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MSN picks the 1879 Emlen Physick Estate for New Jersey's "This is the Most Beautiful Building in Your State" (2023)



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
- Natural Habitats



Be sure to visit one or more of our convenient shopping locations:

- Sunset Beach
- Washington Street Mall
- West End Garage

CAPE MAY'S 2-DAY MARITIME ITINERARY

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DAY ONE

9:45-11:15AM Cape May's Maritime Combo Tour

Whaling, wartime, and wild weather. The remarkable maritime history of our seaside town has long defined the Cape May story. Rediscover our most remarkable maritime moments. Learn about people, places, and natural phenomenon that have made an impact and shaped, literally, and figuratively, the Cape May we know today.

Cape May is the second largest fishing port on the eastern coast of the United States. Enjoy a guided tour of the Fisherman's Wharf, home of Cape May's commercial fishing fleet. Learn about the history of the harbor, the fishing industry and life at sea.

Discover how seafood gets from the sea to your table.

11:30 AM-1:00PM Lunch at The Lobster House Restaurant

Enjoy lunch at The Lobster House Restaurant serving the freshest seafood available, often from their fleet of commercial boats. Dine in one of their five unique and picturesque dining rooms overlooking Cape May Harbor.

1:15-3:45PM Free time for Shopping and Sightseeing Downtown

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, and services located along a three-block stretch of Washington Street.

4:00PM Check into your Hotel

5:30-6:30PM Sunset Dolphin Watch

Board the American Star and discover a different vantage point of America's Oldest Seaside Resort, Cape May, as your naturalist explains historical landmarks such as the Cape May Point Lighthouse and Science Center, Congress Hall, Sunset Beach, among many others. See our local dolphins in their pristine environment and learn about their habits and habitats.

7:00PM Dinner at your Hotel



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DAY TWO

10:00-11:30AM Cape May Point Step-on Guide

Travel through West Cape May to the tip of Cape May's peninsula, which is one of the most celebrated migratory locations in North America. Entering Cape May Point State Park, you can view our fully restored Lighthouse, built in 1859. Then, it's onto Sunset Beach where the sunken ship "Atlantus" is still visible, and you'll enjoy a short shopping stop.



12:30-2PM Lunch at South 9 Bar & Grille

Relax and enjoy familiar American food in a spacious, stylish and relaxed setting.



Optional stops as you travel back home:

- The Cape May County Zoo,
Middle Twp, NJ
(Parking Permit required)

- The Wetlands Institute,
Stone Harbor, NJ

- The Jacques Cousteau Coastal Education Center,
Tuckerton, NJ

- The Bayshore Center at Bivalve,
Port Norris, NJ



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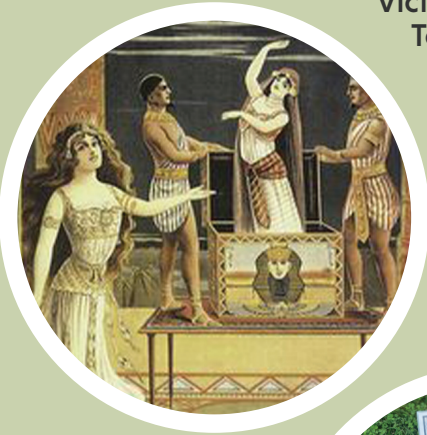
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10:30-11:30AM Spirits, Oddities & Obsessions Combo Tour

Victorians did what??!! Headless photography? Electric Corsets? Coffin Torpedoes? Explore some of the strange beliefs, superstitions, oddities, fads, curiosities, and mysteries from the end of the 19th century – the Victorian era as you travel by trolley. Hear stories from Cape May's history that are bizarre, unexplained, or just downright weird!



Then step back in time to the Victorian Era in this 1879 restored mansion and learn about the Victorian's fascination with magic, illusion, the mysterious and the odd. Hear about the Great Lafayette, the world's greatest magician; Houdini, the astounding escape artist; Ionia, the Goddess of Mystery; Pepper's Ghost, is it real, or just an illusion? Sherlock Holmes, Jack the Ripper and much more!

12:00-2:00PM Lunch at one of Cape May's fine restaurants

1:15-2:00PM Temperance Debate

During the late Victorian Period, the issues of temperance and prohibition were as much "hot topics" in Cape May as they were in the rest of the country.

This living history program presents a debate between a local saloonkeeper and a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.



2:15pm-4:00pm Free time

Take 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 and bars, and enjoy lovely Rotary Park nearby.



4:30PM Check into your Hotel

5:30-7:00PM Dinner at your Hotel

7:30-8:00PM Ghosts of Cape May Trolley Tour

Nobody knows Cape May's ghosts better than psychic medium Craig McManus. Listen as your MAC guide relays his findings on this spooky trolley tour through darkened streets of Cape May beneath flickering gas lamps. Discover just what the ghosts said to McManus.





In 1964, the first ferry connected Cape May, New Jersey to the town of Lewes, Delaware. The ferry sails 17 miles, along the waters where the Delaware Bay and the Atlantic Ocean meet.

Motorcoaches can board the Ferry, allowing your group to stretch their legs and take some scenic photos throughout the trip. When you arrive you are within three miles of beautiful of Cape May.

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