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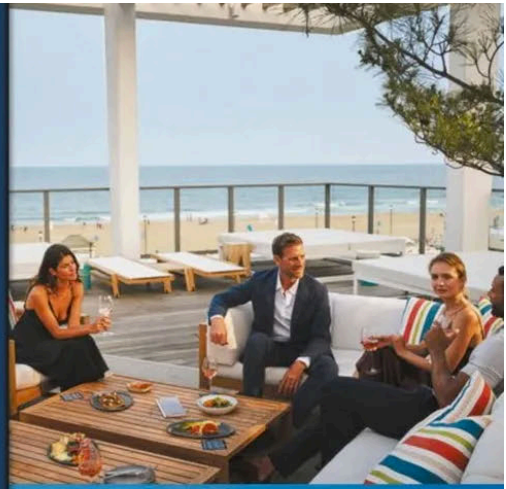


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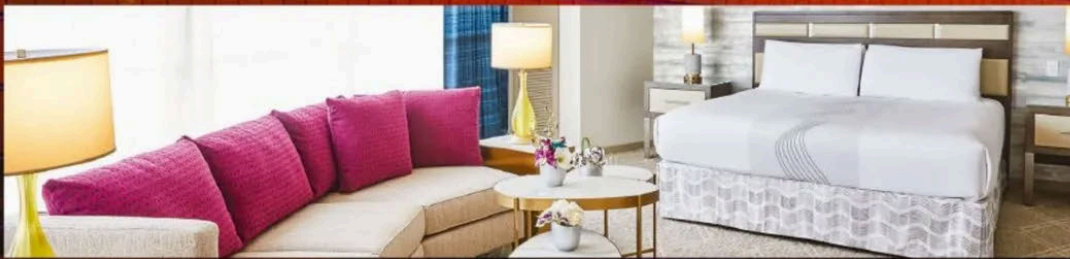
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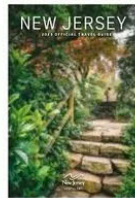
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Welcome to the Garden State



Welcome to New Jersey!

We are proud to introduce the 2025 Official Travel Guide, your roadmap through the heart and soul of our beloved state. Whether you're a first-time visitor or rediscovering hidden gems, this guide promises adventures, tastes and experiences that are uniquely Jersey.

New Jersey offers its friends rich contrasts, from bustling city streets to serene parks, vibrant coastlines to abundant farmlands. Dive into our culinary traditions with iconic dishes like Taylor Ham (or Pork Roll!), fresh seafood and classics that reflect our diverse cultures.

Escape urban life by immersing yourself in nature on our trails, from hiking the Delaware Water Gap to biking the Pine Barrens. Each exit on our famous highways unveils beautiful coastal towns, from the boardwalks of Asbury Park to the charm of Cape May.

Experience New Jersey as the Garden State with its vineyards, botanical gardens and Jersey Fresh produce. Enjoy family time at our many attractions and reconnect with loved ones to create unforgettable memories. Embrace nostalgia by exploring historic towns or vintage shops, and let locals guide you through any one of our 565 communities for an authentic experience.

From city energy to coastal calm, delicious food to historical landmarks, the Garden State offers a journey waiting to be revealed, and we invite you to discover it all this year.

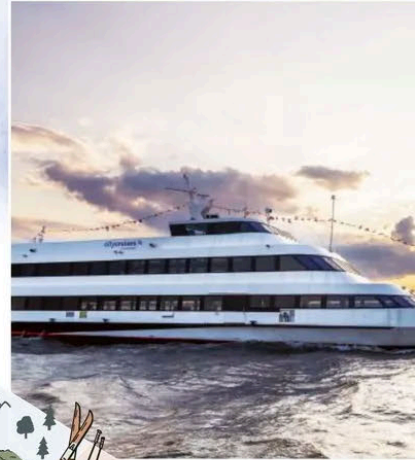
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JOURNEY TO JERSEY

The journey is half the fun – especially in a state that’s as easy to navigate as it is exciting to explore! Getting to and around New Jersey is a breeze, thanks to well-connected transit and an excellent transportation network within our seven distinct regions.



Fly Here With Ease

Touch down in NJ from all major national and international destinations. Not sure where to fly into? Luckily, our state is humble in size, but great in flight options, with three in-state and four border-state airports to choose from.

Close to Skylands & Gateway Regions:

- Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) – Newark, NJ
**One of two airports in North America with a 5-Star Airport Terminal Rating by Skytrax.*

- John F Kennedy International Airport (JFK) – Queens, NY

- LaGuardia International Airport (LGA) – Queens, NY

Close to Central & Shore Regions:

- Trenton-Mercer Airport (TTN) – Ewing, NJ

- Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) – Allentown, PA

Close to Delaware River, Atlantic City & Southern Shore Regions:

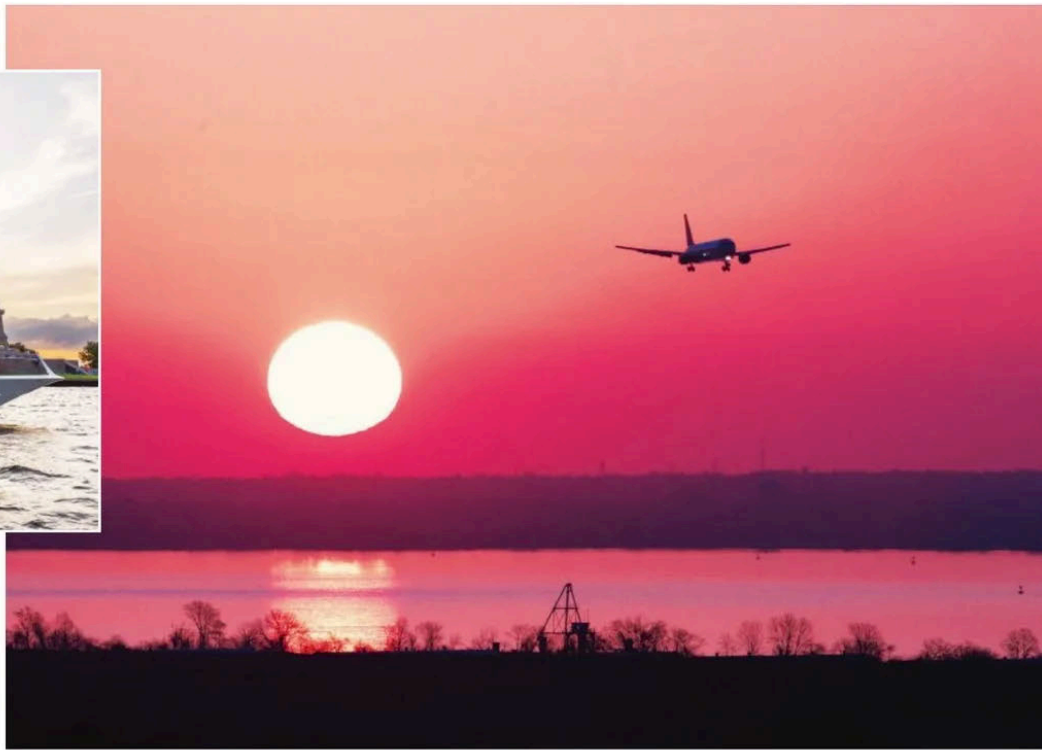
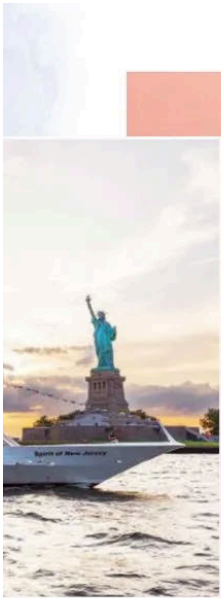
- Atlantic City International Airport (ACY) – Atlantic City, NJ

- Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) – Philadelphia, PA



Map it Out

Journey to the back of the guide for a more detailed tear-out version of our state map!



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Take the Ferry

Enjoy sightseeing NJ's waterways with flexible ferry services across our coastal regions:

- **Cape May-Lewes Ferry** serves the Southern Shore Region
- **Forts Ferry Crossing** serves the Delaware River Region
- **Liberty Landing Ferry** serves the Gateway Region
- **New York Waterway** connects the Gateway Region's ports to New York terminals
- **RiverLink Ferry** in Philadelphia offers service to the Delaware River Region
- **Seastreak** connects the Shore Region's ports to New York terminals
- **Statue Cruises** offers ferry service from Liberty State Park to Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
- **City Cruises** offers trips from the Gateway Region to sites along the Hudson, including the Statue of Liberty and Jersey City skyline

Ride the Rails

Rail travel is a convenient, cost-effective and scenic way to access NJ's many cities and towns:

- **NJ Transit Rail** includes 12 different rail lines accommodating every region
- **PATCO's** rapid transit route connects Philadelphia and the Delaware River Region
- **PATH's** rapid transit system connects New York and the Gateway Region
- **Newark Light Rail** serves all of Newark in the Gateway Region
- **Amtrak's** intercity and interstate rail network includes railway stations in almost every region
- **River Line Light Rail** serves the Delaware River and Central Regions
- **SEPTA Regional Rail** connects Trenton to and from Philadelphia
- **Hudson-Bergen Light Rail** serves Bayonne and Jersey City with connections to New York City

Catch a Bus

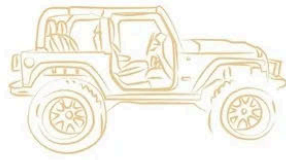
For hassle-free public transportation, **NJ Transit** and **SEPTA** offer a large fleet of intercity and intercounty routes. For interstate travel, major coach bus companies provide charters from most city hubs, ensuring a smooth ride back home or to your next destination.

Command the Road

Prefer the freedom of the open road? Rent a car from the airport or a satellite location, or captain your own vehicle across NJ's 10 Interstates and three state highways: **Atlantic City Expressway, Garden State Parkway** and the **New Jersey Turnpike**.



What Exit?



Shore-Town Joyrides

With two of the busiest toll roads in the nation, NJ thrives on highway efficiency—spawning a well-known “What Exit?” culture of geographic shorthand.

The New Jersey Turnpike (NJT), opened in 1951, has since grown in length and width—with up to 14 lanes—essentially connecting NYC with Philadelphia. The Garden State Parkway (GSP), opened in 1954, provides a more scenic highway running the length of NJ near the Atlantic coastline. This road-to-sea adventure embarks at the Jersey Shore’s northernmost point in Sandy Hook and cruises down to various shore points to terminate in Cape May’s famous Exit 0. Take on the whole trip from top to bottom, or break them into separate county getaways. Buckle up – the beaches are calling!

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MONMOUTH COUNTY ROAD TRIP

📍 **Sandy Hook to Manasquan (~29 miles)**

Exit 117 leads to ocean and bay beaches on the slender **Sandy Hook** peninsula, where Gateway National Recreation Area offers immersion in nature. Just south, discover the majestic Twin Lights Historic Site—with two climbable lighthouse towers—in **Highlands**. Next, enjoy a nautical-themed lunch overlooking the Shrewsbury River at Beach Tavern in **Monmouth Beach**. Then head to **Long Branch** to walk the sands

of Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, once a favored POTUS vacation spot. Continue to legendary **Asbury Park**, featuring boardwalk diversions, funky art and a beach for both surfers and sunbathers alike. In **Belmar**, travelers with kids will appreciate beach playgrounds, and those without will enjoy a date night at La Dolce Vita Ristorante. Next, view maritime history at Sea Girt Lighthouse, a stately home-and-tower combo. Conclude the journey at **Manasquan’s** blissfully undeveloped shores at Fisherman’s Cove Conservation Area.

Hit the road!





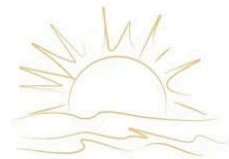
OCEAN COUNTY ROAD TRIP

📍 Point Pleasant Beach to Beach Haven (~49 miles)

Take Exit 98 to family-friendly **Point Pleasant Beach**, where a no-frills beachfront breakfast awaits at The Food Shack before jumping on Jenkinson's Boardwalk for arcades, mini-golf, rides and the aquarium. Just south, in **Bay Head**, bike along the dunes and historic district of the "Ivy League" beach town. From there, drive down the super-scenic Route 35 to a happening summer destination known as **Seaside Heights**. Perhaps spend the night at this stopover to thoroughly enjoy the amusement pier bursting with playful activities and a meal at Bum Rogers Crab House & Tavern in **Seaside Park**. Next, swing back onto the GSP and take Exit 63 to diverse destinations on **Long Beach Island**, from the "Boulevard" in **Surf City** and iconic lighthouse in **Barnegat Light** to **Beach Haven**, where action-packed water activities balance with charming shops and museums.



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ATLANTIC COUNTY ROAD TRIP

📍 Brigantine to Margate (~12 miles)

Exit 40 leads to peaceful **Brigantine**, a boardwalk-free haven full of salt-worn cottages and a two-story viewing platform to observe birds and dolphin pods. Brigantine is also one of the few NJ shore towns you can drive your 4x4 vehicle onto the beach—as long as a permit is obtained. Just a few minutes south, **Atlantic City** brings the bling with miles of boardwalk, games, concerts, retail, dining and casinos. Stop for oysters on the half shell and the Dean Martini at Knife & Fork Inn, an old-school chophouse dating back to 1912 that was a favorite of Bob Hope and Frank Sinatra. On the far side, the quaint coastal town of **Ventnor** presents a more relaxed side of beach life with surfable waves and a non-commercial boardwalk with the state's longest fishing pier. Drift slightly southward to the broad beaches of laid-back **Margate**, famed for Lucy the Elephant, a historic six-story architectural novelty like no other. Don't leave town without dropping in for happy hour and live music at upbeat local bar, Maynard's Cafe.

CAPE MAY COUNTY ROAD TRIP

📍 Ocean City to Cape May Point (~36 miles)

Exit 30 leads to wholesome family vacation destination, **Ocean City**, famed for dazzling boardwalk attractions, famous pizza joints and endless activities. Heading south, collect shells or surf fish on **Sea Isle City's** five miles of shoreline before zipping to nearby **Avalon**, where the Avalon Dune and Beach Trail offers a spot to stretch your legs in unique coastal habitats. Don't leave town without people-watching at The Princeton Grill & Bar. Continue nature exploration at the island neighbor's idyllic Stone Harbor Bird Sanctuary. Next, get an adrenaline charge at **The Wildwoods** with free beaches and exhilarating boardwalk entertainment, including multiple roller coasters and waterparks. In adjacent **Cape May**, fold-out your beach chair before stopping at its namesake brewery, or stroll past Victorian gingerbread architecture and shop charming boutiques. Cruise down to the southernmost tip of the Jersey Cape, **Cape May Point**, to explore historical World War II sites and a lighthouse where 199 steps lead to ocean and bay views.

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GARDENS OF THE GARDEN STATE

NJ earned the license plate nickname thanks to fertile lands cultivated since colonial times.

Horticulturally speaking, what's in a name? Officially, arboretums are botanical gardens specializing in trees, shrubs and woody plants. This, of course, begs the definition of a botanical garden, which is a science-forward category for the study of plants. For strictly aesthetic purposes, there are rose gardens and myriad other collections of prodigious seasonal blooms. In fact, the NJ Department of Agriculture cites more than five dozen "Gardens and Arboretums" across the state—many of which defy simple classification by incorporating a spectrum of eye-pleasing components among cultivated attractions. Many of the destinations woven across the landscape of the Garden State are open year-round and offer free admission, further enhancing the appeal of nature.



Connect with nature through lavish horticultural displays at **Laurelwood Arboretum** in Wayne, from The Sensory Garden to a Sculpture Trail.

Fans of wildflowers to Italianate gardens find plenty to admire at Ringwood's **New Jersey Botanical Garden**, surrounded by 1,000 woodland acres.

Feel immersed in the harmonious melding of nature and grand architecture among the gardens and pathways of **Greenwood Gardens** in Short Hills.

Catch the vibrant peak of favorite flora at **Van Vleck House & Gardens**, near downtown Montclair, with a weekly "What's Blooming" website preview.

Famed for dramatic rock gardens, the wooded stream

valley trails of **Leonard J. Buck Garden** in Far Hills are bedecked with ferns and flowers.

Rutgers Gardens, a horticultural hotspot in North Brunswick, combines woodlands with hugely varied garden displays.

Gorgeous trees and flowers abound at Bernardsville's **Cross Estate Gardens**, which features a stunning wisteria-covered pergola.

The Big Tree Tour, Rose Walk and Nature Trail count among the serene amenities at **The Frelinghuysen Arboretum** in Morristown.

Sights at **Deep Cut Gardens** in Middletown include a rocky, greenhouse, rose parterre and Japanese-themed garden for home gardening inspo.



Go where the grass is greener!





