendors offering delicious food. Admission is free. The Physick Estate grounds are pet-friendly and accessible.



Concerts at the Physick Estate

The outdoor stage on the beautiful grounds of the Emlen Physick Estate is a popular destination in Cape May for music events throughout the seasons.



Harvest Brew Festival

The Harvest Brew Fest on the grounds of the Physick Estate is held in September and features live music on the outdoor stage, regional craft brews, food, and plenty of family-friendly activities and games.

CRAFT & COLLECTIBLES SHOWS

All year long, Cape May MAC presents high quality Crafts & Collectibles Shows featuring the wares of vendors and crafters from throughout the Northeast. Shows include February's Crafts & Collectibles in Winter; April, May & June Crafts & Collectibles; July & August's Family Fun Day Crafts Shows at the Lighthouse, August's National Lighthouse Day; three Crafts & Collectibles Shows in October, two in November, and one in December.

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Cape May is reputed to be one of the most haunted towns in the country. Is it any wonder? It's such a marvelous place, even the spirits don't want to leave! Dozens of Victorian properties have been investigated and documented to have spirit residents. Hear stories of ghostly encounters and discover whether a ghostly encounter is in the cards for you!

Trolley Tours

(See trolley tours page 9)

Ghosts of Cape May Historic Haunts Combo Spirits & Oddities



Phantoms of the Physick Estate

This annual original play written by Jacklyn Fazio brings the audience along from room to room on the first floor of the 1879 Physick House Museum as the story unfolds and strange happenings occur. Immerse yourself in this spine-tingling Halloween drama.



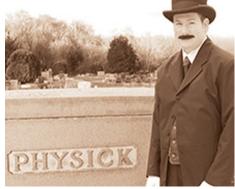
Voices from Beyond

Experience an unusual tour in Cape May MAC's 1879 Emlen Physick House. In the Voices from Beyond Tour, you will hear actual spirit voices captured by Cape May MAC Staff Researchers over the past 10 years. View historical photos of the Physick Family and Staff alongside photos of apparitions seen inside the house. Learn about the equipment and tools used throughout history in paranormal research. Who could these voices belong to, and what is keeping them connected to the Physick House Museum? Draw your own conclusions on this new and exciting paranormal tour.



Magic & Mystery House Tour

Take a step back in time to the Victorian era to experience the Victorians' fascination with magic, Illusion, the mysterious and the odd. Hear about The Great Lafayette, the world's greatest magician, Houdini, the astounding escape artist, Pepper's Ghost and more!



Graveyard, Ghosts & Mansion Combo Tour

Hear the stories and experiences of ghost activity in the 1879 Physick House Museum from the Cape May MAC tour guides who know them personally. It starts with a trolley ride to Cold Spring Presbyterian Cemetery to see the graves of Dr. Emlen Physick and his family where you'll hear EVPs (electronic voice phenomena). On your return trip to the Physick Estate hear about unusual Victorian funereal customs. Inside you will visit several rooms and hear several more EVPs while learning more about the activity observed there.



Halloween Happenings

Halloween is the perfect time to visit haunted Cape May. In addition to spook tours and events, enjoy the Halloween inspired Dept. 56 display in the entry porch of the Physick House Museum during the month of October. Do some shopping at our open-air Halloween Crafts & Collectibles show on the grounds of the Emlen Physick Estate. And don't forget to visit some spooky characters at the Emlen Physick Estate for our annual trick-or-treat!



Seance at the Physick Estate Tour

Psychic medium Craig McManus leads 25 lucky people through Cape May's original haunted house, the 1879 Physick House Museum, and shares his many supernatural encounters and experiences there. He might even channel a spirit or two.



Historic Haunts House Tour

Tour select rooms with your guide and learn about Victorian Spiritualism in Cape May's only Victorian house museum, the Physick House Museum, widely reputed to be haunted. In the museum, guides will explore the concepts of spiritualism and the occult, both of which were wildly popular topics in the Victorian Era.



Ghost Walk with Craig McManus

Psychic medium and author Craig McManus leads this walking tour of Victorian Cape May's Historic District past properties where he has sensed and written about paranormal activity. Hear the stories of unexplained phenomenon directly from Craig himself, on this evening walk.

