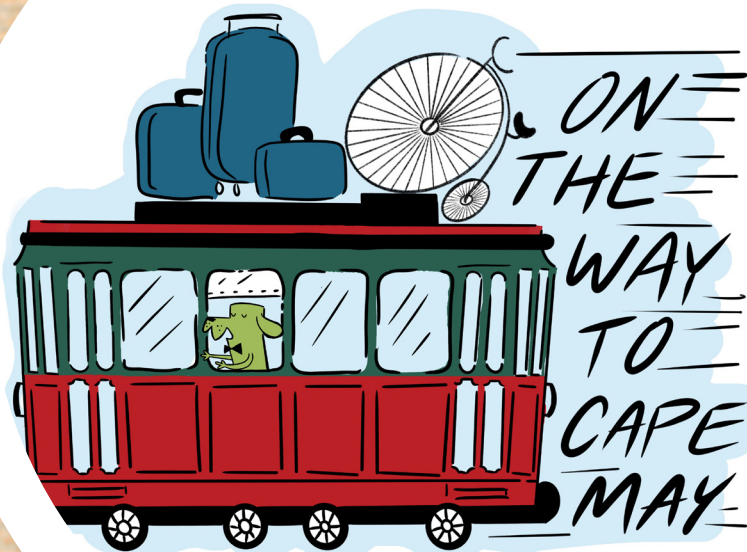


# Cape May



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# GROUP TOURS



**YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS....  
ON THE WAY TO CAPE MAY**



Cape May MAC won the American Bus Association's 2024 Best of the Best Award in the culture category! Winning attractions represent the diversity and character of the U.S. and will motivate you to learn and experience new things.

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Angie.com picked 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

Additional itineraries available for download at  
[capemaymacgrouptours.com](http://capemaymacgrouptours.com)

# FIELD TO FORK: EXPLORING THE PATH FROM FARM TO TABLE

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## 10:00AM-12:00PM Historic Cold Spring Village (Choose **OPTION A** or **B**)

### **OPTION A: Village Views Walking Tour** (available September through June)

Travel back in time to the 1800s and immerse yourself in Historic Cold Spring Village, a sprawling 30-acre site featuring restored and preserved buildings. Stroll along the village paths with your guide, who will discuss the history of the buildings and the crafts and trades of a 19th century village.

### **OPTION B: VIP Sampler Tour** (available September through June)

For a more interactive experience, the VIP Sampler Tour allows your group to meet and chat with Village residents such as a schoolmaster, innkeeper, housewife, and shopkeeper. Learn about their daily lives and duties as they welcome you into four different Village buildings.



## 12:15PM-1:45PM Lunch at The Grange Restaurant

Discover the charm of Cold Spring Grange Restaurant, a farm-to-table eatery with a rich history. Their dishes feature ingredients sourced directly from the Historic Cold Spring Village Farm and other local farms in southern New Jersey.

## 2:30PM Free Time on the Washington Street Mall

Enjoy a midday break and browse through the charming Washington Street Mall, which acts as the central hub of Cape May. Explore an array of one-of-a-kind boutiques and shops, indulge in fine dining options, and relax at nearby Rotary Park for a delightful experience.



## 2:30PM-4:00PM Stories of Cape Island Trolley Tour

Many stories of Cape Island and the surrounding area's economy are in whaling and farming and while new industries have evolved since then, that heritage is celebrated today. Hear how whalers centuries ago eked out a dangerous but lucrative living near Town Bank and how the area's rich farming heritage continues to be a source of tremendous community pride. Learn about the Union Bethel community in 1831 in which Black residents thrived and the diverse community that continues to contribute to the vibrancy of island life today.



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# CAPE MAY'S SPIRITS, SOBRIETY AND SCARECROWS

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## DAY ONE

CHOOSE EITHER *A*, *B* OR *C* FOR YOUR GROUP:

### *A*) 4:15PM Combination Voices from Beyond, Ghosts of Cape May Trolley & Carroll Gallery Exhibit (2 hours) Limited Availability

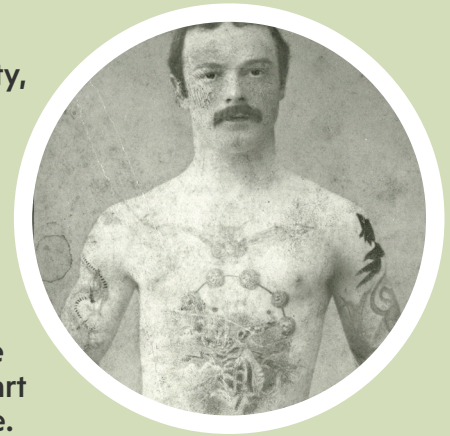
This is one of the most unusual tours that Cape May MAC has ever presented.