Fields of Plenty

Agritourism sparks a dynamic interaction between growers and consumers. Farm markets, interactive experiences and sociable events strengthen connection and community throughout peak growing seasons and beyond—from family farms and local orchards to nationally acclaimed vineyards.

NJ's oldest pick-your-own, **Battleview Orchards** in Freehold, boasts fresh-pressed cider, a country store and tempting bakery.

Four generations of family farmers can be found at **Beneduce Vineyards** in Pittstown, specializing in small-batch, estate-grown wines, tastings and Sunday picnics.

Check the online calendar of 40 seasonal produce peaks to pick-your-own fruits and veggies at **Hallocks U-Pick Farm & Greenhouse** in New Egypt.

Oasis Family Farm in Robbinsville focuses on "agri-tainment" for the whole family, including pumpkin-picking, a living bee hive, egg hunts and a farm market stocked with healthy treats.

A tranquil vibe permeates **Field & Flock Lavender Farm** in Woodstown where fragrant handmade products, adorable farm animals and lavender tastings await.

Daily tastings of hard apple cider and award-winning wines distinguish **Hawk Haven Vineyards**, located on a sprawling 100+ acres with



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perfect growing conditions in Cape May Wine Country.

Heaven Hill Farm in Vernon pairs a vast garden center with a farm market of just-picked produce, locally raised meats, cheese, honey and bakery goods.

Find a kid's paradise of activities with farm animals, u-pick summer produce or Harvest Moon hayrides in the fall at **Alstede Farms** in Chester.

Terhune Orchards Vineyard & Winery in Princeton rounds up wine tastings, fresh-made apple cider donuts, plus produce- and sunflower-picking.

Discover fields of blooms, shop soothing essential oils or take an alpaca for a walk at **Hidden Spring Lavender & Alpaca Farm** in Skillman.



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Happy Harvest

Did you know New Jersey is home to more than 9,900 farms covering 750,000 acres of farmland? With numbers like that, and a strong growing environment for crops to flourish, the Garden State remains among the nation's leaders in agricultural production—with farmers producing more than 100 different kinds of fruits and vegetables. Nationally, NJ ranks in the top 10 producers of cranberries, peaches, tomatoes, bell peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, apples, squash and spinach. Oh, and don't be surprised to hear that Hammonton is known as the "Blueberry Capital of the World."

Blooming Seasons



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Befitting of the Garden State nickname, NJ blossoms with acres upon acres of fragrant fields of flowers, offering a variety of blooms year-round, while fresh fruits and vegetables show up in strong demand from spring through fall. Our state size may be small, but our natural bounty is robust, which means you can gather a seasonal supply of bouquets, herbs and produce just about anywhere here.

<p><i>Fall</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunflowers Squash Apples Pumpkin Cauliflower Cranberries 	<p><i>Winter</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Witch Hazel Snowdrop Hellebore Violets Blue Speedwell Winter Jasmine Holly 	<p><i>Spring</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tulips Cherry Blossoms Daffodils Lavender Mint & Parsley Asparagus Spinach Strawberries 	<p><i>Summer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zinnia Dahlias Wildflowers Honey (20,000 bee colonies) Blueberries & Blackberries Basil, Rosemary & Thyme Tomatoes Peppers Sweet Corn Watermelon Pears, Plums & Peaches Eggplant Cucumbers

HALL OF FAME

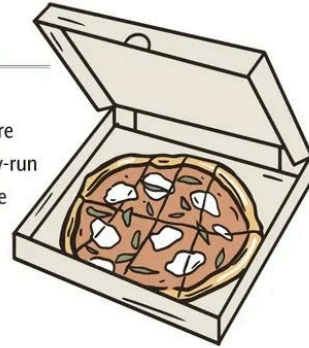
FOODS *On the Menu*

New Jersey's cuisine scene may be as diverse as its landscapes, but there's no denying that these iconic foods put this great state on the map, with culinary connections now known the world over.

Pizza

Arguably the standout staple food of NJ Italian culture, you're never far from a satisfying slice or tomato pie with over 2,000 pizzerias in the state. Whether you're looking for a spot with decades of tradition serving a thin and crispy crust, family-run restaurants baking saucy Grandma Pies or chef-driven pizza parlors with creative takes, there's a reason NJ is known as one of the "Best Pizza States in the US."

GET SAUCY: De Lorenzo's Tomato Pies, *Robbinsville* | Holy Tomato, *Blackwood* | Razza, *Jersey City*



Italian Ice / Water Ice

It's the perfect reprieve from hot summer days down the shore or at the ballpark. The descendant of the Italian dessert (*granita*), this fruity frozen treat is made from soft-textured ice, sugar and various flavorings—from traditional cherry and mango to watermelon, grape and cotton candy.

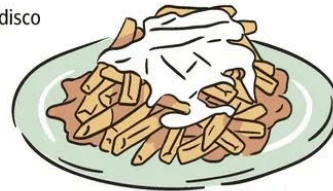
COOL-OFF: The Water Ice Factory, *Magnolia* | Diane's Italian Water Ice, *Voorhees* | Primo Water Ice, *Cherry Hill and Westmont*



Diner-Style Disco Fries

New Jersey isn't called the "Diner Capital of the World" for nothing. While our Northern neighbors in Canada call this guilty pleasure poutine, Jerseyans call them "disco fries." Found at select diners across the state, this groovy dance of French fries comes traditionally topped with a savory brown or chicken gravy and loaded with creamy melted mozzarella cheese for the ultimate diner indulgence or late-night snack.

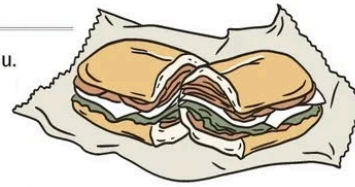
CHOW DOWN: Tick Tock Diner, *Clifton* | Huck Finn Diner, *Union* | Chit Chat Diner, *Hackensack*



Hoagies / Subs

Deli subculture is one-of-a-kind in the Northeast, and hoagies are on the menu. Pile 'em high with thinly sliced cured meats, such as capicola, prosciutto and soppressata, then American or provolone cheese. Garnish with the works and don't forget the soft, chewy hoagie roll for a proper NJ sandwich.

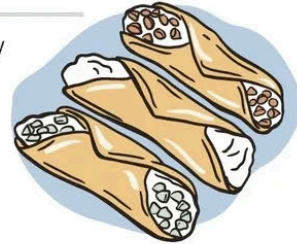
ORDER UP: Carmen's Deli, *Bellmawr* | Little King Sandwich Shop, *Hamilton Twp.* | Bogie's Hoagies & Deli, *Hawthorne*



Cannoli

The decadent Sicilian pastry dessert has many different personalities—from the crispy or flaky-soft shell to the classic sweet or tangy ricotta cream filling. Why not toss in pistachios or chocolate chips to the fried pastry delicacy? Whether on-the-go to bring to Sunday dinner or dipped in espresso at a local bistro, cannoli topped with powdered sugar can be enjoyed any time of day.

FIND HERE: Palazzone 1960, *Wayne* | Calandra's Bakery, *multiple locations* | Mattarello Bakery & Café, *Montclair*



Pork Roll / Taylor Ham

It all depends on the geography of your bagel shop, deli or cafe, and how you order this classic Jersey sandwich. If you find yourself in South Jersey, be sure to call it pork roll, but if you're making your way up state, northerners say Taylor ham. The salted pork slices developed in 1856 have risen to fame over the last century and are now a beloved go-to breakfast staple for locals and out-of-towners alike.

GRAB ONE: White Rose Diner, *Linden* | Case Pork Roll Co, *Trenton* | Johnny's Pork Roll & Coffee Too, *Red Bank*



Saltwater Taffy

When you think of classic boardwalk fare, saltwater taffy comes to mind. Brine is not an ingredient in this guilty pleasure, but the lore of its "happy accident" creation has kept the candy a household name for decades. You can find these sticky delights hand-pulled or whipped by machine all summer long. No day down the shore is complete without a handful of this stuck-in-your-teeth treat.

GET A BOX: Shriver's, *Ocean City* | River Street Sweets, *Asbury Park* | Fralinger's Original, *Atlantic City*



EXPLORE MORE DINING & CUISINES
Beyond NJ's spotlight eats, international cuisine also shines bright here, and is an appetizing representation of our state's multicultural diversity.



FAMILY TIME UNPLUGGED

Ditch digital living to discover freedom and recreation—guaranteed to recharge family-fueled energy.

Aquariums

Aquatic exhibits—without seasonal boundaries—provide immersion in watery worlds, from a shark tunnel at **Adventure Aquarium** in Camden to global marine life habitats at **Jenkinson's Aquarium** in Point Pleasant Beach. Or meet 3,000 underwater creatures at **SEA LIFE® New Jersey Aquarium** in East Rutherford.

Water Parks

Make waves year-round at East Rutherford's **DreamWorks Water Park**, with world record-breaking slides and rides. Go wild or float in style in Wildwood at **Splash Zone**, or discover a mighty river shipwreck at **Raging Waters**. Find splashy fun at **Mountain**

Creek Waterpark's Colorado River Rapids & Surf Hill, or take on the Legendary Canyon Cliffs.

Boardwalk Fun

Playful activities abound at seaside wooden walkways, including amusements at Steel Pier in **Atlantic City** and Morey's Piers in **Wildwood**. Let loose at **Ocean City** escape rooms or putt-putt at **Point Pleasant Beach**. Enjoy sky-high Ferris wheel views in **Seaside Heights** or retro arcade action in **Asbury Park**.

Adventure Parks

Tucked in Vernon's woodlands, **TreEscape Aerial Adventure Park** boasts tall-tree ziplines and obstacle course challenges. Fresh-air exhilaration awaits daredevils on the go-kart track at

The Mainland Adventure Park in Manahawkin. Leap, bounce, climb and swing at multiple indoor **Urban Air Adventure & Trampoline Park** locations.

Amusement & Theme Parks

Open 365 days a year, **Nickelodeon Universe®** **American Dream** unleashes the inner cartoon-loving child of all ages. In Jackson, fuel the adrenaline at **Six Flags Great Adventure's** countless thrill rides, 14 world-class coasters and a wildlife-filled safari excursion of 1,200 animals from six continents. In Beach Haven, **Fantasy Island Amusement Park** hosts a classic carousel, carnival rides and games to excite the entire family.

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ALBUM OF ADVENTURES

From exhilarating arenas to quirky clubs, music fans can stage dive (figuratively) into live shows infused with energizing rhythms. Every venue and vibe contributes to NJ's ever-evolving music culture.

A tuneful revolution launched in 1877 when Thomas Edison unveiled the phonograph—making music recordable and shareable—at his West Orange laboratory in 1877. By the 1930s, Newark emerged as an incubator for jazz clubs and recording studios, with Atlantic City showcasing evolving musical styles. Decades later, New Brunswick's "basement scene" spawned a recording label boom, while crowds in Asbury Park rocked out at legendary (and still lively) music venues like **Stone Pony**, **House of Independents**, **Convention Hall** and more.

At **Transparent Clinch Gallery**, fan over Springsteen artifacts and a life-sized photo wall of the 'Born to Run' superstar (a track celebrating its 50th anniversary this year). For an archetypal standing-room experience, head to **Starland Ballroom** in Sayreville for a lineup of local and visiting artists. For supersized venues with indoor-outdoor concert seating, catch leading bands and musicians at Camden's waterfront **Freedom Mortgage Pavilion** or **PNC Bank Arts Center** in Holmdel. And in Newark, the **Prudential Center** box office brings in big-name acts for arena-size performances, while the **New Jersey Performing Arts Center** offers incredible live acoustics in a breathtaking theater. Thanks to the **Hoboken Historical Museum**, you can pay tribute to ol' Blue Eyes by retracing his footsteps to significant locales on a Frank Sinatra Walking Tour.



SOUNDTRACK TO JERSEY – LISTEN TO OUR PLAYLIST!



Jersey Roots Bear Musical Fruits

What do quintessential crooner Frank Sinatra and heartland rocker Bruce Springsteen have in common? Being born and raised in NJ, of course! Other homegrown or transplanted musical talents spanning myriad genres include Whitney Houston, Frankie Valli, Jon Bon Jovi, Kool & the Gang, Fugees, Lauryn Hill, Ice-T, Blues Traveler, Celia Cruz and more.



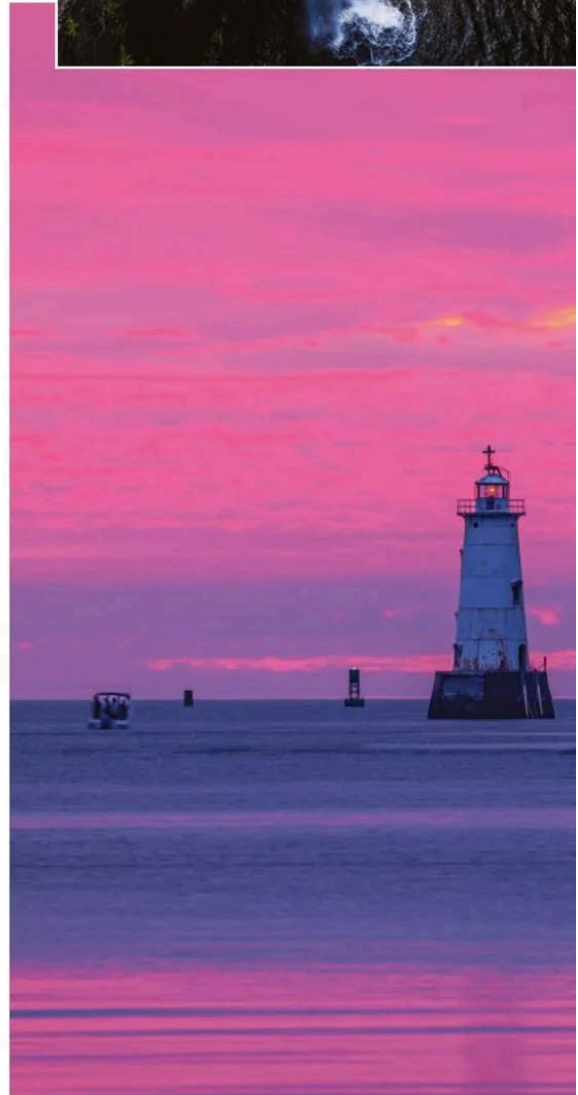
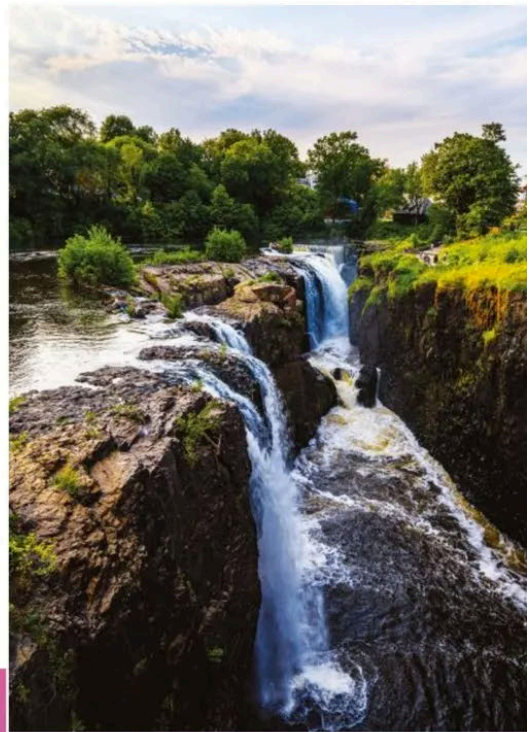
Into the Blue

Whether salt-laden or ultra-fresh, the healing waters of New Jersey offer a tonic for both body and mind.