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Christmas Candlelight House Tour & Virtual Tour

Come along on Cape May's Christmas Candlelight House Tour, a beloved annual tradition for nearly half a century! Since 1973, thousands of people on three nights in December have traveled to more than a dozen homes, inns, B&Bs, churches and hotels, stepping across the thresholds to take in interiors beautifully decorated for the holidays. Plan for this year's tours are 3 days in December, or opt for the virtual video experience that can be enjoyed anytime, anywhere. Visit https://capemaymac.org/experience/christmas-in-cape-may/christmas-candlelight-house-tour/



Carroll Gallery Exhibit: "An Old-fashioned Christmas"

Open the Friday before Thanksgiving through the New Year

This elaborate exhibit sparks joy each holiday season for both children and adults! Bring the family and marvel at the extensive Dept. 56 Dickens Village on display underneath the boughs of a giant Christmas tree. All this plus vintage family photos, model trains and more. There's even a spot to drop off letters to Santa! Located at the Carroll Gallery in the Carriage House. Admission is free.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Bring the entire family to the grounds of the Emlen Physick Estate for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to celebrate the arrival of the holiday season! The Atlantic Brass Band plays holiday favorites on the outdoor stage and Santa Claus is the evening's special guest. He will flip the switch that lights the huge estate Christmas Tree. Held the Saturday evening before Thanksgiving.



Physick Family Christmas House Tours

Visit the 1879 Physick Estate decorated in authentic Victorian style on this first-person tour and hear from members of the Physick family household about Victorian Christmas decorations and holiday traditions.

Ghosts of Christmas Past Trolley Ride

Enjoy an evening trolley ride through the Historic District while listening to the ghost stories of holidays past told by members of the East Lynne Theater Company.

Evening Yuletide House Tour

Take a guided tour of the first floor of the Physick House Museum and learn how the Physick Family would have entertained friends and family and celebrated in traditional Victorian fashion during the holidays.

Santa's Trolley Ride

Bring the kids to the Physick Estate on weekends for a trolley ride around Cape May with stories and songs led by Mrs. Claus. Santa will be there to greet children on the return to the grounds of the Emlen Physick Estate.

Lamplighter Christmas Tour

See inside a selection of Cape May bed & breakfast inns and private homes, specially decorated for the holidays on this self-guided evening walking tour that includes a commemorative gift and a visit to An Old-fashioned Christmas Exhibit at the Physick Estate Carriage House.

Breakfast with Santa

Santa is the guest of honor for this delicious breakfast. Enjoy this family-friendly event that includes breakfast and a visit with Santa. Christmas lists accepted!

'Tis the Season: The Forgotten Caroler

This original play written by Jennifer Hickok brings the audience along as the drama of a Victorian Christmas gone wrong unfolds from room to room on the first floor of the 1879 Physick House Museum.

All That Glitters

The year is 1899. A dear friend of the family has volunteered to help with the final preparations for the very important New Year's Day Celebration. She wants to consolidate a shopping trip for the necessities to avoid making numerous trips. Join her as we travel through town making plans for this important endeavor.

Holiday Lights Trolley Ride

Listen to Christmas music and enjoy hearing about the history of many of the Christmas traditions of today. Victorian Cape May is outstanding at Christmas and this is a ride to share with friends and family to revel in Cape May's Christmas spirit.

Holiday Inns Tour

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1879 Emlen Physick Estate

The Emlen Physick Estate is Cape May's only Victorian house museum. A visit to this beautifully restored mansion provides a glimpse into the Victorian lifestyle. The Carriage House is home to the Carroll Gallery with its changing exhibits and the Museum Shop.



1859 Cape May Lighthouse

The Cape May Lighthouse is located in Cape May Point State Park, one of the world's premier birding spots. The tower is both a museum of maritime history and a working lighthouse.

A climb up its 199 steps offers a breathtaking view of the Cape.



1942 World War II Lookout Tower

The World War II Lookout Tower tells the story of Cape May's integral role in homeland defense during the war. No tour is complete without a visit to the Wall of Honor dedicated to local veterans and the All Veterans Memorial.



Trolley Tours

Our trolleys provide a variety of day and evening narrated tours through Historic Cape May. Visitors can learn about its unique architecture and colorful history, its paranormal activity, its role in the Underground Railroad, the Native American tribes who inhabited this land, the whaling industry and farming or enjoy a front row view of Cape May's holiday decorations.



Step-on Guide Tours

A Cape May MAC guide can step aboard your bus and accompany your group on an informative and entertaining tour.

- Cape May Point
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Vintage

Vintage, the on-site restaurant at the Emlen Physick Estate, creates a modern, eclectic, and delicious dining experience. Vintage is dogfriendly with plenty of outside seating. For intimate groups.