As we walk through Dr. Emlen Physick's home we will share with you a number of voices recorded here in the house that have no scientific explanation. Throughout the tour you will learn about the equipment and tools used over the years in paranormal research. The key to a successful EVP is not the equipment used, but the person doing the investigation. If the researcher is sensitive to the Spirit, and can form a bond, then you may have a real EVP experience. That is what we are lucky enough to have here at the Physick House.

What was that shadow? Was it the undead of Cape May's past wandering their beloved haunts? You might scoff, you might shudder, but rest assured: on board a trolley with an experienced guide you will begin to wonder what is beyond when you hear the tales of hauntings unearthed in Cape May by renowned psychic medium and author Craig McManus.

### Tattoos: Modern Expression & Ancient Art

For millennia, humans have tattooed their bodies to express their individuality, chronicling loves, losses, beliefs, victories, affiliations, hopes and dreams. The oldest human mummy discovered – 5,300 years old – had 60 tattoos, and his contemporaries, from the South Pacific to the indigenous people of New Jersey, were also inked. Queen Victoria's husband, son, and many of her grandsons and nephews, who were rulers of Europe, were tattooed. There is a long tradition of sailors using tattoos to chronicle adventures at sea. Tattooing has become increasingly popular in the last 20 years, and today, eight out of 10 Americans believe society is more accepting of people with tattoos. Learn about the range of expression and history of this ancient art form in this Carroll Gallery Exhibit on the grounds of the Emlen Physick Estate.



### *B*) 4:30PM Spirits, Oddities & Obsessions Combo Tour (1 hour)

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

Take a step back in time to the Victorian Era - 1879 in the restored Physick Estate 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! (First floor only of Physick Estate)





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## DAY ONE CONTINUED

### **4:30PM Historic Haunts Combo Tour: A double dose of Ghosts! (1 hour)**

Get into the "spirit" of things on a trolley tour past some of Cape May's regal Victorian residences, reputed to host more than the living. What was that shadow? Was it the undead of Cape May's past wandering their beloved haunts? You might scoff, you might shudder, but rest assured: on board a trolley with an experienced guide you will begin to wonder what's beyond when you hear the tales of hauntings unearthed in Cape May by renowned psychic medium and author Craig McManus.

Step off the trolley at the Emlen Physick Estate and enjoy a guided tour of the historic (some say haunted) 1879 Physick House Museum. As you tour the house, gain insight into Victorian Spiritualism and how it compares to modern paranormal investigation techniques. Your guide will lead you through selected rooms on both floors of the museum.

### **6:30PM Dinner at a local restaurant**

### **7:30PM Temperance Debate (45 minutes)**

In the late Victorian Period, the topics of temperance and prohibition were widely discussed in Cape May, just as they were in other parts of the country. This immersive program portrays a heated debate between a saloon owner from the community and a member of the Women's Rights Movement, along with other reformists.



## DAY TWO

### **9:30AM Cape May Point Step-on Guide (1 ½ hours)**

Take a scenic journey through West Cape May and reach the very tip of Cape May's peninsula, known as one of the most renowned migratory spots in North America. Upon entering Cape May Point State Park, you'll catch sight of the fully restored Lighthouse, originally built in 1859. Then, make your way to Sunset Beach where you can see the sunken ship, USS Atlantus - part of a collection of twelve concrete ships that ran aground on June 8, 1926, and remains visible today. Take your time exploring the shops, strolling along the beach in search of precious Cape May Diamonds, and capturing stunning photos of Delaware Bay.



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## DAY TWO CONTINUED

### 11:15AM Build a Scarecrow for Scarecrow Alley at the Physick Estate (1 hour)

Participate in a one-of-a-kind team building experience: Divide your team into smaller groups and work together to create a scarecrow for display on Scarecrow Alley at the Emlen Physick Estate. We will provide basic supplies, but your team is also encouraged to bring their own materials and clothing to personalize their scarecrow creation.