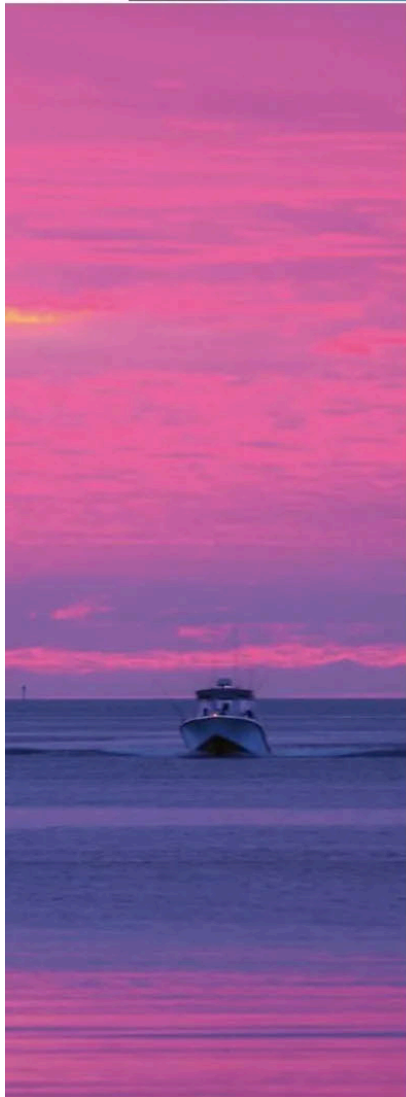
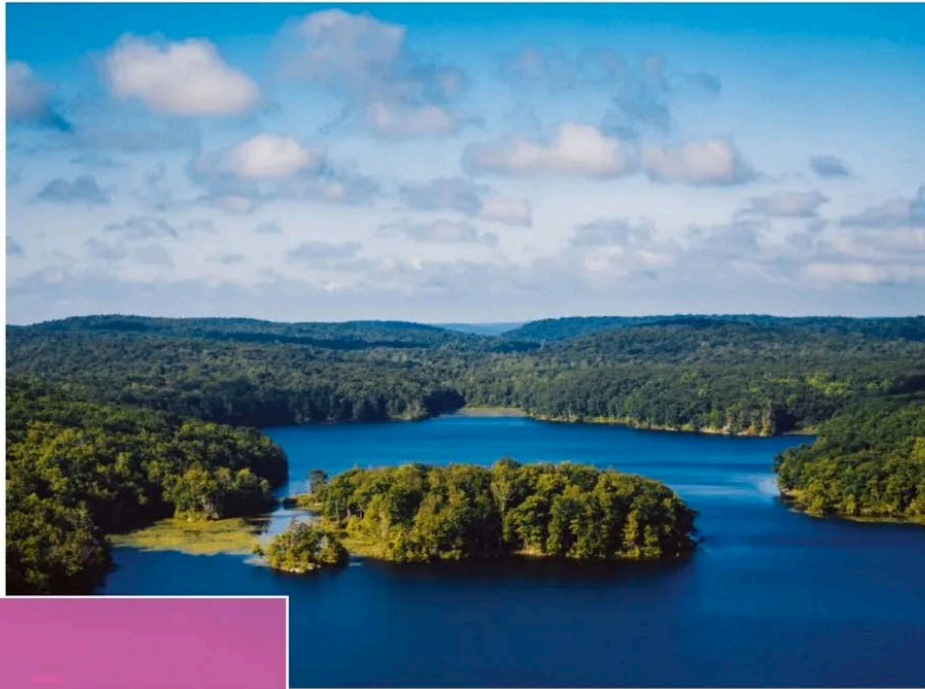
With a staggering 60+ beaches spanning 130 miles of coastline, over 6,400 miles of rivers and streams, countless waterfalls and more than 400 publicly accessible lakes and reservoirs, the “Blue Mind” theory is strong in NJ. Being in, on or by a body of water does the soul good, and with landscapes like ours, wellness runs deep here.

FROM BEACH TO BAY

Strands of shoreline running the length of the coast offer a wide range of activities and experiences for the avid water sportsman and woman. Cast a line right off **Ventnor Fishing Pier** or at uncrowded **Horseshoe Cove** in Sandy Hook Bay. For deep-sea charters, from the Delaware Bay to offshore canyons, tackle up with Free Spirit Fishing in **Margate** or stay inshore for fly fishing with Fish Head Charters in **Ship Bottom**. Get your kicks parasailing with **Belmar Parasail**, rent jet skis at **Beesleys Point** or paddle out into the surf when visiting **Manasquan Inlet**. Dock your boat on the banks of **Raritan Bay** for a NYC skyline vantage point or tow tube across the waters of **Barnegat Bay**. Paddleboard into the sunset on **Sea Isle City**'s bay side, or bodysurf the waves on the Atlantic side. Head into the back bay sounds of **Avalon** on a family-friendly crabbing trip with the captain and crew of Miss Avalon Fishing Charters.



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LIFE ON THE LAKE

Beaches aren't the only coastal attraction in NJ. With hundreds of publicly accessible lakes in the state, waterbased activities aren't limited to those with sandy toes. Hop aboard your choice of watercraft at **Wawayanda Lake** in Hewitt or take the boat for a cruise around **Lake Hopatcong** in Hopatcong State Park. Take a refreshing dip before setting your tent up at **Atsion Lake** and falling asleep beneath the stars to the sounds of water lapping on the shore. Let the kids go swimming, crabbing or canoeing at **Hooks Creek Lake** in Cheesequake State Park in Matawan. Venture to the lakeside restaurants and marinas fringing seven-mile-long **Greenwood Lake** in West Milford, where diving, rowing and water-skiing triggers a state of 'happy.'

CHASING WATERFALLS

Some of the most breathtaking views can be found in New Jersey's very own backyard. Look up and marvel at **Buttermilk Falls**—the tallest waterfall in New Jersey—when visiting the **Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area** in Hardwick, or test your map deciphering skills and join the hunt for **Silver Spray Falls** (or "Hidden Falls"). Feel humbled beside a 77-foot roaring cascade at **Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park**, home to one of the nation's largest waterfalls, while **Coppermines Trail Cascades** offers a more modest, tranquil reward at the end of your trek.

**Access to Buttermilk Falls from Walpack Center is currently closed due to bridge repairs. To access the Falls, take Strubel Rd. to Dimon Rd. through Stokes State Forest.*

NOSTALGIA LIVES HERE

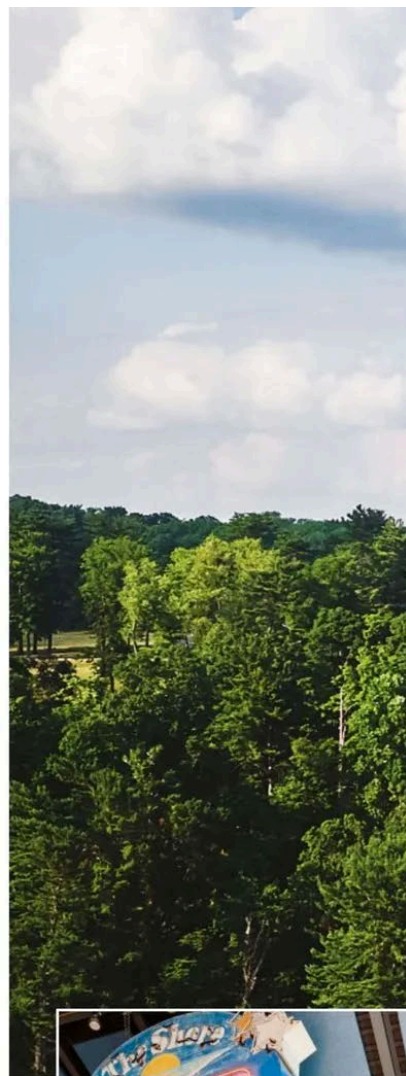
Voyage to the vintage, embrace history and the past, take home throwback treasures and embellish the future with a new appreciation of bygone times.

Thrift & Antique Destinations

Front Street in Keyport offers assorted vintage shops catering to the functional-nostalgia trend for goods like vinyl LPs, Pyrex dishware and retro lamps. Prowl yesteryear shops and estate finds along the riverside streets of **Lambertville**—known as the “Antiques Capital of NJ”—or hunt rare finds at the indoor-outdoor **Golden Nugget Antique & Flea Market**. Explore a co-op treasure trove of vintage finds at **The Old Mill Antique Mall**, a red roadside barn in Mullica Hill including two floors’ worth of collectible coins, sports memorabilia, tools and toys. Period-style paintings, mirrors, vintage dolls, glassware, cast iron urns, fountains and more catch the eye at **The Andover Village** collection of shops. Collingswood’s **Downtown Haddon Avenue** attracts thrifters and collectors to appealing shops selling everything from mid-century modern furniture to pinball machines.

Architectural Gems

Check out retro digs in **The Wildwoods**, aka “Doo-Wop Capital of the World,” boasting the largest collection of mid-century modern hotels/motels, “Fabulous Fifties” commercial buildings and vibrant neon signs. With more than 600 charming cottages and buildings, **Cape May Historic District** is pure eye candy for fans of resplendent late-Victorian architecture. NJ’s newest luxury retreat, **Pendry Natirar**, brings contemporary majesty to the renovated Tudor-Style Mansion, located on a 90-acre estate in Peapack. Catch a concert at a former 1937 Art Deco-style movie house, **The Landis Theater** in Vineland, with a revamped neon façade welcoming tribute bands, magicians and more. Glimpse into early America at **Historic Cold Spring Village**, recreating life in the Gilded Age with meticulously restored homes, a brewery, school and trade shops that showcase authentic period details and craftsmanship.





Time-Capsule Museums

Compelling tales of centuries past resonate in the grounds and buildings of the pre-Revolutionary **Old Barracks Museum** in Trenton. Step inside a zinc mine that delves into the region's rich mining history and become dazzled by touchable fluorescent minerals at **Sterling Hill Mining Museum** in Ogdensburg. Embrace railroaddiana at **Whippany Railway Museum**, with outdoor displays of restored train excursions and a caboose ride option, or tour **Northlandz**, the World's Largest Miniature Wonderland & Model Railroad Museum. With automotive history that'll make you want to pull the brakes, there's always a new detour on memory lane at the **Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey** in Point Pleasant. As a working maritime village, **Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum** keeps the area's nautical traditions and boat-building heritage alive.

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Spotlight on Lighthouses

Once brightly lit beacons for mariner safety in the Atlantic Ocean for centuries, 23 lighthouses still line the Jersey shorelines (with 11 welcoming visitors). Look up at history at an unusual 1764 octagonal tower in **Sandy Hook**—NJ's oldest—or at the traditional cone design of the state's tallest in **Absecon**. Towers tucked into lighthouse keepers' homes stand tall in **Hereford Inlet** while a museum resides at **Barnegat Light's** one-room former schoolhouse at the tip of Long Beach Island.

Want to see them all? There's no better time than the third weekend of October, when the annual **Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey** takes place, challenging visitors to hit 11 lighthouse sites, three lifesaving stations and one museum over the two-day weekend. A small registration fee enables you to collect a souvenir from each site!



CITY ESCAPES



Happy Trails & High Summits

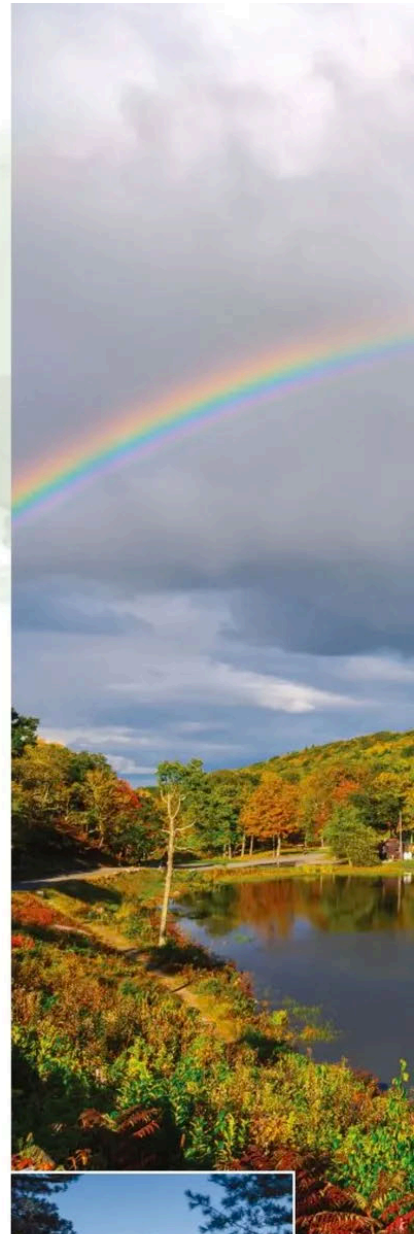
For those looking to escape the city lights and busy streets of the city, it's time to shake the misconception that NJ is all industry and highways. Find untouched beauty and serenity atop our many mountain peaks or rugged pinelands. With 12 national park sites and 49 state parks and forests to choose from, your weekend escape just got a lot more adventurous.

Outback Wilderness

Break out the binoculars in **Pinelands National Reserve**, the country's first National Reserve spanning a staggering one million acres of farms, forests and wetlands. Located less than 30 miles from NYC's Times Square, **Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge** provides a natural oasis in an otherwise largely suburban area where foot traffic and trails prevail over all other forms of transportation. With skyscrapers in the distance and trails built off of old logging roads, **Norvin Green State Forest** is a great place to test your abilities and elevation stamina along the Highlands Trail. For more than just a hike, check out **Worthington State Forest**, and you might stumble upon one of NJ's Seven Natural Wonders, Sunfish Pond.

Gaining Elevation

The Garden State's highest point, aptly named **High Point State Park**, dishes out spectacular panoramic views of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania at over 1,800 feet of elevation. **Kittatinny Mountain Range** includes a sweeping overlook of the Delaware Water Gap on **Mount Tammany**, and is a prime spot for challenging hiking, rock climbing and wildlife watching. Saddle up in the **Watchung Mountains**, with great riding trails and a public stable, or explore unmarked trails with your pup along one of the three low ridges of volcanic origin. Experience some of the state's best trout fishing at the Musconetcong River, or grab your adventure buddies for mountain biking and sledding in **Allamuchy Mountain State Park**.

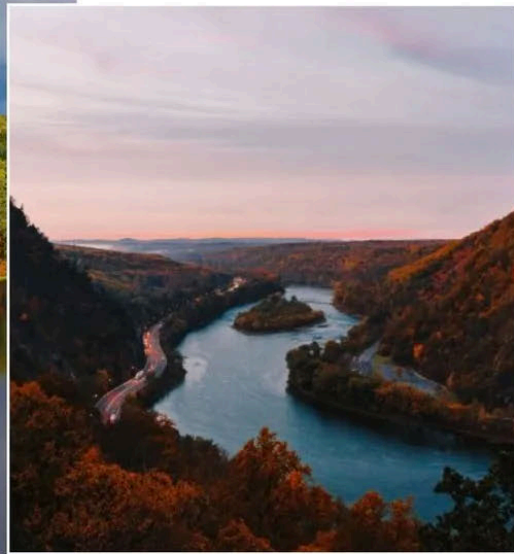


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Just Passing Through

For 72.4 miles, the prestigious Appalachian National Scenic Trail runs through New Jersey along the long-winded ridge of **Kittatinny Mountain Range**. Thru-hikers will also venture into **Worthington State Forest**, **Walkkill River National Wildlife Reserve**, **High Point State Park** and the **Ramapo Mountains'** forested chain fringing the New York/New Jersey border.



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Action-Packed Resorts

Mountain Creek Resort in Vernon offers four seasons of outdoor fun. When snow falls, skiers and boarders flock to the slopes and freestyle terrain, while warmer weather attracts adventurers to the bike park and a mountaintop zip-line course.

Fish the quarry, hike wooded nature trails, test your archery skills and grab your clubs to play on the 18-hole natural grass putting course at year-round playground **Crystal Springs Resort** in Hamburg.

For winter family fun, grab your day or season passes for an alpine escape to go cross-country or downhill skiing at **Campgaw Mountain Ski Center** in Mahwah. Snow tubing is also always a crowd-pleaser.

CAMPGROUNDS to CASINOS



Pitch a tent under a black sky or bet it all on black in roulette—whatever your OOO looks like, there's something for you in the Garden State. With seven different regions for your camping adventure, NJ offers landscapes for both glamping fifth-wheelers or paddle-in primitive campers. If neither are your style, casinos and luxury hotels can be found on the shoreline and beyond, offering a mix of amenities, entertainment and culinary experiences for the discernible traveler.



Set Up Camp

Jellystone Park in Williamstown is a family-centric Yogi Bear-themed campground that makes for lifelong vacation memories with everything from a huge activity pool and jumping lake floats to laser tag, sports courts and themed events. For a real rugged retreat (no vehicle access), **Round Valley Recreation Area Campground** is the only NJ State Park that offers wilderness camping—so be prepared to either backpack, mountain bike, boat or paddle to your secluded campsite in the woods. **Panther Lake**

Camping Resort in Andover is known for its namesake, a beautiful 45-acre freshwater lake and gorgeous scenery. About as close to camping on the beach as you can get without the sea birds and sand, **Surf & Stream Campground** in Toms River is sublime for a quiet getaway to cook over the campfire and connect with nature. If fishing is your thing, **Windy Acres RV Park & Campground** in Newton allows you to cast from the comfort of your campsite and provides Wi-Fi throughout the park to share your next trophy catch with your online friends.

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Raise the Stakes

Spice up your vacation with a burlesque show at the **Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa**, or indulge in some self-care at the onsite spa, salon or barbershop. With Atlantic City Beach and Steel Pier just steps away, check in to the iconic **Hard Rock Hotel & Casino** and test your luck at one of the 5,000 slot machines or rock out at a Sound Waves concert. **Ocean Casino Resort**, the newest addition to the casino lineup in Atlantic City, dazzles travelers with its striking glass facade, luxury studio suites and a private Blade helicopter ride to/from NYC that'll make you feel like an action hero. Originally opened in the early 80s, **Tropicana Atlantic City** knows how to entertain with games of chance, themed restaurants and disco events at their nightclubs to dance the night away. As one of the top-rated sportsbooks in the nation, **Caesars Atlantic City** is the place to wine and dine like royalty for those willing to chance the parlay in an opulent Roman setting, including nine highly-rated restaurants on property.