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- Sunset Beach
- Washington Street Mall
- West End Garage

Cape May is also home to the second largest seaport on the Eastern Shore with many award-winning restaurants. Enjoy fresh seafood, farm fresh produce, and specialty desserts.

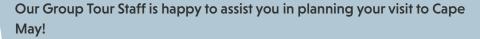
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Build Your Own Tour Options:

- Experience Cape May
 - Haunted Cape May
 - Christmas in Cape May
 - Flexible Independent Traveler (FIT)

All tour offerings are interchangeable and all suggested tour itineraries can be adapted to fit any schedule.

Visit our website to view informational videos featuring our city guide & trolley tour options and sample itineraries http://capemaymac.org/plan/group-tours/. Complete our online contact form to submit your group tour inquiry!



CAPE MAY BUS PERMITS

The Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May processes permits for charter bus operators visiting the City of Cape May. Contact the Chamber of Commerce Office at (609) 884-5508 or contact our Group Sales Office at (609) 224-6030 for assistance.



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EXPERIENCE A DAY IN CAPE MAY!





Lunch at Anglesea Pub

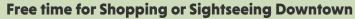
Located in historic North Wildwood, NJ, Anglesea Pub offers a fantastic authentic Irish Pub experience. Hailing from Ireland, The McMullan brothers have incorporated their heritage into the pub's atmosphere and strive to provide their customers with the most enjoyable experience.

Combination Trolley, Physick Estate & Carroll Gallery Exhibit

A tour of the Physick Estate today offers a look back at our Victorian past as evidenced by its architecture, decorative arts, customs, and the lives of one particular Cape May family, the Physicks. Emlen Physick Jr., his widowed mother, Frances Ralston, and his maiden aunt Emilie Parmentier.

Next, travel through the Historic District as a knowledgeable guide presents entertaining and educational stories about the nation's oldest seashore resort. See the oldest residential street in town, landmark buildings, gingerbread houses, Victorian architectural features, and the Grand Dames of Cape May.

Your group will also visit the current Carroll Gallery Exhibit.



Spend some time shopping at the picturesque Washington Street Mall which serves as Cape May's town square. Enjoy a variety of unique boutiques, shops, fine dining restaurants, bars, activities, etc.



Dinner at Hemingway's Restaurant at The Grand Hotel

There is something for everyone at Hemingway's Steak and Seafood Restaurant located within the Grand Hotel of Cape May. This Cape May restaurant features modern American cuisine with a variety of delectable culinary creations including fresh locally sourced seafood and much more.



Temperance Debate

This interactive living history program presents a debate between a local saloonkeeper and a representative of the Women's Rights Movement and other reform efforts.

For group inquiries or reservations, contact: Susan F. Gibson, CTIS Group Tour Manager

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CHRISTMAS IN CAPE MAY





Did you know... For those who could not afford any other meat, it was oysters and not turkey that was most often the centerpiece of the Christmas dinner.

DAY ONE

3pm: Physick Family Christmas House Tour

This 1879 Victorian house museum sparkles for the holidays with authentic Victorian decorations that invite you to step back into Christmas past! Visit the Physick Estate for a unique living history experience with members of the Physick Family household of the 1890s. Also see the wonderful Christmas exhibit at the Carroll Gallery.

- 4:30pm: Check into your Hotel
- 5:30pm: Dinner at one of Cape May's fine restaurants
- 6:30pm: Christmas Traditions Presentation

While you are finishing your meal, enjoy a Victorian Christmas Lecture. Much of what we associate with the celebration of Christmas comes from the Victorian Era, including Christmas trees, Christmas cards, our image of Santa Claus, and many other features. You will learn how Prince Albert brought these traditions to England from Germany when he married Queen Victoria, and how they then spread to America.

DAY TWO

• 9:30am: Step on Guide - Cape May Point

Travel on your bus through West Cape May to the tip of Cape May's peninsula, which is one of the most celebrated bird migratory locations in North America. Entering Cape May Point State Park, you can view our fully restored Lighthouse, built in 1859. Then, it's on to Sunset Beach where the concrete ship Atlantus is still visible. Enjoy a short shopping stop or search for Cape May Diamonds.

- 11am: Free Time for Lunch, Shopping or Sightseeing Downtown
 Spend some time shopping at the Washington Street Mall, enjoy lunch at one of its many restaurants and stroll the beautiful Victorian streets.
 - 2:30pm: Return to your hotel to freshen up
 - 5pm: Dinner at one of Cape May's fine restaurants
 - 7pm: Holiday Lights Trolley Ride

Enjoy a front row view of Cape May's holiday decorations as our heated trolley winds its way through town. Guides tell stories of Christmas past.

