

Your Jersey Shore Travel Guide

OCEAN COUNTY *Escape*



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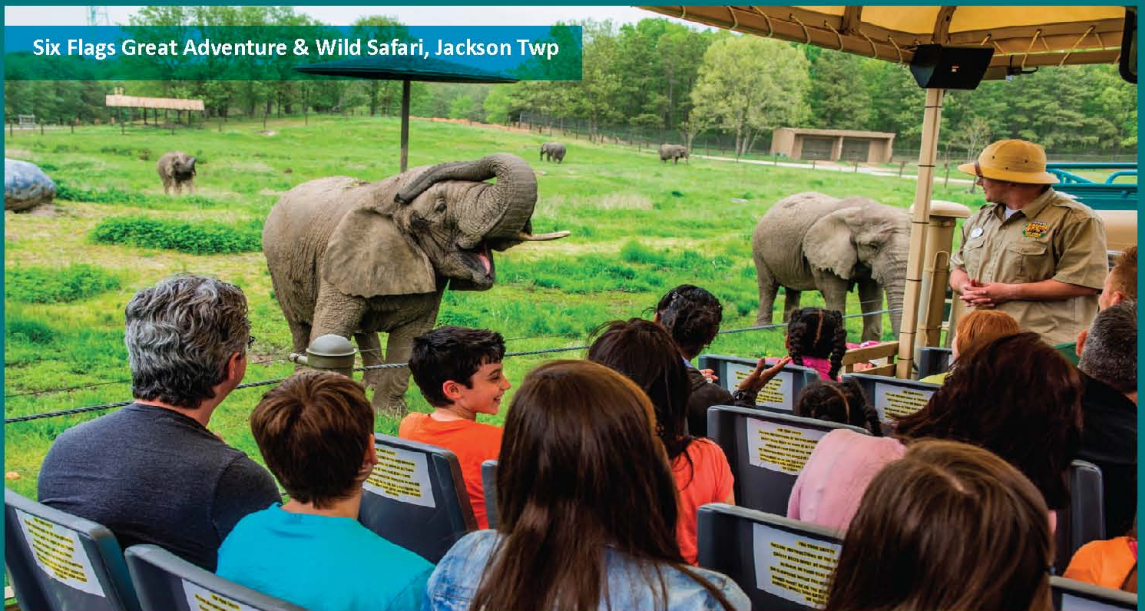
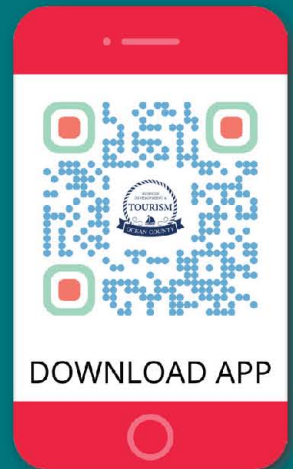
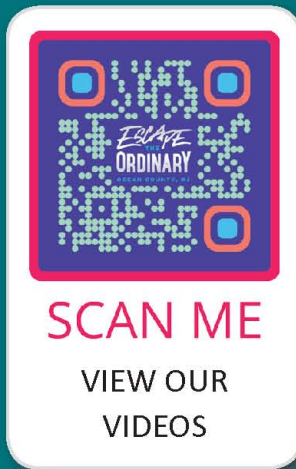
OCEAN COUNTY, NJ



Pirate Adventures of the Jersey Shore, Brick Twp



Insectropolis Bug Museum, Toms River Twp



Six Flags Great Adventure & Wild Safari, Jackson Twp

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Unique Experiences!

Get up-close with giraffes and elephants at **Six Flags Wild Safari**, or penguins and sharks at **Jenkinson's Aquarium**! Join a dock tour at Viking village as they unload thousands of pounds of scallops from their fresh catch. Marvel at the universe

at **Robert J. Novin's Planetarium** and root for the **Jersey Shore BlueClaws**, the minor league affiliate of the **Philadelphia Phillies**. You'll treasure the unforgettable experiences in Ocean County!



Viking Village Scallop Boats, Barnegat Light

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Robert J. Novin's Planetarium at Ocean County College, Toms River Twp



See the future stars of the Phillies play here at the Shore! Lakewood Twp.

The Heart of the New Jersey Shore!



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Ocean County is a premier travel destination along the picturesque and exciting New Jersey Shore. A short drive south of NYC, East of Philadelphia and north of Atlantic City, our region offers an abundance of choices to please the most discerning vacationers. From historic sites and romantic escapes, to family fun and adventure, Ocean County's experiences draw visitors back

time and time again. With **44 miles of Atlantic Coast beaches** and **42 miles of the magnificent Barnegat Bay**, this is truly a water-lover's wonderland. But beyond the sugar-sand and waterfront delights, our mainland is ready to explore. From the Pine Barrens to Jersey Fresh farms, campgrounds, historic downtowns and a scenic vineyard. With so much to see and discover, one visit is never enough!



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WHERE ARE WE?