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While these accommodations are on opposite ends of the spectrum, NJ also offers everything in between!

Let the LOCALS LEAD

Stroll, pedal or cruise on tours for differing interests and styles—all while gaining intriguing insights into NJ's diverse cultural narrative.

TRAVEL FOR FOOD

Jersey City's **Beyond the Plate – Taste of Downtown Food Tour** offers a mingling of cuisines and local spirits, artfully garnished with Jersey culture and history. Eat and drink like an Asbury Park native on a festive **Taste of Asbury Food Tour** highlighting local culture and lore. Experience statewide food scenes from Collingwood's multicultural eateries to Atlantic City's Ducktown classics with **On the Town Food Tours**. Seasoned with yesteryear charm, **Cape May Food Tours** serve culinary journeys dishing up global flavors and farm-to-table cuisine.

RIDE IN STYLE

Onboard the Spirit of New Jersey with **City Cruises**, enjoy a next-level lunch and dinner cruise with a chef-prepared buffet, live entertainment and swoon-worthy skyline views from open-air decks. The vintage vibe of a paddlewheel riverboat offers laid-back sightseeing aboard the **River Lady** in Toms River. There's nothing dry about **AC Tiki Boat Tours'** island-themed booze cruise—complete with leis, dancing, views of the Atlantic City skyline and a full-service bar. Be transported to serenely scenic destinations in the vintage cars of a steam locomotive train on **Delaware River Railroad Excursions**, or chug along on **Black River & Western Railroad's** themed, seasonal excursions, including the North Pole Express and Hunterdon Wine Express.



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EXPAND YOUR MIND

Walkabout the colorful gateway city known as America’s “Golden Door” on an outdoor gallery tour of 200 murals from local, national and international artists—thanks to the **Jersey City Mural Arts Program** and its interactive map to guide you. Coastal ghosts and a lantern-lit walk deliver a playfully haunting experience of local tales and the supernatural with **Ghost Capers of Cape May**. Stunning carved stone architecture distinguishes **BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham**, a Hindu house of worship set within a tranquil campus in Robbinsville. Three-dimensional art and nature meld into an immersive aesthetic experience at the mesmerizing **Grounds for Sculpture** in Hamilton.

RETRACE HISTORY

Steeped in Revolutionary history, the **Heritage Trail of Somerset County** in Bridgewater offers themed bus and walking tours. The **Princeton Five Star Shameless Name Dropping Tour** takes you on the town of the historic university to visit the homes and hotspots of the most famous Princeton residents—from Albert Einstein to Brooke Shields. Period-garbed guides infuse colonial history with fascinating insights on a **Burlington Historic District Walking Tour**. Set your own pace on a self-guided audio **Historic Heartline Walking Tour** of Elizabeth, a city known for producing the first assembly line automobile in the state, the first ice cream soda and submarine.

CYCLE AROUND TOWN

Delve into central Jersey’s European vibe on travel-and-taste trips to farmland, vineyard or secluded beach destinations on **NJ Bike Tours**. Party on an open-air and energetic tavern-hopping **PedalCycle** powered by riders—with a battery backup if revelers run out of gas. A private, multi-day tour with **Gotham Bicycle Tours** leads small groups to off-overlooked sights along the entire state, from a northern mountain-top to the ocean in Cape May. At mountain bike shop, **Diamond Cycle**, both high-speed cyclists and easy riders can rent wheels for self-guided tours through Montclair’s historic streets and off-road trails.



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SKYLANDS

Natural Beauty & High Adventures

New Jersey's northwest is where nature meets adventure. Imagine rolling hills, lush forests and sparkling lakes beckoning outdoor enthusiasts throughout the seasons. Hit the many ski slopes in the wintertime or cycle the historic 250-year-old route of Old Mine Road—one of the oldest continuously used roads in the U.S.—renowned for its fall-colored leaves and scenery in autumn. Marina-hop the shoreline of Lake Hopatcong in the summer or catch your breath at the top of High Point State Park on a brisk spring hike. The Skylands Region offers a serene escape from the hustle and bustle all year round.



GO SKY HIGH

Soar above breathtaking landscapes with **Skylands Ballooning**, offering magical hot air balloon rides at sunrise or sunset and panoramic sunrise from 3,000 feet up.

PLAY MAKE BELIEVE

Delight in a day of family fun and adventure in Hope at **Land of Make Believe & Pirate's Cove**, an enchanting amusement park with rides, water attractions, an off-road safari ride and whimsical entertainment.

DINE & DRINK

Savor farm-to-table ingredients in a rustic, trendy setting at **Agricola** restaurant in Morristown, flavored with warm hospitality and beloved for its farm-fresh dishes, like a harvest chopped salad and chicken parm.

Enjoy locally brewed pints at **High Point Brewing Company** in Butler, where each sip captures the essence of its inventive brewing scene and traditions with award-winning Ramstein beers, including German wheat specialties and unique seasonals.

CRUISE THE LAKE

Step aboard Miss Lotta Skipperliner, the largest boat on NJ's largest lake. **Lake Hopatcong Cruises** offers brunch, lunch and dinner outings, as well as themed cruises like, Cigar & Whiskey and a narrated Historical Cruise.

SHOP AROUND

Explore a treasure trove of antiques, collectibles and unique finds at **Five Acres Flea Market** in Belvidere, a delightful outdoor destination for bargain hunters and vintage shoppers.



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AGRICOLA, MORRISTOWN @COUGEATS

WAKE UP IN LUXURY

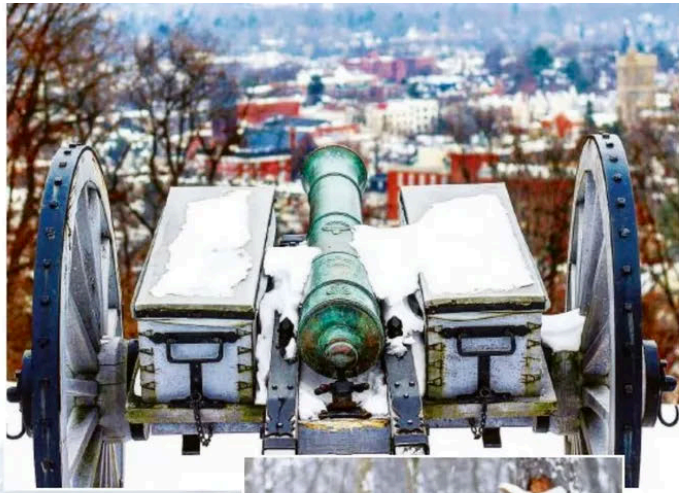
Indulge in timeless elegance at the **Madison Hotel** in Morristown, a refined yet comfortable property known for its sophisticated decor and ambiance, Afternoon Tea experience and in-room massages.

GRAB TICKETS

Immerse yourself in thespian performances at **The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey** in Madison, where classic plays come to life in an intimate, picturesque setting.

MEET THE LOCALS

Get up-close and cozy with majestic creatures at the **Lakota Wolf Preserve**, a wildlife refuge in Columbia where you can witness packs of wolves, plus foxes and bobcats, in a natural environment.



DIVE DEEPER



Catch an Event SKYLANDS REGION

SPONSORED CONTENT

ROCK, RIBS AND RIDGES

June 27 - 29
Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta
rockribsandridges.com - A three-day celebration of great Southern Rock music, Pitmasters, finger-lickin' barbeque and good times.

WARREN COUNTY BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

June 28
Warren County Community College, 475 Route 57 West, Washington
warren200.com - Celebrate Warren County's 200th birthday with music and other entertainment, games, rides, food and craft vendors.

SPARTA NJ RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

September
Camp Sacajawea, Sparta
spartanjenfaire.com - With a new story each year, experience the tales of the Renaissance, entertainment and many activities such as archery.

FESTIVAL IN THE BOROUGH

September 20
Downtown Washington Borough
washingtonbid.org - Three stages of music, 50+ vendors, kids' zone, food trucks, local shopping, free admission and a non-stop good time for all!

EXPLORE WARREN HISTORY TRAIL

November 1 - 2
Various locations throughout Warren County
warrenhistorytrail.org - A self-guided tour of heritage sites, each stop offering something different and exciting for the whole family.

SKYLANDS STADIUM HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW & CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

November - December
Skylands Stadium, Augusta
skylandsstadium.com/lightshow - A mile-long winter extravaganza drive-thru with magical light displays, Christmas Village, memory-making photo ops and more.

5 BEST HIKES IN THE SKYLANDS REGION

MOUNT TAMMANY

Worthington State Forest (~3.6 miles, 1,213 ft. elevation, hard) - Take the Red Dot Trail up and the Blue Dot Trail down for a semi-challenging loop with views the entire way.

STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

Wawayanda State Park (~2.6 miles, 889 ft. elevation, moderate) - This out-and-back trail is a popular, year-round route for birding, dog walking and trail running.

SWAMP, SUMMIT & GHOST LAKE

Jenny Jump State Forest (~5.5 miles, 1,059 ft. elevation, moderate) - Roam the rocky terrain for views of surrounding mountains and valleys before arriving at Ghost Lake.

SCHOOLEY'S MOUNTAIN BOULDER GORGE

Schooley's Mountain County Park (~2.4 miles, 600 ft. elevation, easy to moderate) - Pass large boulders, waterfalls and Lake George for a stretch on this scenic trail.

BUTTERMILK FALLS & CRATER LAKE

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (~6.7 miles, 1,443 ft. elevation, hard) - Meet fellow hikers as you explore the ravines and ridges of this popular loop.

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THE GREATEST FAMILY FUN IN THE WORLD

You don't have to travel far to enjoy a fun-filled day of family excitement with rides, water slides, a safari adventure, river tubing, live theater, boardwalk games and a host of other activities. For the ultimate "day vacation trip" Land of Make Believe in Hope, NJ, checks all the boxes.

NJ's #1 ranked Best Amusement park, located on Route 80, Exit 12, has been entertaining kids, teens, parents and grandparents with safe, wholesome and extremely affordable fun when you get both the Amusement Park and Water Park for one price.

Land of Make Believe is the first Park in America built specifically for parents to participate with their kids. There are rides for the whole family, plus you can picnic inside the park. Rides include Pirate's Fury, Scream Machine 360 and the Safari Adventure, as well as numerous challenging water slides.

Find out why Land of Make Believe was chosen as one of the World's Greatest Amusement Parks!

After the season opening Memorial Day weekend, Land of Make Believe is open weekends in early June and every day starting Father's Day weekend through Labor Day. Visit LOMB.com or Land of Make Believe Hope NJ on Facebook.



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TreEscape Aerial Adventure Park



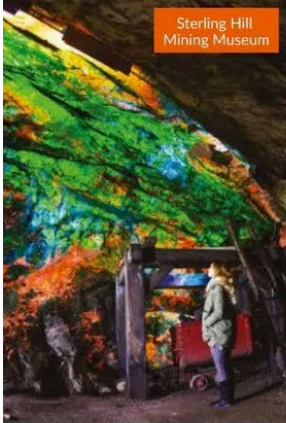
Crystal Springs Resort



High Point Monument

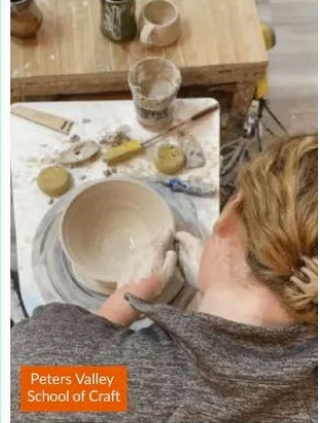


Skydive Sussex



Sterling Hill Mining Museum

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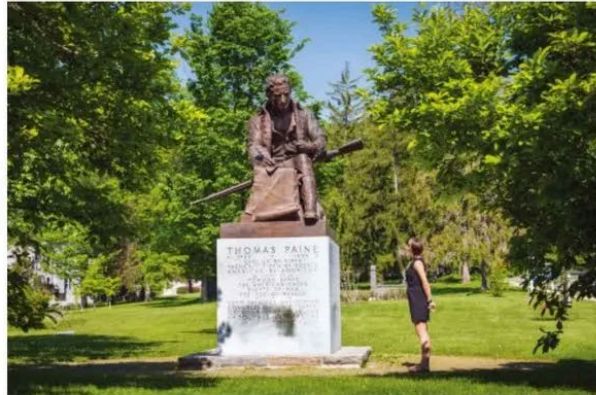




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EXPLORE THE RICH HISTORY OF MORRIS COUNTY, NJ

Step back in time and uncover the captivating history of Morris County, where every corner reveals a slice of America's vibrant past. Explore the Morristown National Historical Park, the nation's first national historical park, and tread in the footsteps of George Washington himself. Here, you can relive the pivotal moments of the American Revolution in the very places where they unfolded.

Morris County isn't just about its historic landmarks; it's where history comes alive. Dive into the festive spirit of the Denville Feast of San Gennaro, where culture and history blend seamlessly in a lively celebration. Connect with the community and celebrate our shared heritage through engaging events hosted by the Morris County Historical Society.

Wander the charming streets of Morristown, explore fascinating museums, and discover a rich tapestry of experiences that bring history to life. Each visit offers a fresh perspective on the events that shaped our nation.

Immerse yourself in the living history of Morris County. Plan your visit today and let the echoes of the past enrich your adventure! For details on upcoming events and must-see historical sites, visit the Morris County Tourism Bureau Website. Uncover the past and make your present journey unforgettable!



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VAIL MANSION IN MORRISTOWN NJ BY DAN BEARDS



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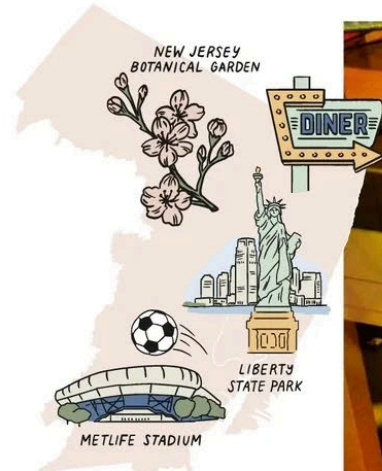
GATEWAY

Urban Vibes & Cultural Thrills

Step into the home of New Jersey's six largest municipalities, including fast-paced cities like Newark and Jersey City that pulse with energy and offer a mosaic of experiences. Cultural crossroads and urban heartbeat intersect with world-class fairways to tee off at, museums and war memorials to inspire, a thriving sports and entertainment scene, plus the "Most Diners in the World." The region's diverse culinary landscape promises a feast for the senses, from high-end dining to street food delights. Just a stone's throw from New York City, the Gateway Region blends metropolitan life with a welcoming spirit, making it a vibrant hub of culture, commerce and community.



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WAKE UP HERE

Experience modern luxury in the suites and club-level rooms at **Renaissance Meadowlands Hotel**, offering stylish digs, concierge service, exceptional dining and easy access to many regional hotspots.

FIND DEALS

Shop till you drop at **The Mills at Jersey Gardens**, NJ's largest outlet mall in Elizabeth. With over 200 stores, including discount deals and a variety of retail-chains, you likely won't leave empty-handed.

DINE & DRINK

Satisfy your hunger at **The Ironbound District** in Newark, a cultural melting pot known for its savory streets lined with authentic Portuguese, Brazilian, Greek and Spanish restaurants. Unleash your inner winemaker

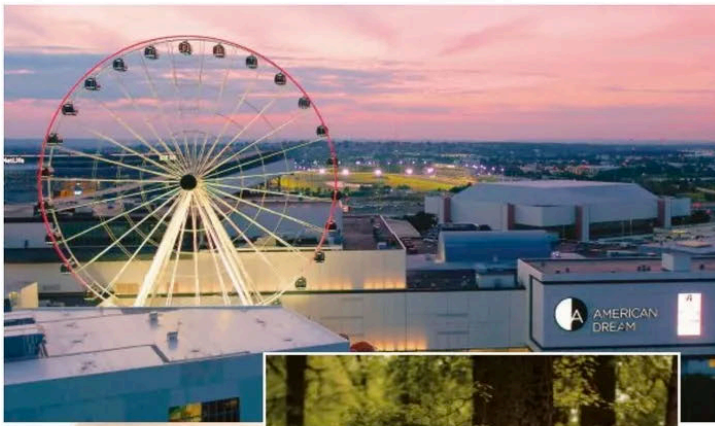
at **The Grape Escape** in Dayton with your own custom wine to sip on—chosen by the region, grape type, barrel type and amount of aging it will receive.