DAY THREE

- 8am: Breakfast at your Hotel
- 9:30am: All That Glitters Trolley Tour

The year is 1899. A dear friend has volunteered to help with the final preparations for the very important New Year's Day Celebration. She wants to consolidate a shopping trip for the necessities to avoid making numerous trips. Join her as we travel through town making plans for this important endeavor.

1pm: Depart for Home

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FLEXIBLE INDEPENDENT TRAVEL (FIT) (recommended for groups of 10 or less)



Some travelers prefer to experience Cape May with close friends and family. . . .

Build Your Own FIT Experience

- Travel the Backstreets & Byways of Cape May on a City **Guide Golf Cart Tour**
- Discover how seafood gets from the sea to your table on the Fisherman's Wharf Tour
- Enjoy time at Cape May Point State Park: Climb 199 Steps of the **1859 Cape May Lighthouse**, explore the natural habitat on one of the park's nature trails, and more.
- Step back in time to the Victorian era at the Emlen Physick Estate for the Magic & Mystery House Tour
- Experience charming Cape May on the Painted Ladies, **Porches & More Walking Tour**
- View the Wall of Honor at the 1942 WWII Lookout Tower
- Visit the free exhibit at the Carroll Gallery located at the Emlen Physick Estate and stop for some shopping at the Museum Gift Shop
 - Make a reservation for brunch/dinner at Vintage on the grounds of the Emlen Physick Estate
 - Ride a Rail Bike with Revolution Rail: Railbiking with Revolution Rail Co. is a fun excursion activity that allows riders to ride the railroad tracks under their own power and explore the outdoors in a brand new way!

Options to explore on your own:

- Take a trip to Sunset Beach: Cape May Diamonds, mini-golf, USS Atlantus, Veterans Flag Ceremony and more
- Washington Street Mall: shopping, great food and more
- West End Garage: shopping and bakery

Visit www.capemaymac.org/plans/group-tours today!

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HAUNTED CAPE MAY





Cape May is one of the most haunted towns you'll ever visit. Is it any wonder? It's such a marvelous place, even the spirits don't want to leave! See if a ghostly encounter is in the cards for you!



Build Your Own Experience

Choose tour options from one or more of the following categories:

TROLLEY TOUR OPTIONS

- Spirits & Oddities Trolley Tour (30 minutes)
- Ghosts of Cape May Trolley Tour (30 minutes)

PHYSICK ESTATE HOUSE TOUR OPTIONS

- Historic Haunts House Tour (30 minutes)
 - Magic & Mystery House Tour (30 minutes)
 - Phantoms of the Physick Estate (45 minutes)
 - Voices from Beyond (60 minutes)



- Historic Haunts Combo Tour: A double dose of Ghosts! (60 minutes)
- Magic & Mystery Combination Tour (60 minutes)
- Graveyard, Ghosts and Mansion Combo Tour (2 hours)
- Combination Magic, Mystery & Spirits Tour (60 minutes)



PRESENTATIONS

Enhance your group's dining experience with one of our many educational or living history presentations i.e., Victorian Spiritualism, Temperance Debate, Victorian Fashion and Medicine, etc. (45 minutes)

LUNCH AT ONE OF CAPE MAY'S FINE RESTAURANTS

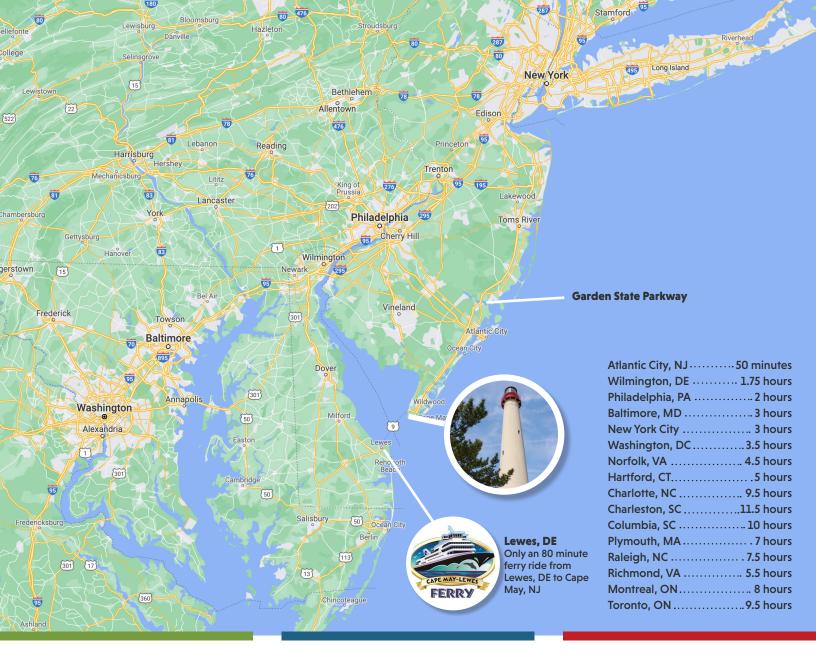
Cape May is known for its culinary scene. Ask about the many delicious options available for our ghosts and your groups.

