

CAPE MAY: SECRETS OF THE SEASIDE

Cape May



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DAY ONE

12:15PM-1:45PM Lunch at Anglesea Pub

Located in historic North Wildwood, NJ, Anglesea Pub offers a fantastic authentic Irish Pub experience. The building originally opened in 1885 as the Germantown Hotel and was once a place where local fishers could enjoy themselves after a long day on the water. The building changed hands to the Bishop family in 1917 and has been known as the Anglesea Pub ever since. 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.



2:15PM-3:45PM Combination Trolley & Physick Estate House Tour

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 moved into their home when it was completed in 1879.

Emlen, who never married, was descended from a famous and wealthy Philadelphia family. 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.



Your tour also includes a visit through Cape May on board our quaint trolley. 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.

4:15PM Check into the Marquis de Lafayette Hotel

6:30PM-8:00PM Dinner at the Lobster House

Enjoy dinner 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.



7:30PM-8:15PM Temperance Debate

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.

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DAY TWO

10:00AM-11:30AM Village Views Walking Tour (90 minutes)

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

11:45AM-12:15PM Cold Spring Brewery

Following your tour enjoy a complimentary tasting at Cold Spring Brewery.

12:30PM-2:00PM 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-4:30PM Free time for Shopping and Sightseeing Downtown

Enjoy a midday break and wander through the delightful Washington Street Mall, the heart of Cape May. Explore an array of distinctive boutiques and shops. Unwind at nearby Rotary Park.

(Choice Option A or B)

Groups will be split into two groups. Half will go at 2:30PM and half will go at 3:15PM. If you prefer you can schedule two trolleys at the same time. There is an additional fee of \$45 for this service.

Option A: 2:30PM-4:00PM Stories of Cape Island (45 minutes)

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.

Option B: 2:30PM-4:00PM Cape May's Maritime Trolley Tour (45 minutes)

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.

4:30 PM Return to your hotel

Take some time back at your hotel to unwind, freshen up, read your favorite book or grab a seat at the bar and savor a refreshing beverage.



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DAY TWO CONTINUED

6:00PM-8:00PM 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 so much more.



7:00PM-7:45PM The Secret Language of Victorians

Explore the two popular means of communication utilized during the Victorian Era, Floriography, and Visiting Cards. Victorians used symbolism extensively, with a flower or card for every occasion. Learn their secret meanings and how they enriched this complex and creative society.



DAY THREE:

10:00AM-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.



12:00PM-1:30PM Lunch at Washington Inn

Built in 1846, The Washington Inn was inspired by the grand columns of George Washington's Mount Vernon estate, extending up to the third floor. Today, it stands as one of Cape May's top-rated and most beloved fine dining venues. Dedication to warm hospitality and superb New American cuisine. Guests can expect not only exquisite dishes but also a friendly atmosphere.

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DAY THREE CONTINUED:

2:00PM-3:30PM Visit a local winery

4:00PM Return to your hotel

Return to your hotel for a bit to relax and recharge before heading out for dinner.

5:30PM-7:00PM Dinner at South 9 Bar & Grille

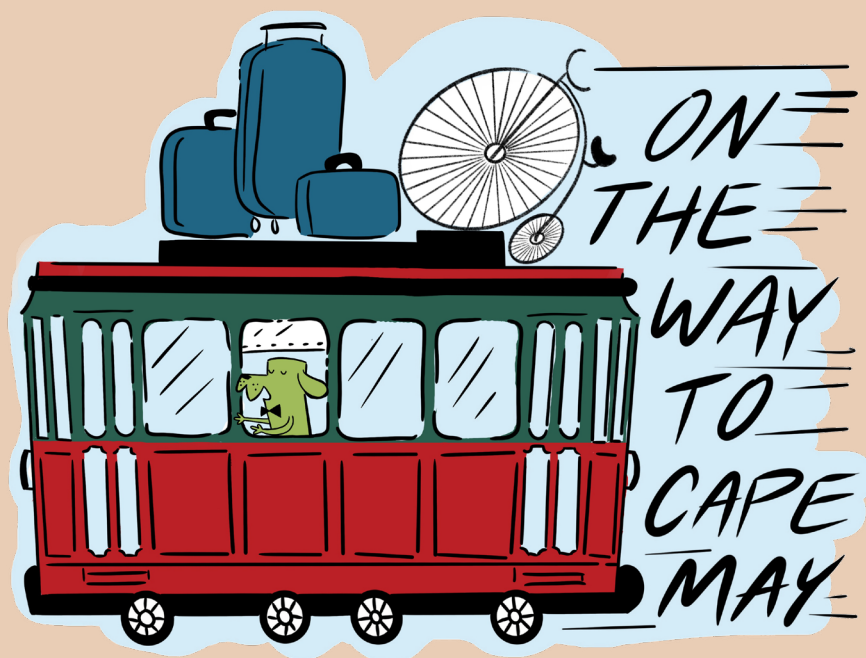
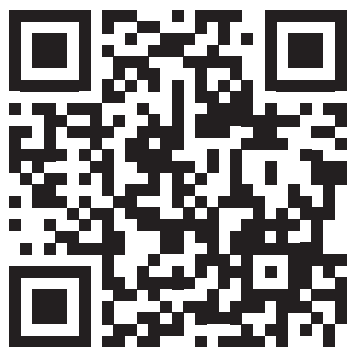
Indulge in the distinctive charm of Cape May County's exceptional bar and restaurant, where you can savor a wide array of familiar yet diverse American cuisine options in a generously spacious, stylishly designed, and invitingly relaxed setting.



DAY FOUR

Breakfast at your hotel

Depart for Home



Explore our group tour options! Scan the QR code or visit capemaygrouptours.org for details.

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