SEEK THE OUTDOORS

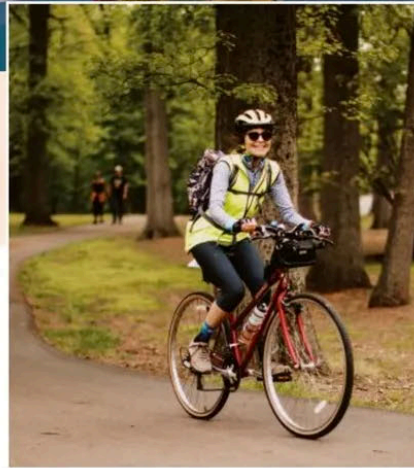
Disconnect from devices and reconnect with nature at **Garret Mountain Reservation**, a sprawling 586-acre park with scenic hiking trails, an equestrian center, sleigh riding, picnic areas, a bocce court and more.

BECOME STARRY-EYED

Ignite your curiosity at **Liberty Science Center** in Jersey City, where interactive exhibits, 3D films and the largest planetarium in America inspire all ages to explore the wonders of science and technology.



DIVE DEEPER



SLIDE, SKI & SKATE

Experience a world of exciting entertainment at **American Dream**, a massive complex in East Rutherford offering everything from an indoor ski slope and waterpark to a retro roller rink and luxury shopping.

CATCH A GAME

Catch thrilling sports events and world-class concerts year-round at **MetLife Stadium** (also **New York New Jersey Stadium**), home to the New York Giants and Jets and the upcoming FIFA World Cup 26™.

CYCLE THE SCENE

Calling all cyclists and photographers. Enjoy a scenic ride along **Hudson Bike Loop** in Weehawken, a picturesque pathway with stunning views of the Manhattan skyline and the Hudson River.

FROM TOP: AMERICAN DREAM; EAST COAST GREENWAY
NEAR HUDSON BIKE LOOP/EAST COAST GREENWAY ALLIANCE

Catch an Event GATEWAY REGION

SPONSORED CONTENT

WALNUT STREET FAIR

May
Walnut Street, Montclair
experiencemontclair.org - This fair features live music, a family zone, over 250 vendors, food trucks and a beer garden.

MONTCLAIR PRIDE

June 14
Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair
outmontclair.org - A jam-packed, all-day lineup of entertainment across five blocks and three stages plus a beer garden, family zone and 200 vendors.

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™

June 15 - July 13
New York New Jersey Stadium
fifa.com - Thirty-two of the globe's leading club football teams will compete for the inaugural USA edition.

4TH OF JULY PARADE

July 4
Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair
experiencemontclair.org - The parade follows a 1.6-mile route:

Starting on Bloomfield Avenue, ending at Edgemont Park. Enjoy food trucks, music and games.

SUMMERSLAM 2025

August 2 - 3
MetLife Stadium, New York New Jersey
visitnj.org/summerslam - World-class sporting events take to the stage as WWE brings the first-ever, two-night SummerSlam to the Garden State.

MONTCLAIR JAZZ FESTIVAL JAMBOREE

September 13
Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair
montclairjazzfestival.org - Downtown Montclair will transform into a musical mecca along a half-mile stretch, featuring Grammy Award-winning artists.

MONTCLAIR FILM FESTIVAL

October
Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair
montclairfilm.org - Ten days of independent and international cinema showcasing a wide range of films, including docs, shorts and feature films.

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- » D « Cape Liberty Cruise Port [25 minutes / 21 km / 13 mi.]
- » E « Statue of Liberty
- » F « 9/11 Memorial & Museum [35 minutes / 25 km / 15.5 mi.]
- » G « Prudential Center [14 minutes / 9.6 km / 6 mi.]
- » H « Red Bull Arena [18 minutes / 13 km / 8 mi.]
- » I « MetLife Stadium (Meadowlands) [25 minutes / 23 km / 14 mi.]
- » J « Madison Square Garden [35 minutes via train to Penn Station/MSG]
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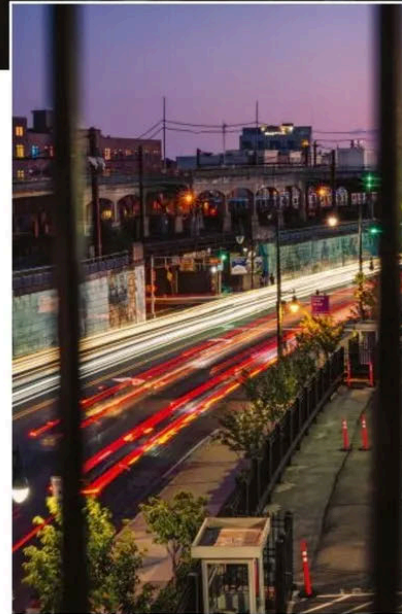
Discover the best of Newark, NJ with the 2024 Greater Newark Visitors Guide, your ultimate resource for exploring Newark, whether you're a global traveler, a local tourist or a resident seeking to uncover new experiences. This comprehensive guide offers a detailed overview of how to enjoy Newark to the fullest.

The 80-page guide from the Greater Newark Convention & Visitors Bureau is packed with must-visit, classic destinations and exciting new adventures. It celebrates the city's vibrant legacy with coverage of historical landmarks, diverse culinary experiences, tranquil green spaces, world-class sports, arts and entertainment venues, and a range of local attractions.

Inside, you'll find comprehensive listings of the city's top spots, including Branch Brook Park, the Ironbound neighborhood, NJPAC, Prudential Center, Newark Symphony and the Newark Museum Of Art. The guide also highlights new attractions like the Newark Arts & Education District, the iconic NEWARK sign at Lincoln Park and The Junction, among others.

With its user-friendly format, the Visitors Guide is designed to inform, entertain and inspire you to explore Newark's dynamic offerings and plan your visit. Pick up your copy at Greater Newark CVB locations or on newarkhappening.com

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MIND-BLOWING EXPERIENCES – MINUTES FROM MANHATTAN

Welcome to American Dream, three million feet of world-class entertainment, retail and dining – just minutes from Manhattan in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

At Nickelodeon Universe, the largest indoor theme park in the Western Hemisphere, you'll find one-of-a-kind rides and experiences that can be enjoyed by kids and thrill-seekers alike! With character appearances, kid-friendly rides and record-

breaking roller coasters, there's something for everyone.

At DreamWorks Water Park, the largest indoor water park in North America, guests enjoy year-round splashy fun with the greatest selection of water rides worldwide. Record-breaking slides, luxury cabanas and an 81°F tropical climate make it a perfect year-round destination.

Over at Big SNOW, the country's only real-snow indoor ski resort, let endless winter serve

as the backdrop for your next vacation or celebration. Strap on your boots and hit the slopes to enjoy over 30 attractions!

For those who love to shop, American Dream really is a dream come true. It begins when you step into The Avenue, a luxury shopping experience unrivaled throughout New Jersey. This curated selection of iconic luxury brands includes Hermès, Gucci, Saint Laurent, Dolce & Gabbana, Balenciaga and many

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more—all set in a meticulously designed, museum-like space complete with original works of art and a Koi Pond.

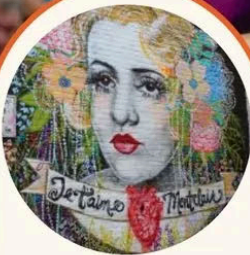
Throughout The Dream, you'll discover more than 200 retailers, including essential fashion brands like Aritzia, Lululemon, Sephora, Uniqlo, Primark and ZARA.

When it's time for a meal, choose from over 65 eateries offering culinary experiences from around the globe. Explore authentic dishes — from Peruvian delights and American favorites to soul-soothing Southern, exotic Asian flavors and rich Italian classics. For a quick bite, Coca-Cola Eats has all your fast-food favorites. Everyone will want to check out the recently opened H-Mart Food Hall, featuring an authentic collection of Asian food stations. And no one does dessert like The Dream. Choose from fresh-baked delights to ice cream classics, or head over to IT'SUGAR, our three-story candy store!

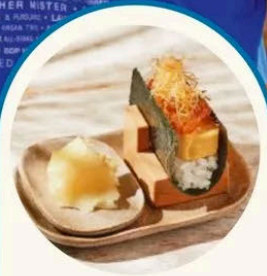
Plus, there's always something new coming to The Dream. For younger guests, we've opened two global favorites they're sure to love: PAW Patrol Hero Academy, an immersive play experience for young heroes-in-training, and Sesame Street Learn & Play Center, a 13,000-foot space dedicated to engaging kids in educational and joyful experiences.

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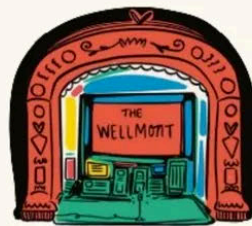
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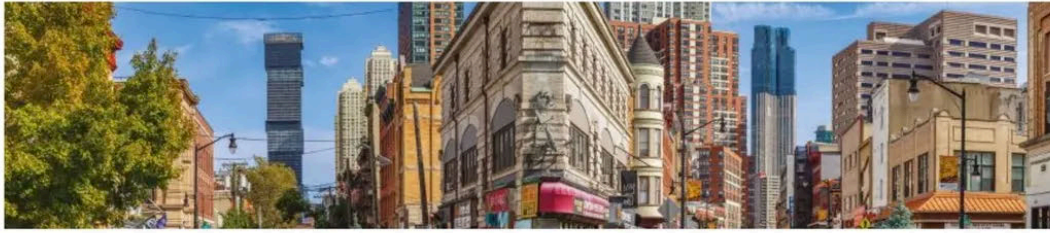
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Jersey City: 800 places to eat, drink and shop



Jersey City is a hotspot for tourists of all kinds, and it's easy to see why. Just a stone's throw from Manhattan, and accessible by train, car or ferry, this city offers a mix of cultural diversity, history, stunning views and modern fun. It has everything you need for an unforgettable trip.



A Melting Pot of Cultures

Jersey City is one of the most culturally diverse cities in the United States. Imagine wandering through neighborhoods where you can savor Indian cuisine in Journal Square, munch on Italian classics downtown or dive into some amazing Latin American dishes in the Heights. Plus, there's always a festival or event happening showcasing music, dance and art from all over the world.



History Buffs Rejoice

History lovers, this city has you covered. Liberty State Park is a must-see, offering jaw-dropping views of the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and the Manhattan skyline. The park is a great spot to learn about the immigration stories that shaped the United States.

The Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal was a key hub and tells the fascinating stories of the immigrants who came through Ellis Island and helped build America.

Art and Fun

Jersey City's art scene is thriving. Mana Contemporary is an enormous space where artists create and display their work. If you love performances, the Jersey City Theater Center is your go-to spot for plays, musicals, dance shows and more. And the street art? It's incredible. Thanks to

the Jersey City Mural Arts Program, the city's walls are covered in stunning murals by artists from around the world. Try signing up for a mural tour as a fun way to explore the city and snap some cool photos.

Outdoor Adventures

If you're into the great outdoors, Jersey City won't disappoint. Liberty State Park isn't just for history buffs; it's perfect for picnics, biking, and kayaking too.

The Hudson River Waterfront Walkway is another highlight. This scenic path along the river offers spectacular views of the New York City skyline and is perfect for walking, jogging or cycling. There are plenty of spots to sit and soak in the view, too.



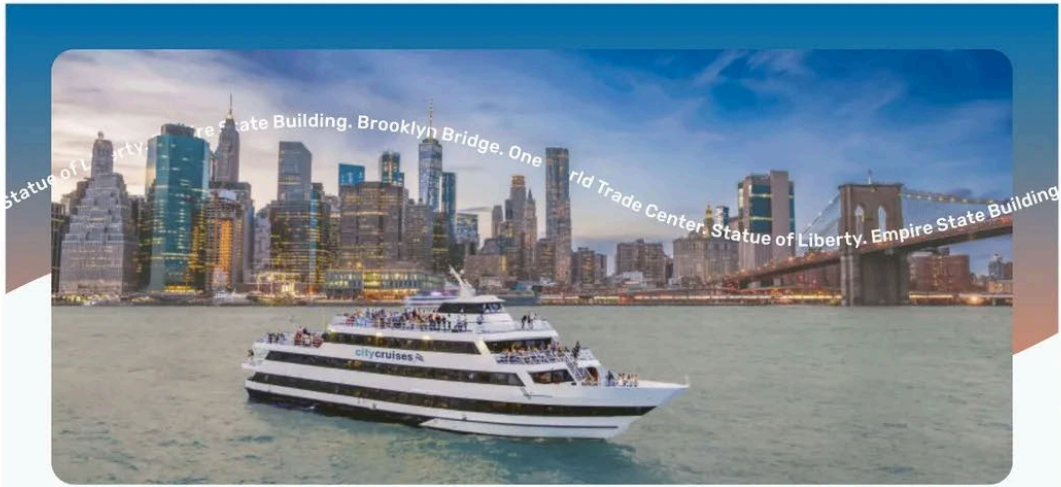
Family Fun

Traveling with kids? Jersey City has plenty for families. The Liberty Science Center is a hit with all ages, and there are loads of parks and playgrounds to burn off some energy. The city's festivals, like the annual All About Downtown Street Fair, are packed with live music, food trucks and fun activities for the little ones.

Jersey City is a fantastic place for tourists of all types. With its rich mix of cultures, fascinating history, vibrant art scene, beautiful outdoor spaces and easy access to New York City, it's got everything you need for an exciting and memorable trip.

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CENTRAL JERSEY

Historic Scenery & Agricultural Allure

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Battlefield history meets idyllic farmland and modern enclaves in this diverse region, ranging from the ridges of Sourland Mountain Preserve to Princeton's Ivy-clad buildings of academic excellence. Central NJ is an intersection of past and present, offering a blend of boutique charm, suburban comfort and thriving agriculture. Discover a tapestry of charming small towns playing host to community events and festivals, plus a more rural landscape of lush parks, family-owned farms and orchards. The culinary scene ranges from roadside produce stands and farm-to-table dining to international cuisine and craft breweries, only adding to the region's midway magic.





WAKE UP HERE

Experience the old-world charm of Frenchtown at **The National Hotel**, a historic inn offering elegantly appointed rooms, an on-site tavern and contemporary comforts in a quaint riverside town.

SHOP LOCAL

Enjoy a sophisticated shopping experience at **MarketFair Princeton**, featuring a mix of upscale retailers, unique boutiques and a variety of shop options in a stylish setting.

SNAP A PHOTO

Grab a camera and head out to **Delaware & Raritan (D&R) Canal State Park**, a linear 70-mile-long canal path perfect for photo shoots, biking and paddling among untouched landscapes and tranquil waters.

CATCH A SHOW

Revel in dance, music and theatrical artistry at the two-time Tony Award-winning **McCarter Theatre for the Performing Arts** in Princeton, one of the most active cultural centers in the nation showcasing over 200 performances each season.

TOUR HISTORY

Take a tour of the **New Jersey State House** in Trenton to witness the seat of the state's government and its impressive architecture, as well as artwork tours and presentations on the lawmaking process.

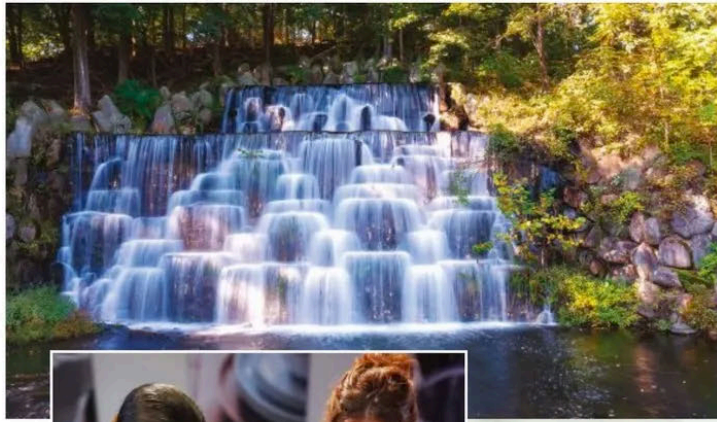
HAVE A LAUGH

Laugh the night away at **Stress Factory Comedy Club** in New Brunswick, featuring top stand-up comedians and open-mic stars from around the country.

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SLOW IT DOWN

Take a day to slow life down and explore **Duke Farms'** meditation gardens, bike trails, educational classes, orchid greenhouse, cozy cafe and more—all set within a sprawling park of 2,700 acres in Hillsborough dedicated to environmental stewardship.



DINE & DRINK

Enjoy the umami flavors and traditions of Asian and Filipino cuisine at **Marice's Kitchen**, where exclusive chef's table events and cooking classes make an ideal date night or ladies' night in East Brunswick. Try expertly crafted beers in Milford at **Descendants Brewing Company**, the first brewpub in the state to brew beer since Prohibition, and where house ales await at benches removed from the original Staten Island ferry.