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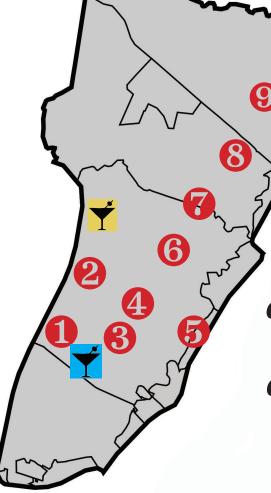
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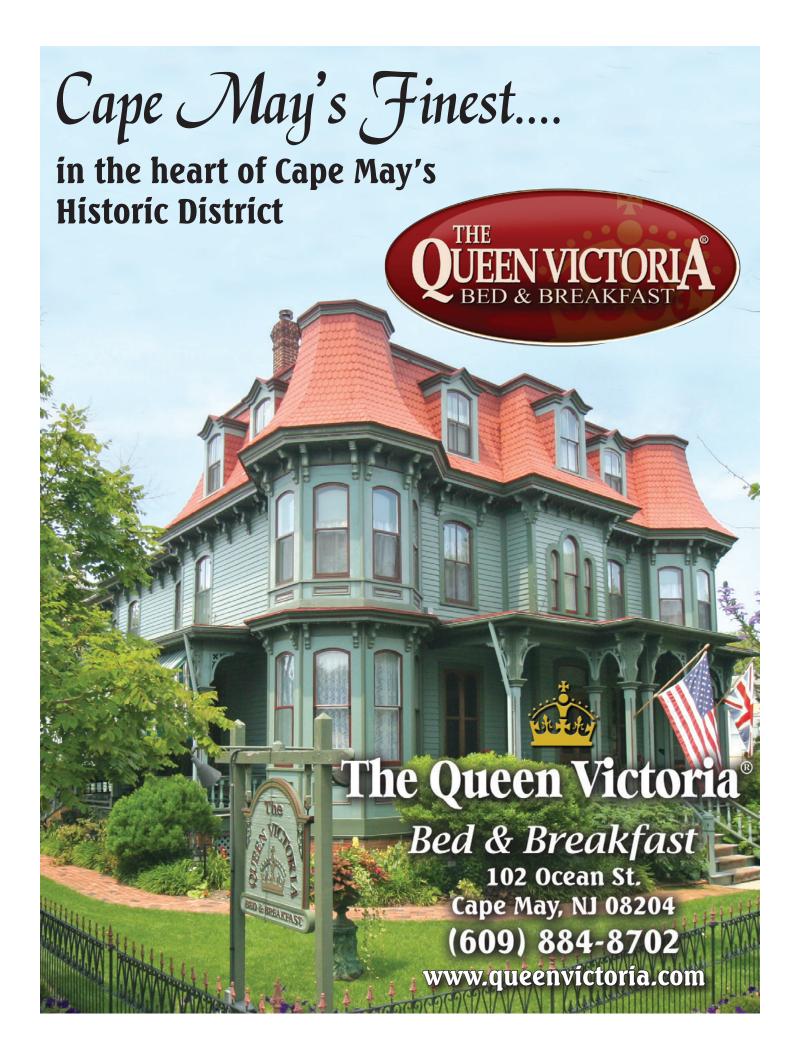
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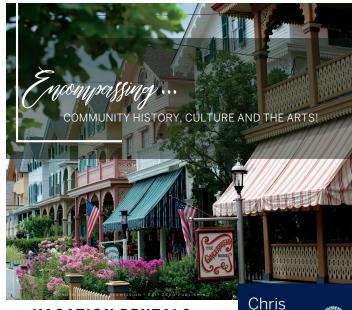
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