### 12:30PM Free Time for Lunch and shopping on the Washington Street Mall

Take advantage of a mid-day break to savor lunch and browse through the charming Washington Street Mall, which acts as the central hub of Cape May. Explore an array of one-of-a-kind boutiques and shops, indulge in fine dining options, and relax at nearby Rotary Park for a delightful experience.



### 3:00PM Return to your hotel

### 6:30PM Dinner at a local restaurant

## DAY THREE

### 8:00AM Breakfast at your hotel

### 10:00AM Depart Cape May



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# CAPE MAY CHRISTMAS

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## DAY ONE

**4:00PM** Check into The Grand Hotel

**5:00PM** Dinner at your hotel



**6:00PM** Holiday Lights Trolley Ride

Who can resist the twinkle of Cape May's beautiful streetscapes and Victorian homes decorated for Christmas? Experience an evening trolley ride through Cape May and enjoy a front row view of Cape May's holiday decorations. Listen to your guide and learn about exterior holiday decorations, wassailing/caroling, the evolution of Santa, traditions of gift givers and the history of Christmas.

**Trolleys are open-air, dress accordingly.**



## DAY TWO

**9:30AM** Combination Trolley, Physick Family Christmas & Carroll Gallery Exhibit

Travel back in time and immerse yourself in the beauty of a Victorian Christmas at the 1879 Physick Estate. The Physick house is adorned in authentic holiday decorations, adding to the festive atmosphere. As you tour the estate, interact with a member of the Physick Family household from the 1890s and gain insight into their lives during this time.

Embark on a trolley excursion through Cape May's Historic District and discover its rich history with an informative guide. Admire iconic landmarks, quaint gingerbread houses, and stunning examples of Victorian architecture, including the well-known Grand Dames of Cape May.

Following your tours, your group will visit the Carroll Gallery at the Physick Estate which becomes a Christmas wonderland this time of year. It's all about the wonder of Christmas morning with model trains and a Dept. 56 Dickens Village beneath the boughs of a giant tree. Stand under our tree and feel like a kid on Christmas morning!



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## DAY TWO CONTINUED



### 12:00PM Lunch at the 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.

### 2:00PM Holiday Inns Tour

**(Monday-Thursday 1st three weeks in December)**

Indulge in the festive season with this delightful daytime **self-guided walking tour**. The Holiday Inns Tour grants you access to four charming Cape May properties adorned with holiday decoations such as garlands, bows, and Christmas trees. Immerse yourself in the holiday spirit as you explore these iconic properties in Cape May. A trolley shuttle will make a continuous loop during this self-guided afternoon tour.



### 3:30PM Free Time on the Washington Street Mall

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 and bars and enjoy lovely Rotary Park nearby.



### 5:30PM Return to The Grand Hotel

### 6:30PM Dinner at a local Cape May restaurant



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## DAY THREE

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### 12:00PM 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.

### 1:15PM Christmas Traditions Presentation

As you complete your meal, enjoy a Victorian Christmas presentation. The beloved holiday customs we know today have their roots in the Victorian Era, including Christmas trees, cards, and Santa Claus himself. Discover how Prince Albert brought these traditions from Germany to England after marrying Queen Victoria, and how they eventually spread across the Atlantic to America.



### 2:15PM Depart for Home



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## Cape May Bus Permit Portal Now Live!

Cape May MAC is now managing the City of Cape May's new online Charter Bus Permit Portal, designed to simplify the permit process for group tours, events, and transportation services. Submit applications 10 days before your planned arrival. Access the portal at [capemaygrouptours.org](http://capemaygrouptours.org) under Resources. For assistance, call (609) 224-6041 or via email at [sgibson@capemaymac.org](mailto:sgibson@capemaymac.org), Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

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**Garden State Parkway**

Atlantic City, NJ .....	50 minutes
Wilmington, DE .....	1.75 hours
Philadelphia, PA .....	2 hours
Baltimore, MD .....	3 hours
New York City .....	3 hours
Washington, DC .....	3.5 hours
Norfolk, VA .....	4.5 hours
Hartford, CT .....	.5 hours
Charlotte, NC .....	9.5 hours
Charleston, SC .....	11.5 hours
Columbia, SC .....	10 hours
Plymouth, MA .....	7 hours
Raleigh, NC .....	7.5 hours
Richmond, VA .....	5.5 hours
Montreal, ON .....	8 hours
Toronto, ON .....	9.5 hours

**Lewes, DE**  
Only an 80 minute  
ferry ride from  
Lewes, DE to Cape  
May, NJ



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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