DIVE DEEPER

Catch an Event CENTRAL JERSEY REGION

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LAMBERTVILLE SHADFEST™

April
Downtown Lambertville
lambertvillechamber.com/shad-fest - Enjoy two days of art, fish and food with hand-crafted art, jewelry, home goods, a beer garden, live music and fun.

RUTGERS DAY

April 26, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Rutgers University, New Brunswick
rutgersday.rutgers.edu - Celebrate all things Rutgers! Choose from 500 exhibits, demonstrations and performances across 4 campuses. Parking and admission are free.

TOUR OF SOMERVILLE

May 26
Somerville
tourofsomerville.com - The longest-running bike race in the U.S. Tour of Somerville showcases new talent and legendary cyclists, including national champions and Olympians.

GARDEN STATE SHEEP BREEDERS FIBER FESTIVAL


September 13 - 14
Hunterdon County 4-H Fairgrounds, Ringoes
njsheep.net - Experience breed exhibits, sheep shearing demos, fleece sale, spinning & weaving demos, educational speakers and more.

FAR HILLS RACE MEETING


October 18
Moorland Farm, Far Hills
farhillrace.org - New Jersey's premier steeplechase horseracing event offers pari-mutuel wagering, exciting races and supports local charities.

BATTLES OF TRENTON REENACTMENTS

December 27
Warren Street (between the Battle Monument & Mill Hill Park, Trenton)
patriotsweek.com - The centerpiece of "Patriot's Week;" immerse yourself in history while re-enactors fight through the First and Second Battles of Trenton.



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We're excited to share all that Somerset County has to offer and can't wait to see you here!



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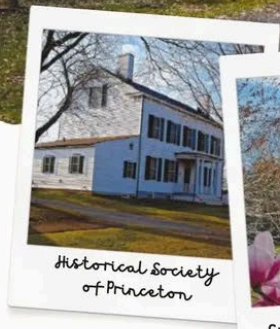


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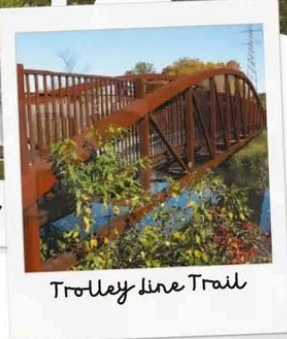
Historical Society
of Princeton



Grounds For Sculpture



Morven Museum



Trolley Line Trail

The Princeton and Mercer County area has many attractions and activities to offer.

Explore historic sites from the Revolutionary War to the homes of those who signed the Declaration of Independence. Enjoy amazing sites and activities like hiking, fine dining and art.

Make your weekend one to remember. Visit visitprinceton.org today.

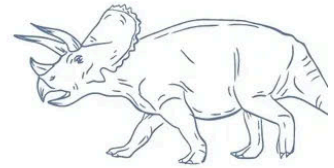
James Surls, 'Standing Vase with Five Flowers,' 2011, bronze, stainless steel, 180 in x 84 in x 84 in, Grounds For Sculpture, Gift of The Seward Johnson Atelier, © Artist or Artist's Estate, photo: David W. Steele

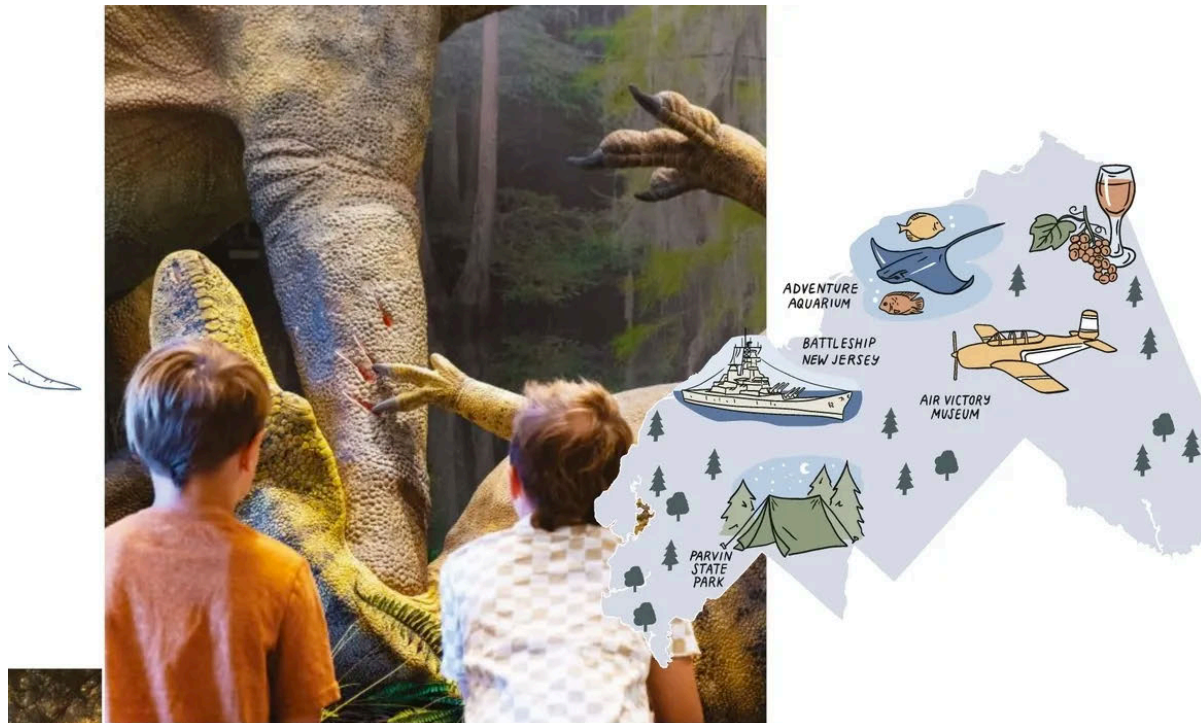


DELAWARE RIVER

Flowing Traditions & Rural Pursuits

Here, Revolutionary War history, scenic byways and protected nature flow together in perfect harmony. Stroll quaint main streets and historic villages of days gone by to shop antiques and art, then venture to berry farms and bucolic vineyards—all in the same day. The namesake river itself invites both lazy tube floats and paddling workouts, in addition to serene boat rides and fishing. Within its extensive wetlands and oak-pine forests, spot diverse species of plants and animals of the Atlantic coastal Pine Barrens. The Delaware River Region both surprises and enchants visitors with its pastoral beauty, timeless traditions and storied past.





FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: PINE BARRENS HIKER EVAN SCOTT, DINOSAUR EXHIBIT/EDELMAN FOSSIL PARK MUSEUM.

WAKE UP HERE

For an overnight experience in Salem, check in to **Salem River Inn**, a rustic-modern B&B right on the banks of the Delaware River. A beautiful porch for rocking-chair conversations and a riverside deck for birdwatching bald eagles and ospreys make it a peacefully wholesome getaway.

REVISIT HISTORY

Time-travel to a historic mansion, sawmill, gristmill and workers' homes in **Batsto Village**, a former bog iron and glassmaking industrial center—frozen in time from the 18th century.

ASCEND INTO AVIATION

Take flight through history in Lumberton at the **Air Victory Museum**, one of NJ's largest collections of real warplanes, model airplanes, engines, memorabilia and rare books related to the history of aviation.

DIG, DRIVE & RIDE

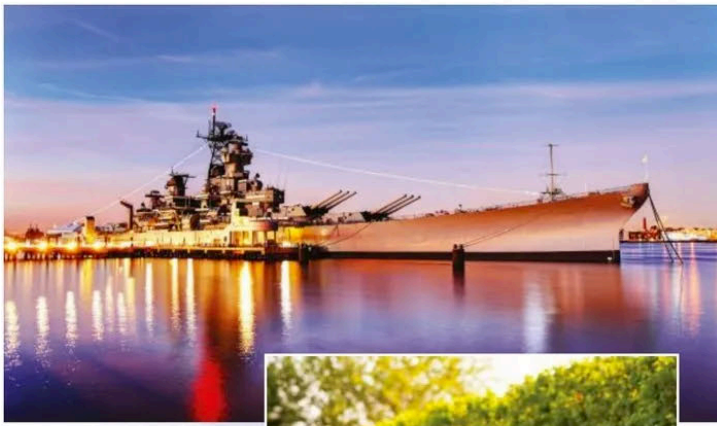
Run, don't walk, to the only construction-theme and water park in the U.S. **Diggerland USA** in West Berlin is where kids and adults can operate real machinery and hands-on attractions. Thrilling rides, rope courses, rock walls and tube slides are just an added bonus.

SHOP ANTIQUES

Step into the **Historic Burlington Antiques & Art Emporium**, where over 65 vendors showcase a diverse array of antiques, vintage treasures, artwork and unique collectibles.

UNEARTH FOSSILS

Get ready for an unforgettable journey through time! The highly anticipated **Edelman Fossil Park & Museum** of Rowan University opens in March 2025, welcoming guests to an immersive exploration of dinosaurs and other prehistoric species.



STEP ABOARD

Explore the **Battleship New Jersey** in Camden, the most decorated battleship in American naval history, now a floating museum of fascinating exhibits and historical artifacts. USS New Jersey will be a key location during this year's **Homecoming 250**, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Navy & Marine Corps' founding.

DINE & DRINK

Savor "casual gourmet" American dishes like the famed black Angus meatloaf at the award-winning **Braddock's Tavern**, tucked away in Historic Medford Village within a restored Colonial setting. Dispatch to **Auburn Road Vineyard's** European-style wine bar, or "enoteca," for a guided tasting flight, or share a wine-paired feast in the courtyard surrounded by grape vines in Pilesgrove.



DIVE DEEPER



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FIRE & ICE FESTIVAL

January 25
Downtown Mount Holly
fireandicefestival.com - Downtown Mount Holly comes alive with live ice carvings, delicious food and brews and a legendary chili cookoff.

DOWN DERBY WINE FESTIVAL

May 3
Veterans Island on Cooper River Park, Westmont
visitsouthjersey.com/2025-down-derby-wine-festival - Sample wines from South Jersey's leading wine producers while immersing yourself in Derby-themed fashion and festivities.

COLLINGSWOOD MAY FAIR

May 24
Haddon Avenue, Collingswood
collingswood.com/things_to_do/arts_and_events/may_fair - From a "clothesline art exhibit" to now 1+ mile of the business district, it's a festival of art, music and activities.

COWTOWN RODEO

Memorial Day - September
Pilesgrove
cowtownrodeo.com - The longest-running weekly professional rodeo in the U.S., with PBR and Xtreme Bull Riding nights, plus a flea market prior to the show.

XPONENTIAL MUSIC FESTIVAL, PRESENTED BY SUBARU

September
Wiggins Park, Camden
xpnfest.org - Hosted by WXPB and the Camden County Board of Commissioners, see established artists and discover new up-and-coming bands.

CHATSWORTH CRANBERRY FESTIVAL

October 18-19
Downtown Chatsworth
cranfest.info - Come for the juried craft show, car show, live music and delicious food vendors, including locally grown cranberries!



DISCOVER THE CHARM OF SOUTH JERSEY

How much do you know about **South Jersey**? In a state teeming with people and places to explore, the counties stretching from the Philadelphia suburbs to the Delaware Bay offer natural beauty, small-town charm and unique experiences that you don't need to visit a big city to find.

South Jersey is home to some of America's oldest communities, where its historic past blends seamlessly with its vibrant present. The bustling towns that played key roles in the American Revolution and the Underground Railroad still reflect the hardworking spirit of the farmers and visionaries who built this region. Five-star dining, eclectic shopping and the renowned **Outer Coastal Plain Wine Region** are all part of its contemporary identity.

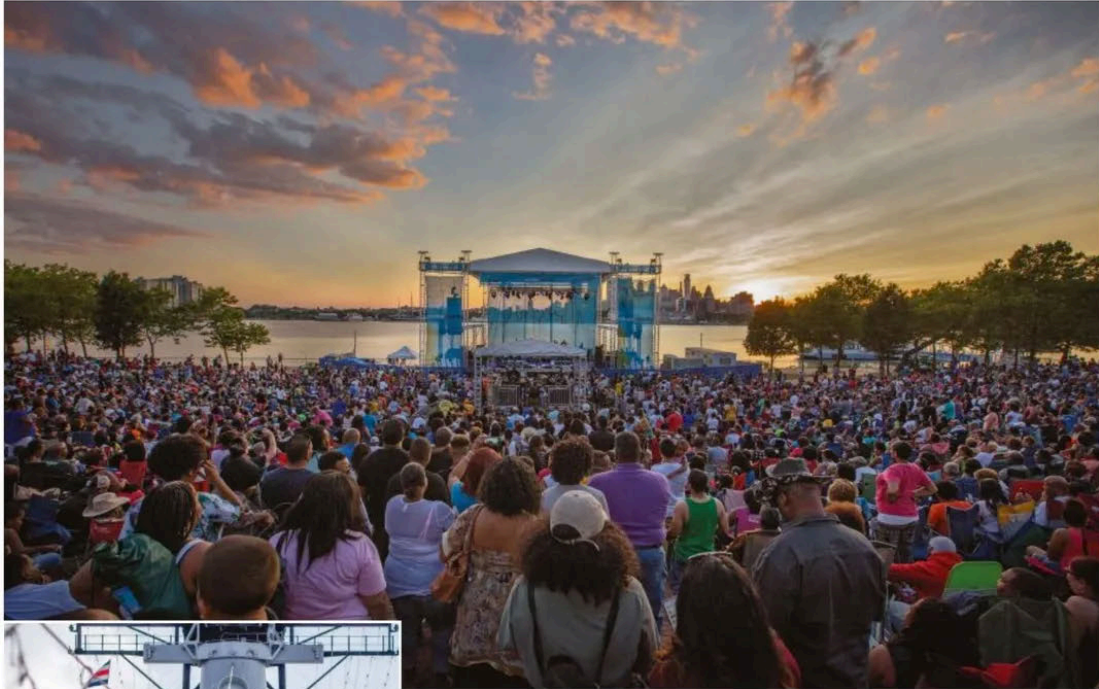
Family-friendly and exciting adventures abound, whether you're visiting a fossil dig site, exploring quaint Main Street communities or enjoying the beautiful parks and farmlands. Beyond the famed **Jersey Shore**, the inland greenery of the Garden State is on full display in its cranberry bogs, blueberry fields and acres of farmland.

Wherever you go, expect lively conversations and plenty of opinions. This is the heart of New Jersey, where hospitality meets passion.



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WATERFRONT HISTORY & ADVENTURE

Along the banks of the Delaware River, the **Camden City Waterfront** is one of the most captivating destinations in New Jersey, offering a blend of history, entertainment and scenic views of Philadelphia. Whether you're a history buff or adventure seeker, the Camden Waterfront has something for everyone.

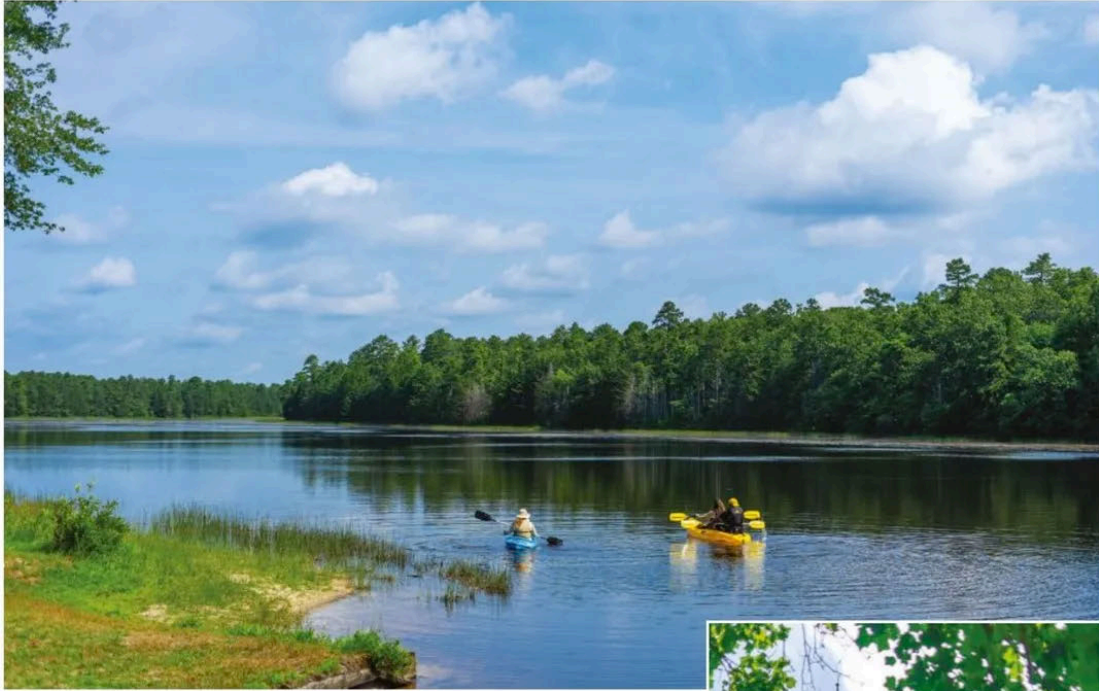
Start your journey with a visit to the **Battleship New Jersey**, America's most decorated battleship. Walk the decks that sailors from World War II to the Vietnam War, have and immerse yourself in a deep dive of U.S. Naval history. It's an awe-inspiring experience amplified by the stunning views of the Philadelphia skyline.

