

YULETIDE MAGIC BY THE SEA:

Christmas in Cape May

Cape May



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Day One

4:00 PM Check into The Grand Hotel

5:00 PM-6:30 PM 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.



6:45 PM-7:15 PM Holiday Lights Trolley

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

Breakfast at your hotel

9:15 AM-11:15 AM 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 Grande Dames of Cape May.

Following your tour, 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 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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11:30 AM- 1:15 PM Lunch at the Washington Inn

The Washington Inn, constructed in 1846, 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 dining venues.

At the heart of the Washington Inn are its dedication to warm hospitality and superb New American cuisine. Guests can expect not only exquisite dishes but also a friendly atmosphere.



12:30 PM- 1:15 PM Christmas Traditions Presentation

As you complete your meal, treat yourself to 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.

2:00 PM- 3:30 PM Holiday Inns Tour (Tuesday-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 decorations such as garlands, bows, and Christmas trees. Immerse yourself in the holiday spirit as you explore these iconic properties in Cape May.



3:30 PM- 5:30 PM Free Time at the Washington Street Mall

Take time for 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.

5:30 PM Return to The Grand Hotel

Take some time back at your hotel to unwind and freshen up before dinner.



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6:30 PM- 8:00 PM Dinner at South 9 Bar & Grille

Discover the distinctive charm of one of Cape May County's premier bars, where you can indulge in a variety of timeless American cuisine. Unwind and enjoy yourself within their large, tastefully designed interior.



7:00 PM-7:45 PM 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

Breakfast at your hotel

10:00 AM Depart for Home



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