

"Escape to the Jersey Cape" and Beyond where memories are made.

CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY

2019 or 2020

4 Days/3 Nights

Starting at \$599 p/p Double Occupancy based on 40 or more

Come join the fun! You will be glad you did!

For generations, people have enjoyed the pleasures found only on the Jersey Cape, making Cape May County one of the best vacation destinations on the east coast...

Day 1 -Join us as we travel south to Cape May, New Jersey! Upon arrival we will check-in to the Marquis de Lafayette, Cape May's premier Victorian Hotel! This historic address -501 Beach Avenue is the site of the original Lafayette Hotel built in 1885 by Messer's James and Steffner...Close by are many fine shops, restaurants, dinner theatres, museums, and galleries not to mention just across the street are Cape May's World Class Beaches, rated 8th in America (including Hawaii) by the Travel Channel's Beaches of America! Dressed in Victorian décor and style, the Marquis offers modern amenities, with a bountiful buffet breakfast, and oceanfront rooms that have a balconies with rocking chairs on every one. Dinner is included tonight at Aleathea's Restaurant located right near the hotel! Aleathea's is located just inside the big wraparound porch of the Inn of Cape May!

Day 2 - Buffet breakfast is included and is at your leisure. Next, we depart for Miss Chris Marina for our Island Boat Cruise. The Cape May Spirit is the newest and prettiest vessel in Cape May. With Captain Jeff Stewart at the helm, enjoy this cruise around Cape May Point and up the coastline of Cape May. Complimentary coffee & danish are offered on board in the morning. Disposable cameras and film are also available. On the morning cruise, you will observe dolphins, birds and marine mammals while viewing beautiful Cape May from its surrounding waters. The Captain narrates giving everyone an overview of the lore, legend and ecology of these waters. After the cruise, enjoy some free time to explore Washington Pedestrian Mall and lunch on own... Washington Mall is a lovely shaded outdoor pedestrian mall. It covers three blocks from end to end with many shops and boutiques of all kinds. It also has many restaurants and eateries to tempt everyone's palate and pocketbook. Washington Mall is in the center of the Historic District, and independent tours, etc. can be arranged at the ticket booth on Ocean Street at the head of the Mall. After some leisure time, it's time to depart for The Mid-Atlantic Center for the arts for a Physick Estate and Trolley Tour. The Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts (MAC), a multi-faceted non-profit cultural organization, was founded in 1970 to save the Emlen Physick Estate. MAC is dedicated to preserving and interpreting Victorian heritage and architecture and promoting the performing arts. The 1879 Emlen Physick Estate is Cape May's Victorian showplace with 15 rooms authentically restored to their original grandeur. Changing seasonal exhibits provide a glimpse of daily life in a Victorian household. The second part of this tour is a narrated trolley tour of Cape May's Historic District. While at the Physick Estate, you will want to be sure to visit the charming gift shop located in the Carriage House. The Gallery in the Carriage House also features a variety of special exhibits and is open for your perusal. Tonight enjoy an evening at your leisure! Explore all the Cape May has to offer!

Day 3—Buffet breakfast is included this morning before departing for a full day of fun! Our first stop this morning will be for some BIG FUN in Atlantic City! Enjoy the Resorts Casino and much more! Sun, sand, resort hotels, a bustling Boardwalk and the awe-inspiring Atlantic is all yours to explore! Everything you could possibly want is right here within walking distance, from shops to five-star restaurants to casinos! where you will have plenty of time to play, shop and enjoy a stroll along the boardwalk with ocean views! Late afternoon depart for Renault Winery Dinner and Tour! Renault Winery dates to 1864 when Mastervintner Louis Nicholas journeyed from France to continue his art of winemaking. While here you will see their collection of antique wine glasses and winemaking equipment, the press room, aging cellars and bottling plant. Enjoy a delicious family style meal with complimentary wine tasting throughout. Be sure to visit the Gift Shop before leaving to take home some of Renault's award winning wines. When you arrive at Renault, a tour guide will greet the coach and explain the itinerary during your visit and your dinner will be prepared using many of their wines!



Day 4—Farewell buffet breakfast included before we say good-bye to Cape May and leave with wonderful memories! Before departing for home we have one more visit to make to Cape May Point and Sunset Beach. Cape May Point State Park is located on the historic Cape May Peninsula at the southern tip of New Jersey. The park is 190 acres and is an ever-changing shoreline region of dunes, coastal (freshwater) marsh and ponds, wooded islands and varied uplands. The park is home to the Cape May Point Lighthouse, a 157 foot tall structure (217 steps) that is still commissioned as an aid to navigation. For a fee, visitors can climb the lighthouse for a panoramic view of the Cape May peninsula. The oil shed adjacent to the lighthouse has been converted into a small welcome center and gift shop. The park also has an Environmental Center that houses exhibits, which display the natural and cultural heritage of the Cape May region. There is an exhibit of "Cape May Diamonds," the smooth clear quartz crystals found on nearby beaches. Also on display are exhibits about bird migration, shoreline erosion, local Indians and the marine environment. The land where the park is now located was used as a coastal defense base during World War II. Bunkers were erected in 1942; one in the park and others across the bay in Lewes, Delaware as protection against possible enemy attack. It may be seen from the pavilion located on the Oceanside of the parking lot. It was originally situated 900 feet from the sea, but severe coastal erosion and storms have washed away the land in front of and under the bunker. At low tide the remains of gun mounts may be seen in front of the bunker. During the Korean War, the bunker was used as a radio transmitter station for the Navy's Atlantic fleet. It was deactivated in 1963 and the land was transferred in 1964 to the State of New Jersey for recreational purposes. On the far side of the parking lot are wooden decks used for viewing birds and wildlife. From here, you can bird watch and access the many nature trails and paths throughout this location. At Sunset Beach, take note of the cylindrical tower on the left with peepholes all around as you enter the parking lot. This is Fire Tower #23, dating from 1942 in World War II. It was built to spot submarines and manned for coastline protection. There were fifteen such towers stretching from North Wildwood NJ to Bethany Beach, DE. Four were in Cape May County, NJ. The towers located in North Wildwood and Wildwood Crest were torn down. A third tower is located inside the Grand Hotel on Beach Drive in Cape May. At Sunset Beach, you may also hunt for Cape May "diamonds," a natural stone of pure quartz crystal on the sandy beach. It appears as a white frosted pebble when found. The main collecting area is at the Concrete Ship located at the foot of Sunset Boulevard where they come ashore continuously. They are of diverse colors and shades and vary from the size of little peas to the size of walnuts. Many are colorless and resemble genuine diamonds – others are tinted yellow or amber brown. These pebbles are bright and clear when wet, but become dull when they are dry. When tumbled or cut, these quartz pebbles become clear sparkling gems. You will want to check out the gift shop that offers beautiful settings made with our Cape May diamonds that are available in the Gift Shop. While hunting your diamonds, check out the concrete ship, the Atlantus, located just offshore. The Atlantus was part of a fleet of concrete ships that the US Government commissioned in World War I when steel was scarce. After the war, she was scuttled in a ship's graveyard in Pig Point, Virginia. In the 30's, she was refloated by a gentleman who wanted to bring her to Cape May Point to be filled with sand and turned into a wharf for the proposed Cape May Ferry. On her way into Cape May Point, there was a storm and she was driven back towards the open ocean. During the night, the tide turned and she was tossed onto the shoals surrounding Sunset Beach where you may see her remains today. One of the postcards available in the gift shop shows her gradual deterioration over the past decades.

Don't forget your camera and your comfortable shoes!!

This trip is incredible and a place that everyone will remember!

You will want to visit again!!

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