For family-friendly fun, head to **Adventure Aquarium**, where you'll encounter a variety of marine life up close, from hippos and penguins to the 40-foot shark tunnel – the longest in the state. Interactive exhibits delight visitors of all ages, whether petting a stingray in The Grotto or taking an undersea tour in the new Virtual Reality (VR) pods.

As you stroll along the waterfront, **Wiggins Waterfront Park and Marina** offers a serene spot to relax, picnic or catch a live outdoor concert during the summer months. And if you're in the mood for music, the nearby **Freedom Mortgage Pavilion** hosts world-class concerts that draw fans from throughout the tri-state region.



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NATURE CALLS IN THE PINELANDS

The **New Jersey Pinelands**, often called the **Pine Barrens**, is a sprawling natural wonder comprising a million acres of pristine forest, winding rivers and diverse wildlife. It's a place where nature takes center stage, offering travelers a peaceful escape and a chance to explore one of the most ecologically distinct regions in the country.

Wander through the towering pine trees on countless trails that are perfect for hiking, birdwatching or simply soaking in the serenity. Along the way, you might spot rare species like the Pine Barrens tree frog or the endangered red-shouldered hawk. Pinelands' rivers, like the **Batsto** and **Mullica**, invite travelers to glide through the tranquil waters by kayak or canoe, surrounded by lush landscapes.

History buffs will enjoy a visit to **Batsto Village**, a well-preserved, 18th-century ironworks town nestled in the heart of the Pinelands. It's a step back in time that offers a glimpse into the Colonial past, with events that draw contemporary connections to those bygone days.

For the complete Pinelands experience, try camping under the star-filled sky or visiting quaint, nearby communities, like **Hammonton**, the blueberry capital of the world. Whether you're seeking an outdoorsy pursuit or a peaceful natural retreat, the Pine Barrens are a hidden gem waiting to be explored.

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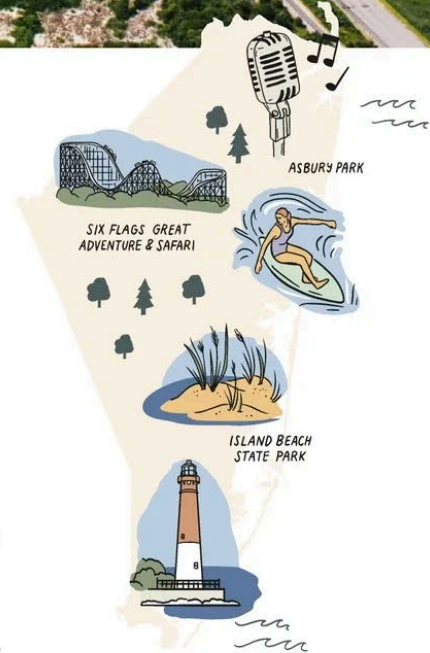


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SHORE

Playful Swell & Boardwalk Fun

Welcome to a seaside playground, stretching 90 miles of white-sand beaches and bustling boardwalks. From the hipster-friendly Asbury Park to the family-friendly Point Pleasant, each shore town has its own unique vibe and attractions. Enjoy fishing along Barnegat Bay and birdwatching at Island Beach State Park or grab your board in Long Beach Island, where 16 dedicated surfing beaches await. But the Shore region isn't just about sun and surf—it's a lifestyle brimming with amusement rides, waterparks, vibrant nightlife and live music, too. Whether you're seeking a relaxing beach day, a lively festival or more sporty pursuits, the Shore Region promises endless summer memories.





CATCH A WAVE

Learn to surf or master stand-up paddleboarding with **Summertime Surf & Paddle School**, providing fun and educational lessons along Ocean County's beautiful coastline.

GET NAUTICAL

Dive into New Jersey's deep maritime history at the **NJ Museum of Boating** in Point Pleasant, where fascinating exhibits and vintage boats tell the story of the state's legacy boating heritage.

DINE & DRINK

Savor off-the-boat seafood and salty margaritas après surf at **D'Jais Bar & Cafe** in Belmar, a Jersey Shore institution with oceanfront views and a dance

floor since 1959. Known for its live music scene and world-famous Yappy Hour, the **Wonder Bar** serves up the tunes and good times at the tiki bar—just steps from the Asbury Park Boardwalk.

GRAB TICKETS

Enjoy captivating live performances at **Surflight Theatre**, a seaside venue in Beach Haven known for its Broadway productions, musicals and comedy nights.

SHOP LOCAL

Support a curated collection of local artisans by shopping at **The Shoppes at The Tuckerton Emporium**, featuring a mix of coastal decor, antiques, jewelry and crafted goods in a charming setting.

THIS PAGE FROM TOP: SUMMERTIME SURF & PADDLE SCHOOL/TIMMY TORCHIA; THE JAMES BRADLEY; WONDER BAR/@GLENNDAVIS.NJ



WAKE UP HERE

Pack your suitcase and beach bag for a mix of elegance and relaxation at **The Breakers on the Ocean**, an iconic landmark hotel in Spring Lake offering luxurious beachside accommodations and sweeping veranda views. Or see a new side of the Jersey Shore at design-driven boutique bungalow **The James Bradley**, where sophisticated and stylized suites are just one block from Bradley Beach.

EXPLORE WILDLIFE

Visit **Popcorn Park Animal Refuge**, a sanctuary in Forked River for rescued wildlife where you can learn about conservation and meet its resident wildcats, bears, monkeys, reptiles and more.



DIVE DEEPER

GO OFF-ROADING

Squeeze the throttle to zoom through the famous Raceway Park in Englishtown, where **NJ ATV Rentals** provides the largest fleet of the latest model ATVs.

Catch an Event SHORE REGION

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JERSEY PRIDE FESTIVAL

June 1
Asbury Park
jerseypride.org - The biggest LGBTQ+ Pride event in the state has been here in Asbury Park for more than three decades. Enjoy a parade, rally, festival and food.

CLAMFEST

August
Snug Harbor Beach, Highlands
highlandsnj.com/special_events/clamfest/clamfest.shtml - This long-standing tradition showcases the best seafood at the Shore! Enjoy family activities, delicious dishes and a fireworks show.

SEA.HEAR.NOW MUSIC FESTIVAL

September
North Beach Asbury Park
seahearnowfestival.com - Big names like Springsteen, Dave Matthews, The B-52's and The Menzingers have all taken the stage here—you don't want to miss it.

BARNEGAT BAY DECOY AND GUNNING SHOW

September
Tuckerton Seaport
tuckertonseaport.org - The "Duck and Decoy" show, as locals call it, celebrates maritime history and hunting culture in a way that's fun for everyone. Don't miss the dock diving dogs!

SIX FLAGS FRIGHT FEST

September and October
Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson
sixflags.com/greatadventure - Ride coasters in the dark—if you dare! This spooky Halloween event features haunted mazes, scary shows and specialty food.

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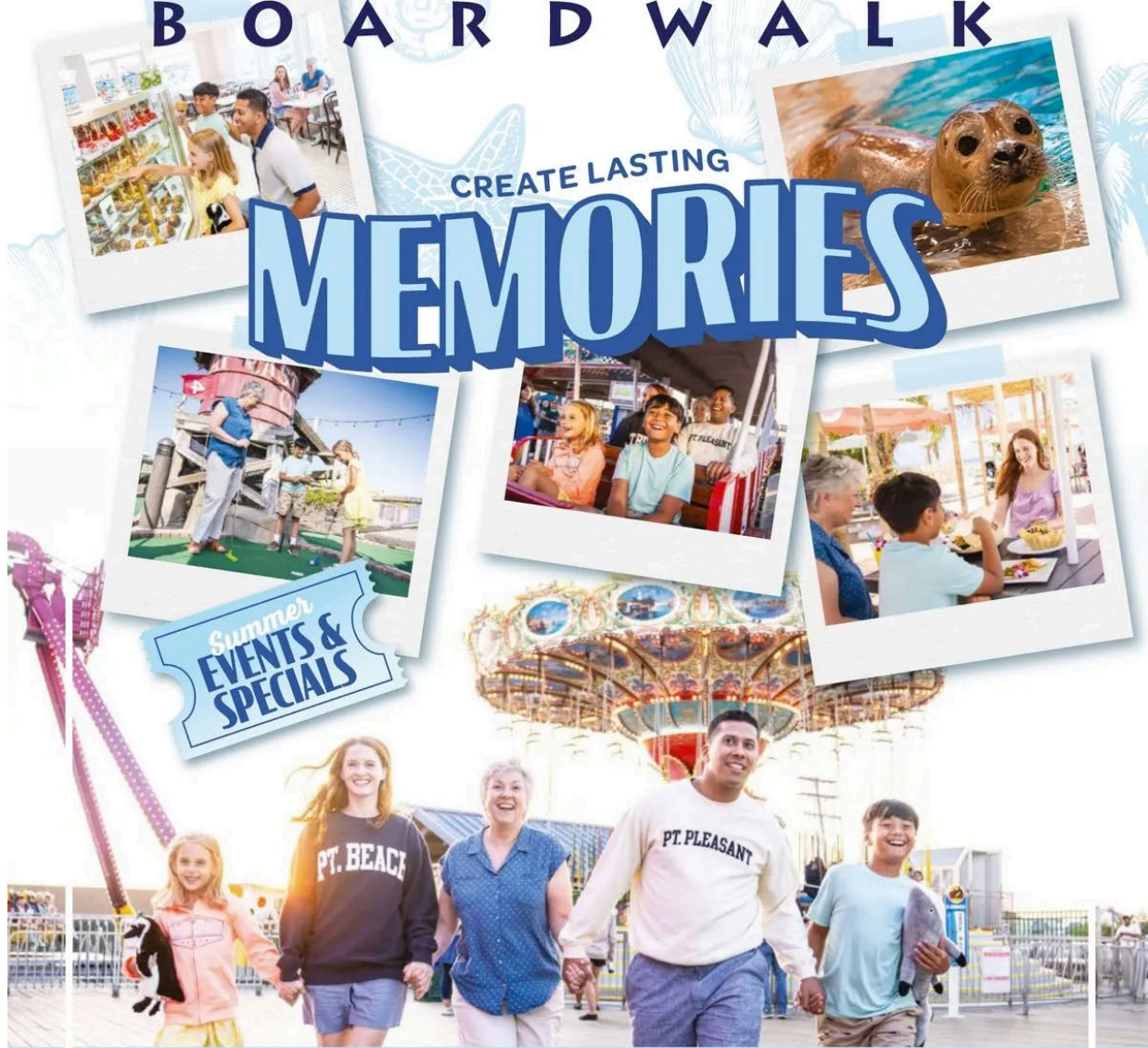
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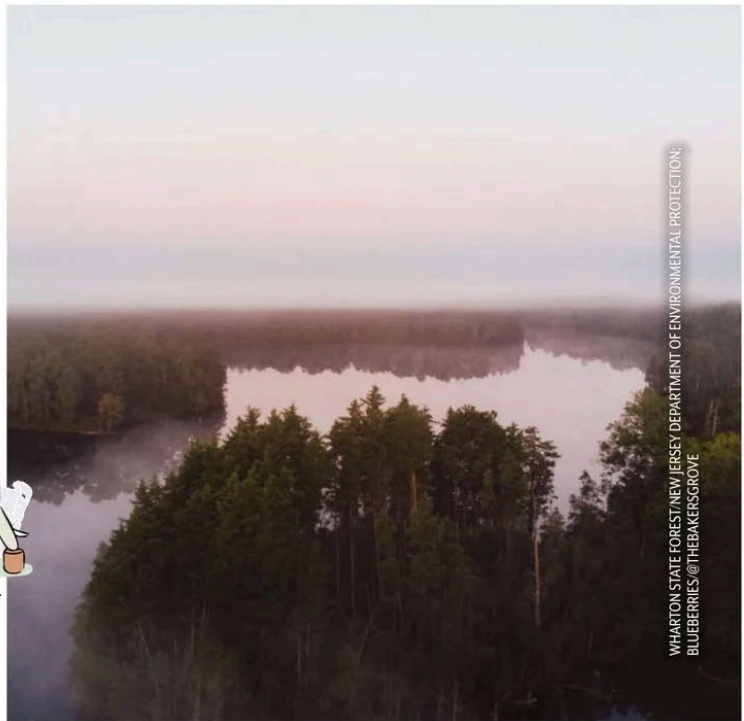


Gaming Glamour & Sandy Beaches

Excitement and entertainment are always on the agenda. Famous for its dazzling casinos and vibrant nightlife, this region also boasts big beaches beside world-class shopping and gourmet dining. Pedal a cruiser to NJ's tallest lighthouse or take a surrey bike along the boardwalk. Treat yourself to a massage at one of the many resort spas, catch a top-tier concert or try your luck at the tables. Beyond the glitz and glamour, discover natural gems like immaculate fairways, blueberry farms and Wharton State Forest. The Greater Atlantic City Region is a dynamic destination where the thrill of the city meets the tranquility of the shore.



ATLANTIC CITY AERIAL/ADOBE STOCK



WAKE UP HERE

Experience the perfect blend of luxury and old-world charm at **Château Renault**, a historic hotel and winery in Egg Harbor City, charmed with European-style rooms, an Italian courtyard, a championship golf course and award-winning wines.

SET SAIL

Catch an iconic Jersey sunset with **Summer Breeze Sailing Charters**, offering excursions on the bay aboard its 34-foot Catalina sailboat. Prefer to see the waves from a seagull's eye-view? **Atlantic City Parasail** will have you flying high.

DINE & DRINK

Take in sparkling water views from the floor-to-ceiling windows at **Tavern on the Bay** in Somers Point while dining on crab cakes, baked oysters and

other fresh-caught seafood in a contemporary shore setting. Head to **Vagabond Kitchen & Tap House** in Atlantic City for happy hour and an inviting outdoor patio, ideal for sampling the many tap beers or craft cocktails on the menu.

SHOP THE OUTLETS

Put on your walking shoes to shop **Tanger Outlets, The Walk**, a premier open-air outlet mall spanning three blocks of brand-name stores and designer deals in Atlantic City.

FIND AN ESCAPE

Challenge your wits and teamwork at **Escape at the Shore** in Northfield, where leading puzzle creators in the escape room industry provide intricate clues and immersive themed experiences.

SNAP A PHOTO

Visit the iconic **Lucy the Elephant** in Margate, registered as a National Historic Landmark and voted best roadside attraction by *USA Today's* 10 Best in 2024. At 65 feet tall, Lucy offers a panoramic vista from her observation deck and a glimpse into her fascinating history.

DISCOVER THE ARTS

Recently renovated and reopened after 95 years, the **Eagle Theater** in Hammonton has seen many lives, but today brings an arts pulse and important stories to the main stage.

TAKE IN THE VIEWS

In Galloway, the **Edwin Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge** offers 47,000 acres of wildlife habitats, coastal trails and wetlands. Retreat to the observation towers to birdwatch or get an unobstructed view of the Atlantic City skyline.



DIVE DEEPER

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AC BEER & MUSIC FEST

March 29

Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City
acbeerfest.com - Join the best of local brewers with live music on the heart of the Atlantic City Boardwalk.

RED, WHITE & BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

June - July

Hammonton High School, Hammonton
townofhammonton.org/event/red-white-blueberry-festival-2 - The Blueberry Capital showcases the State Fruit with a pie-eating contest, family entertainment and a classic car show.

EGG HARBOR CITY FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

August 9

Philadelphia Avenue, Egg Harbor City
eggharborcity.org/events - Egg Harbor City hosts a festival with food trucks, beer garden, vendors, live music and a car show.

DOWNBEACH SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

September

Ski Beach, Ventnor
downbeachseafoodfest.com - Enjoy live music, an oyster tasting, a chowder cook-off, crab cake eating contest and a beer festival right on the beach.

DICKENS FESTIVAL

December

Historic Smithville, Galloway
historicsmithville.com/uncategorized/holiday-dickens-fest - This two-day outdoor festival celebrates A Christmas Carol and offers visitors a chance to shop Smithville's 50+ boutiques.

