



Seaside Gems: Delaware & Cape May

3 Nights – 4 Days

May 19-22, 2020

Enjoy 4 delightful days in the charming coastal communities of Rehoboth, Lewes Island, DE and Cape May, NJ.

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Depart **Cascades Senior Center** and enjoy **lunch** at **Nick's House of Ribs** before arriving at the **Discoversea Shipwreck Museum** in Delaware. This ever-changing exhibit expands and diversifies with the acquisitions of new artifacts as they are recovered. The collection of shipwreck and recovered artifacts is one of the largest in the Mid-Atlantic and contains artifacts both regional and worldwide. Next, meet a local **guide at the Lewes History Museum** for a **tour of Historic Lewes, DE, the "First Town in the First State."** Lewes was originally discovered by **Henry Hudson**, in 1609, and settled in 1631 when members of a Dutch Company sought to establish a whaling station where the Bay met the Atlantic Ocean. The tour includes both **ride-by & walking/museum tours** beginning with the new **Lewes History Museum** including Lewes history, maritime adventures and haunted tales. Visit the **Nassau Valley Vineyards**, the first and only award-winning winery in the state of Delaware, opened by jazz singer Peggy Raley. Enjoy a **tour and tasting**, including a **presentation by the owner**, a **walk through display** about the 8,000-year history of wine and wine-making, and an opportunity to buy wine and accessories in the **gift shop**. Enjoy **dinner** at **Crooked Hammock Brewery**, serving diverse American fare in an airy space with a coastal vibe, a patio and live music before checking in to **Fairfield Inn & Suites** for the night. (Meals: L, D)

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel before **visiting** the **John Dickinson Plantation**. Dickinson was one of the founding fathers of the United States, signer of the U.S. Constitution, and "Penman of the Revolution." Here, take a trip into the fascinating world of 18th century America. Arrive at the **Air Mobility Command Museum** for a fantastic **tour** of the only institution in the country dedicated to airlift and air refueling history and a **private, catered lunch by Mission BBQ**. Located in historic Hangar 1301 on the Dover Air Force Base, the museum showcases over 30 aircrafts including a former presidential aircraft, a flight tower, flight simulators, exhibits about humanitarian and war efforts, and a gift shop!

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 (continued)

Arrive at the **First State Heritage Park**, Delaware's first urban "park without boundaries" linking historic and cultural sites in the city that has been the seat of state government since 1777. Visit the **Johnson Victoria Museum**, dedicated to displaying sound recording industry items dating from the 1890's through 1929. The museum honors Eldridge Reeves Johnson Victoria of Dover who founded the Victor Talking Machine Company in 1901. Visit the **Old State House and Biggs Museum**, Delaware's first permanent capitol building completed in 1791 on Dover's historic Green. The State House was the home of Delaware's General Assembly until 1933. Enjoy stories of **historic Dover on a walking tour of "the Green."** Have **dinner included** at **Big Fish Grill**, Delaware's "**Best Seafood at the Beach Recipient 2019, "Best of Delaware."** **Big Fish Grill** has become **one of the premier spots for casual dining in the region with its unique blend of original recipes and must-have favorites.** (Meals: B, L, D)

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel before taking the **Cape May Ferry** from Lewes to **North Cape May, New Jersey**. Sit back and relax while cruising past historic lighthouses, picturesque harbors and local wildlife. Lucky visitors may even have a dolphin pod or whale escort. Arrive at **North Cape May** and meet your **guide** from **Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts** for a tour. See the **Cape May Lighthouse**, built in 1859, located at the tip of Cape May in Lower Township's Cape May Point State Park. See the **World War II Lookout Tower**, a former military tower with views from the top and a boardwalk featuring interpretive panels. Built in 1942, it is New Jersey's last remaining restorable World War II tower, part of the immense Harbor Defense of the Delaware system known as Fort Miles, playing a major part in coastal defenses. Take an **Angel of the Sea House Tour**, and experience the elegance, romance and beach-front views of this 27-room Victorian mansion converted into a bed and breakfast. Enjoy **lunch on own** while exploring **Cape May**. Check in to **Marquis de Lafayette Hotel** to soak up the serene spirit of its seaside setting. Enjoy a sunset **Dolphin Cruise** with complimentary pizza and hot dogs. See Victorian homes, Cape May Lighthouse and many other points of interest as your Captain narrates the tour with historical facts provided by the Mid Atlantic Center for the Arts and Humanities. See local dolphins in their pristine environment and learn about their habits and habitat all while enjoying the large, comfortable super cruiser. Depart and return to the hotel for the evening. (Meals: B, D)

Friday, May 22, 2020

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to checking out. Stop at **Cape May Fireman's Museum** where the antique 1928 American La France fire engine is housed. Enjoy a **Trolley Tour of Cape May**, the best way to get acquainted with Victorian Cape May. Knowledgeable guides present entertaining and educational stories about the nation's oldest seashore resort. Visit the **Emlen Physick Estate**, a Victorian house museum where you can step back in time to the Victorian lifestyle. Enjoy free time to explore and have lunch on own at your leisure in beautiful Cape May before departing for **Leesburg**. (Meals: B)

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$832 Member / \$ 877 Non-Member
SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$1072 Member / \$1117 Non-Member

Tour Includes:

- Round trip luxury motorcoach transportation
- Hotel Accommodations for Three (3) Nights
- Three (3) Breakfasts, Two (2) Lunches, and Three (3) Dinners
- Baggage Handling, admissions, and guide services as stated in the Itinerary

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