TIMELESS CHARM AT THE SHORE

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DAY ONE

12:30PM–2:00PM 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 fine 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.



2:30–4:00PM Picture This Selfie Trolley Tour

This afternoon trolley ride is the best way to see some of historic Cape May's lesser-known picturesque locations that you might not otherwise visit or know about. The trolley will travel to three special spots where there will be ample time to step off the trolley, see the sights, and take some photos. Along the way, knowledgeable and entertaining guides will dispense interesting tidbits about Cape May. Many of these trolley rides are scheduled in late afternoon, approaching golden hour, also known as magic hour, when the sun is low in the sky, creating a warm glow that's ideal for photography.



4:30PM Check into your Hotel

6:00PM-8:00PM Dinner at Hemmingway's Restaurant



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 HATS!



The accessory for men and women that's been used for everything from safety to military to fashion statement. Can you guess who wore what and when? Journey back in time to see the evolution of Hats! Courtesy of Bollman Hat Company, enjoy a collection of hats from each decade since 1868 and learn a little bit of history along the way.

8:00PM Return to your Hotel

Unwind at your hotel and rest up for the next day's adventures.

DAY TWO

Breakfast at your hotel

9:30AM-11:30AM 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 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.

Then, travel through the Historic District onboard our quaint trolley 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. Following these tours, visit the current Carroll Gallery Exhibit.

12:00PM–2:30PM Free time to Explore Downtown, Lunch and Shopping

Enjoy a midday break for shopping and sightseeing downtown at the delightful Washington Street Mall, the heart of Cape May. Explore an array of wonderful restaurants, bars, distinctive boutiques and shops. Unwind at nearby Rotary Park.



2:45PM–4:15PM 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.



4:30PM Return to Your Hotel to Relax

Take a late afternoon break and time to rest and relax. Take a leisurely walk along Cape May's promenade, read your favorite book or grab a seat at the bar and savor a refreshing beverage.

6:00pm–7:30PM Dinner at Mermaids Restaurant

Located on Cape May's promenade, Mermaids Restaurant offers sweeping 180-degree views of waves, dunes, and beach grass—a stunning backdrop for exploring Middle Eastern Mediterranean cuisine. The menu features beloved classics like shakshuka, baba ganoush, fresh hummus, and kebab platters, with options to suit carnivores, vegetarians, and gluten-free diners alike.



7:45PM Return to Your Hotel

Head back to your hotel to recharge.



DAY THREE

Breakfast at your hotel



10:15AM-11:15AM Painted Ladies, Porches and More Walking Tour

Walk from the 1879 Emlen Physick Estate to the Washington Street Mall 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. Learn the interesting features of various Victorian styles and discover how porches and fences provided the first impression of the Victorian home, and most importantly, the status, wealth and refinement of the homeowner. Comfortable shoes recommended.



11:30AM-1:00PM Lunch at Lucky Bones Backwater Grille

Enjoy lunch at Lucky Bones Backwater Grille, a casual restaurant where the food is made from scratch, the drinks are made well, and the service and atmosphere are warm and fun. This is Lucky Bones Backwater Grille.

1:00PM Depart for Home

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