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Endless Fun

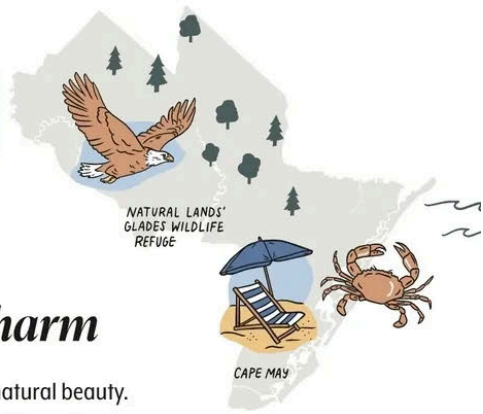
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TOP TO BOTTOM: STONE HARBOR AND AVALON; CRAIG TERRY AND CAPE MAY COUNTY; CAPE MAY @BLUBLUR76



WAKE UP HERE

Find direct beach access at the newly renovated **Madison Resort Wildwood Crest**, replete with poolside cabanas, an oceanfront hot tub, its own Vinyl restaurant and mid-century modern design touches throughout to pay homage to the building's retro roots.

ADMIRE ARTIFACTS

Visit a 1913 seashore cottage, home to the **Stone Harbor Museum**, where 50,000 artifacts live, including the largest collection of beach tags on the island, yacht club memorabilia, a vintage bathing suit exhibit and more.

KEEP SCORE

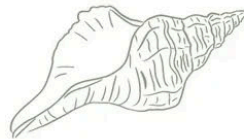
Enjoy a round at the jungle-themed mini-golf course **Congo Falls Adventure Golf** on the Ocean City boardwalk, where waterfalls, caves, a snake pit and an enormous King Kong keep you on your toes for all 18 holes.

SEE THE SEA LIFE

Witness Atlantic bottle-nosed dolphins breaching from **Thunder Cat Dolphin Watch's** custom-designed speedboat—also known as the “dolphin magnet” with 99% successful sightings year after year in Wildwood.

DINE & DRINK

Indulge in seafood from local waters, chargrilled steaks and chocolate mousse cake at West Cape May's **Black Duck on Sunset**, where the cuisine is categorized as “darn good.” Cheers to a high-quality selection of craft beers made of natural ingredients at **Slack Tide Brewing Company** in Cape May Court House, where locals feel at home and visitors look forward to returning.





SHOP & STROLL

Window-shop or secure souvenirs on the stretch of brick-lined sidewalks of **Washington Street Mall**, a pedestrian-only outdoor mall and town square offering a variety of boutiques, gift shops and charming architecture for a delightful day of exploration.

CREATE ART

Led by talented artists at Millville's **Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center**, demonstrations and workshops guide creative energies in glassblowing, ceramics and folk art forms for students of all ages.

CATCH A FLICK

Relive a classic American experience at **Delsea Drive-in Theatre** in Vineland (open seasonally), where you can watch the latest movies under the stars and enjoy a nostalgic outing with family or friends.



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September
Nature Center of Cape May, Cape May
njaudubon.org - Join a celebration of these incredible insects. Learn about monarch butterflies, their habitats and their amazing migration.

MOREY'S PIERS OKTOBERFEST

Weekends Sept. 12 - Oct. 12
Morey's Piers (Mariner's Pier), Wildwood
moreyspiers.com/oktoberfest-at-moreys - Raise your steins for Oktoberfest at Morey's Piers! Live music, German food, rides and games. Prost to fun!

THE RACE OF GENTLEMEN VINTAGE CAR & MOTORCYCLE BEACH DRAG RACES

October
Wildwood
theraceofgentlemen.com - Vintage cars and motorcycles race along the Wildwood beach as a tribute to the history of drag racing culture.

WHEATON ARTS FESTIVAL OF FINE CRAFT

October
Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center, Millville
wheatonarts.org/calendar-event/ton/events - This two-day festival celebrates all things art, with demonstrations and activities for all with live music and food trucks.

NEW JERSEY OYSTER FESTIVAL

October 18
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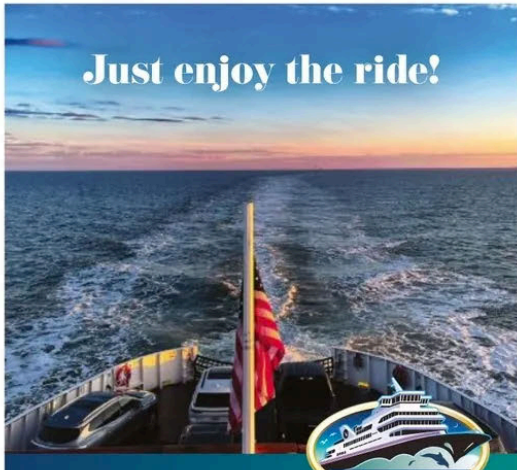


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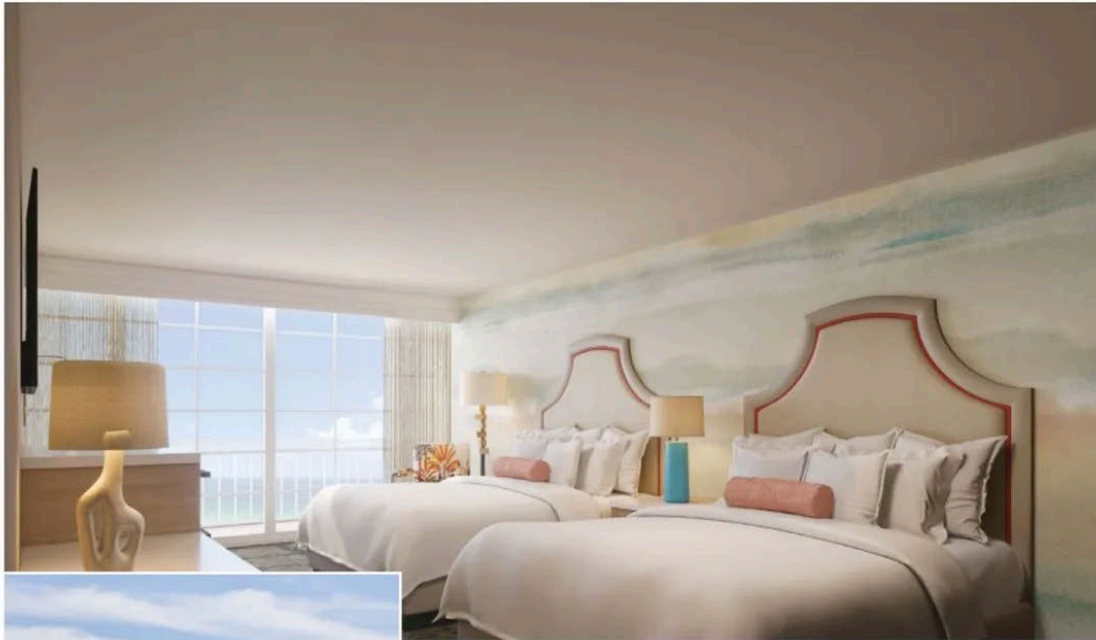
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Step outside and you'll find Cape May's scenic beachfront and historic streets, alive with local charm and Victorian architecture—all waiting to be explored.

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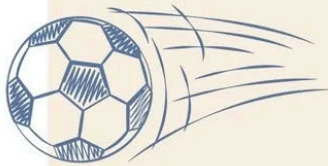
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Road to 2026

New Jersey is set to be the epicenter of some pretty exciting events. See what's in the pipeline!

This summer kicks off with **FIFA Club World Cup 2025™** tournaments at both **MetLife Stadium** in New York New Jersey as well as **Lincoln Financial Field** in Philadelphia, PA, with all roads leading to MetLife Stadium for the final on July 13, 2025. The lineup continues with the two-night **WWE SummerSlam at MetLife Stadium** on August 2-3, 2025.

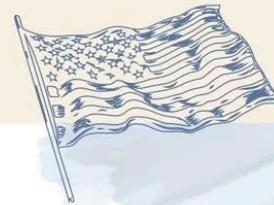


All just before **FIFA World Cup 2026™** comes to **New York New Jersey Stadium** and **Philadelphia Stadium** as two chosen host destinations for the biggest-ever edition of this global showpiece. The tournament will culminate in New York New Jersey, as hosts of the coveted Final match on July 19, 2026. Learn more at visitnj.org/fwc26



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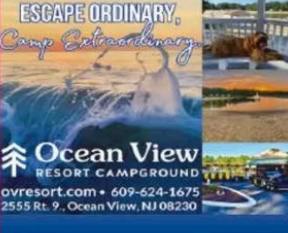
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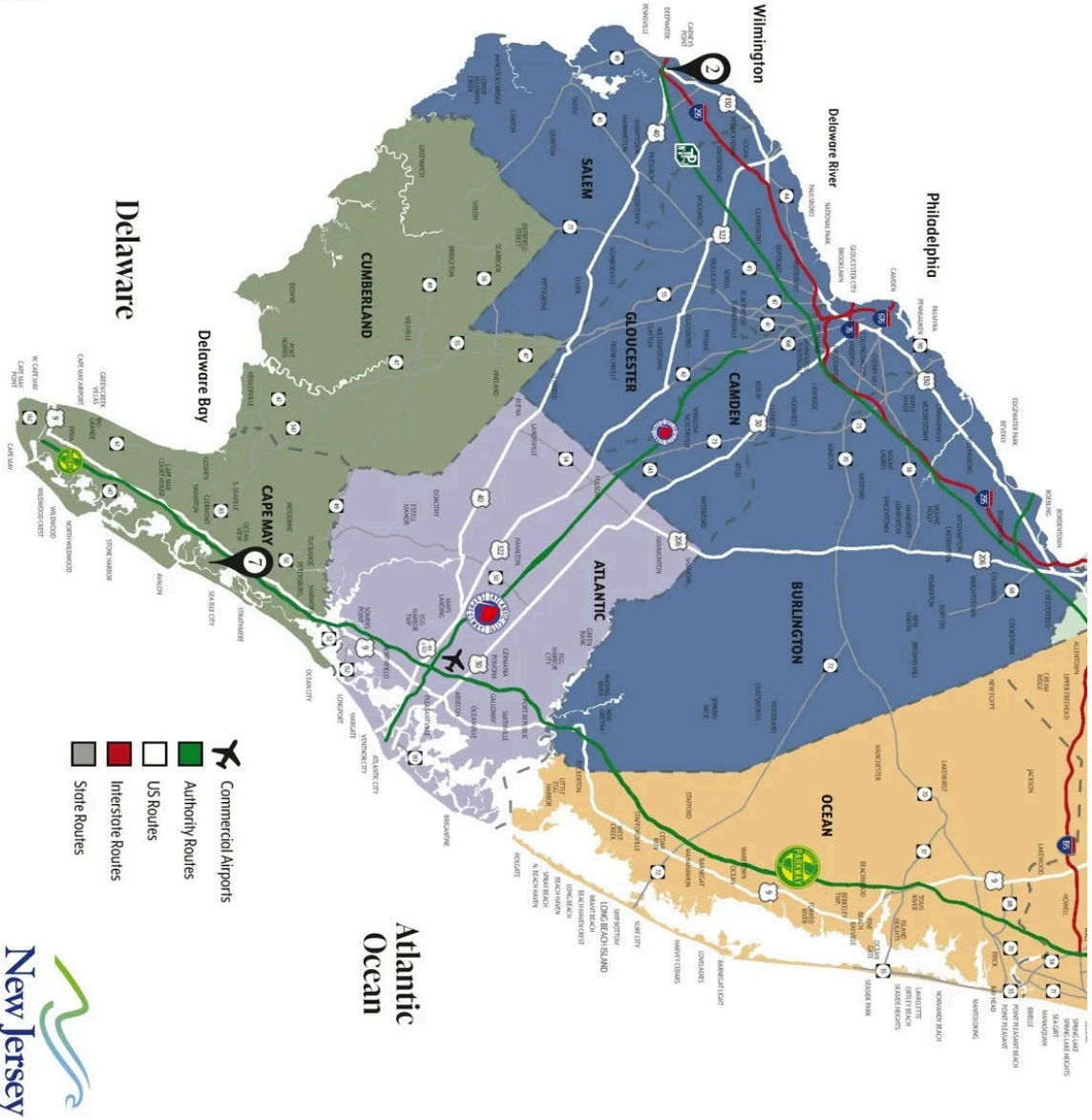
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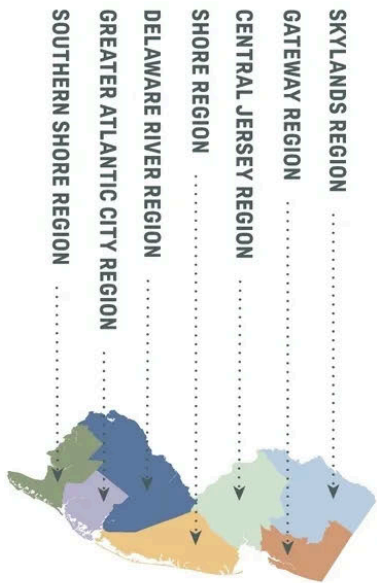
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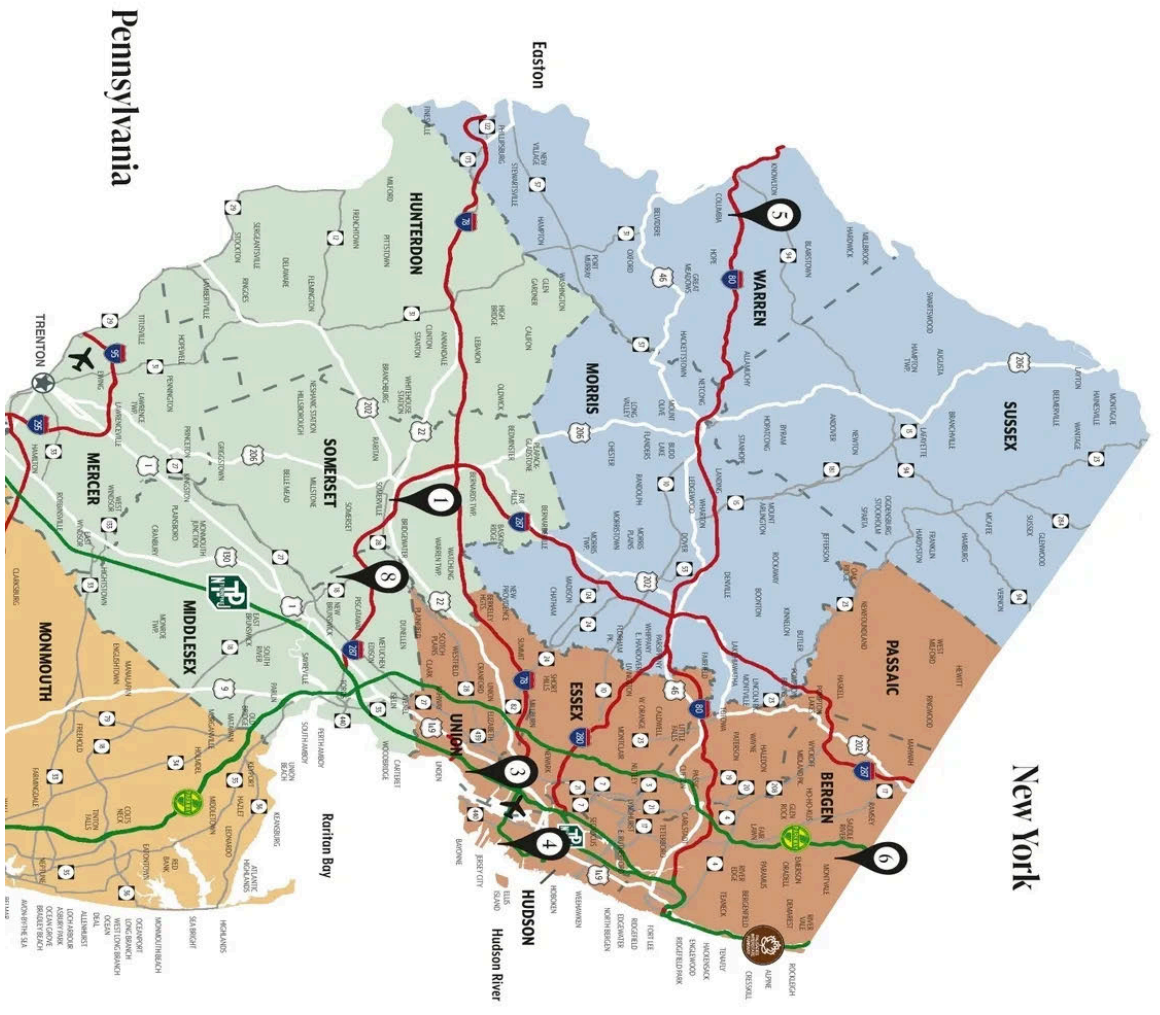
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