Ocean County is located at the heart of the New Jersey Shore. About 90 minutes South of NYC, East of Philadelphia and North of Atlantic City, Ocean County is a quick drive to vibrant, world famous cities and three major airports. Visit our website for more details on traveling to Ocean County.



Beaches

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Your Place in the Sun



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From **Pt. Pleasant Beach to Holgate**, Ocean County's **44 miles** of pristine beaches are a favorite respite to millions of visitors throughout the year. Whether it's a sun-soaked beach chair and a good book, a morning spent surfing the waves or building sand castles with your kids, you'll find your special memories right here on our luxurious sandy shores.





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Jersey Shore coastal experiences will refresh your spirit and rejuvenate your soul. Explore links to all Ocean County beaches at [OceanCountyTourism.com](https://www.oceancountytourism.com).



For more details on **parking, handicap access, beach badges and lifeguards**, please contact the municipality for the beach of your choice. Or reach out to us, at Ocean County Tourism, for personal assistance! **732-929-2000**.

Explore More at [OceanCountyTourism.com](https://www.oceancountytourism.com)



Boardwalk Fun!!

Seaside Heights, NJ

Jersey Shore nostalgia, romantic moments, family fun and the **BEST PIZZA!**



ADVENTURE

for All Seasons...



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OCEAN COUNTY is more than just a perfect Summer Getaway! We have Festivals, natural wonders, and exciting attractions every season of the year!



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Fishing and Watersports



Book a charter boat fishing excursion or kayak through the winding watershed of the **Barnegat Bay**. Water adventures are in our blood here in **Ocean County!**



Live Entertainment

When it is time for LIVE entertainment, Ocean County has a variety of choices.

From historic theatres featuring Broadway-style productions, to comedy shows, dance performances, outdoor concerts, and even two musical ice cream shops!" We have many venues to choose and show-stopping moments to enjoy!



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Shop & Dine LOCAL in our unique Downtowns!

Water Street Grill and River Lady Cruises
Downtown Toms River Twp

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Downtowns

At the shore, some downtowns are accessed by boat as well as by foot! Park your boat and grab a bite to eat on the **Toms River**, or ride a bike from the beach to one of our adorable cafés in **Lavallette**! **Pt Pleasant Beach** is bustling with boutiques & antiques, and **Beach Haven** is famous for its walkable



Lavallette



Arnold Avenue Pt. Pleasant Beach

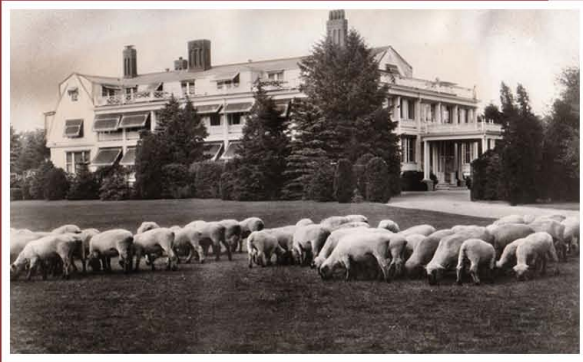
shops and attractions between the ocean and the Bay! Here at the Jersey Shore, even our boardwalks offer a downtown experience. Stroll from candy shops to cocktails on the ocean, and don't forget to grab a box of saltwater taffy on the way!

Find links to all 33 of our Ocean County municipalities at OceanCountyTourism.com



Cedar Bridge Tavern Museum, Historical Site, Barnegat

History



The sheep of the Rockefeller Estate. More information on the grand homes and hotels of Lakewood can be found at the Sheldon Wolpin Historical Museum in Lakewood Twp.

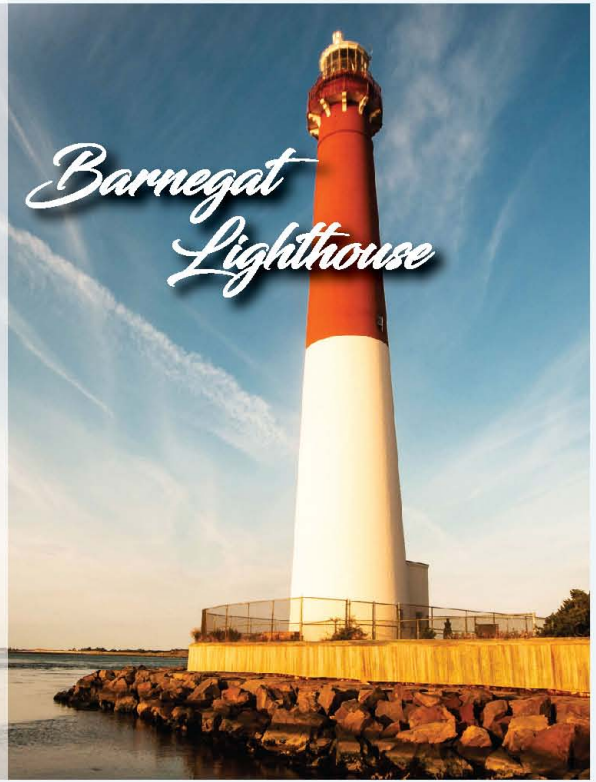
Ocean County has over 400 Years of vibrant History.

