

## 2016 ESP National Conference TOURS

*Note: A minimum of 20 and a maximum of 34 people are required for all half and full day tours.*

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 8:00 am - FULL DAY TOURS

1. **Welcome to Cape May Tour** (5 hours) – Your tour will start with an introduction to Cape May’s many cultural, historical, and natural attractions on a trolley ride around the island, then a tour the 1879 Emlen Physick Estate, Cape May’s only Victorian house museum. Enjoy lunch in the Carriage House Café & Tearoom before participating in a living history program on the “Hot Topics in Cape May” during the late Victorian Period – temperance and prohibition. Then enjoy a guided tour of Fisherman’s Wharf & the Lobster House Dock, home to many commercial fishing boats, to learn how seafood gets from the sea to your table. The day will conclude with some time to sightsee in downtown Cape May. You can walk the beautiful Victorian streets and shop on the Washington Street Mall (the most successful outdoor pedestrian mall in the nation).
2. **Wines of New Jersey** (5 hours) – Learn about grape production; how wine is made; tour some South Jersey facilities and vineyards; taste some local wines and enjoy lunch. A Rutgers Cooperative Extension County Ag Agent who works with local wineries will lead the tour and share his expertise.
3. **New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station and Rutgers Cooperative Extension Research and Education Showcase** (5+ hours) Visit the Rutgers Food Innovation Center in Bridgeton; tour the Rutgers Agricultural Research and Extension Center and enjoy lunch; and tour the Rutgers Aquaculture Innovation Center in North Cape May and sample oysters.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 9:00 am - MORNING ONLY TOURS

4. **Fisherman’s Wharf Tour** (1- ½ hours) - Find out how seafood gets from the sea to your table on this guided tour of the Fisherman’s Wharf, home of many commercial fishing boats. At the Southernmost tip of New Jersey, the combined port of Cape May and Wildwood is the largest in New Jersey and one of the largest on the East Coast. Major Cape May fisheries focus on squid, mackerel, fluke, sea bass, porgies, lobsters and menhaden.
5. **Victorian Cape May Walking Tour** (1-1½ hours – Trolley to start location at Washington Street Mall) – This guided tour will provided an overview of the Victorian houses in the heart of Cape May’s historic district.

## **MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 12:00 pm - AFTERNOON ONLY TOURS**

6. **Explore Cape May Point Tour** (2+ hours) - You will travel by trolley through West Cape May to the tip of Cape May's peninsula, which is one of the most celebrated migratory bird locations in North America. Entering into Cape May Point State Park you will see the fully restored Cape May Lighthouse, built in 1859, and have an opportunity to climb the 199 steps to the top for a breathtaking view of the Jersey Cape. The next stop will be Sunset Beach where you can search for some "Cape May Diamonds" and see the sunken concrete ship "Atlantus" that is still visible in Delaware Bay.
7. **Winery Tour & Tasting** (Natalie Vineyards - 2 hours) - Spend the afternoon at one of Cape May County's award-winning wineries, tour the vineyard to see how grapes are grown, and then visit the winery for an introduction to the wine-maker's art. You will also enjoy tasting 3-5 wines with cheese, crackers and fruit.
8. **Ghosts of Cape May and Historic Haunts Tour** (1 ½ + hours) – Take a ride on a trolley past some of Cape May's best known haunted houses and meet some of the ghosts discovered by Ghost Writer and psychic medium Craig McManus. You will also visit the 1879 Emlen Physick Estate where you will see a home séance room of the 1800's and learn of the Victorian's fascination with spiritualism.
9. **Emlen Physick and Trolley Tour** (2 hours) – Tour the 1879 Emlen Physick Estate, Cape May's only Victorian house museum, with 15 rooms authentically restored to their original grandeur. The Physick Estate is also home to the Carriage House Gallery which hosts changing exhibits. Take a trolley tour and enjoy an introduction to Cape May's many cultural, historical and natural attractions on the island, the nation's oldest seaside resort.

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1:30-5:00 PM – LIFE MEMBER TOUR** *(This special tour is free of charge for Life Members. Retirees and Guests can attend by purchasing a ticket in the Merchandise Section of Registration)*

- **Proudly We Serve - War at the Shore Tour** (2-3 hours) – Learn about the important role that the Cape May region played during World War II and visit World War II landmarks including a climb up the Lookout Tower in Cape May Point, the Forgotten Warriors Museum and the Naval Air Station Aviation Museum. This facility was commissioned in April 1943. It served as an active dive-bomber squadron training facility during World War II. Today, Hangar #1 has been restored and transformed into an Aviation Museum that houses a number of aircraft, engines, special exhibits, and educational interactive displays. The museum invites visitors to explore aviation, New Jersey, military and WWII history through "hands-on," fun and educational activities.

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1:00 pm - POST CONFERENCE TOURS**

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