From tales of the Lenape Indians, to Revolutionary War conflicts, the homes of John D. Rockefeller and Grover Cleveland, to the glory days of Jersey Shore Tourism, and so much more! Be sure to check out the **NEW Hidden History Trail** in Downtown Toms River!



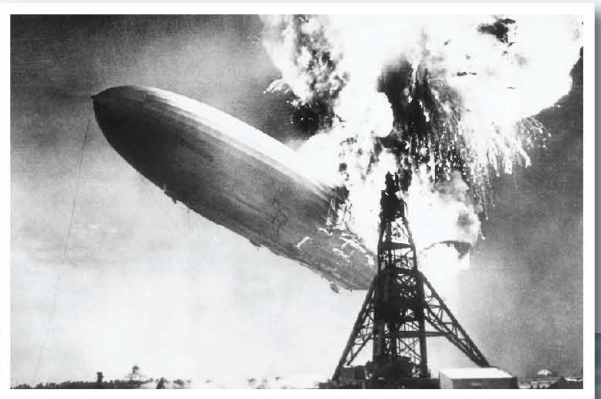
Photo: Seaside Hts Historical Society

Ocean County has more than a dozen museums and historic landmarks, many highlighting local maritime history. The statuesque **Barnegat Lighthouse** is an iconic attraction, where our visitors can ascend 217 steps to view our spectacular Atlantic coast line.



The LBI Ferry from Tuckerton Seaport to Beach Haven

The US Navy established Naval Air Station Lakehurst back in 1921, and it became known as the **“Airship Capital of the World”**! Today, “Naval Support Activity Lakehurst” is part of a magnificent joint military installation called Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. In the early days of its rich, 100-year history, Lakehurst hosted helium-filled dirigibles which traversed the Atlantic, many of them carrying distinguished tourists from Europe to the US in the 1920’s and 30’s. The most famous airship, the **Hindenburg**, was destroyed in flames upon approach to Lakehurst in May of 1936. This story and more vibrant military history can be explored at the Navy Lakehurst Historical Society’s Heritage Center located on base in Hangar One.



Annual Hindenburg Memorial Ceremony at the site of the famous Airship’s demise





A Military-Friendly Destination

“Serving FUN to those who SERVE”



Ocean County is proud to be the home of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, which spans more than 40,000 acres across two counties here in central NJ. This unique and vibrant military installation has a rich history in the region and is the second largest employer in the State. With a \$7 billion economic impact on NJ, Joint Base MDL supports missions and training for the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Guard and Reserve. As their neighbors, we strive to enhance the quality of life for our military community, their families and the civilian personnel who work and live on this incredible installation. So at Ocean County Tourism, we encourage our businesses and attractions to offer military and veteran-friendly discounts!

Visit OceanCountyTourism.com and click on the Military-Friendly Destination seal to view Special Offers for military and veterans. Or call us directly at 732-929-2000 for personal assistance!



Nature and Wildlife

NATURAL LANDS TRUST:

The Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Program was established in 1997 as a way to preserve the natural beauty of Ocean County, and protect our watershed. By preserving open space we have established over 25,900 acres of land for public use. Our visitors enjoy many activities from kayaking along the bay, to hiking miles of trail, or hunting on over 13,000 acres



OC Parks photos by Tom Spader

County Parks

Ocean County Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of outdoor activities in **27 parks** and conservation areas. With over 4000 acres of preserved and well maintained land you can enjoy hiking, biking, swimming, canoeing, fishing, ball fields, tennis courts, playgrounds and so much more. With parks from Point Pleasant to Tuckerton you're sure to find an adventure near you.





Golf

Ocean County is home to many challenging golf courses. Among these are two public courses maintained by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Forge Pond Golf Course was ranked in the top 20 public golf courses to play in NJ by Golf Advisor. Atlantis Golf Course is a much longer course than Forge Pond but to some golf enthusiasts is one of the best layouts in the state of NJ.



Cuisine on the Green is located at Atlantis Golf Course, offering a full service restaurant, bar, and banquet facilities overlooking the green. Cuisine on the Green is also home to the Ocean County Center for Culinary Arts Training, which is part of the Ocean County Vocational –Technical School.

Stay with us...

OceanCountyhasavarietyofaccommodations to provide the **getaway you need!** We have several **campgrounds** to consider for your tent, RV or to rent a cabin on site. If you prefer a charming and more intimate setting, you

will love our many **Bed & Breakfast** options. For a pampered stay, our **hotels** have a range of offerings, some including suites near the shore, or a vacation rental to kick back, relax with your family and feel right at home! Find a full list of accommodations on our website at **OceanCountyTourism.com**, or call us for **personal assistance at 732-929-2000.**



Weddings

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FAVORITE PLACES AND HIDDEN GEMS IN EVERY DIRECTION

Whether you're here for a good time or here for good, the Garden State promises a treasure trove overflowing with spots just begging to be discovered—and rediscovered.

Any time of year, enjoy world-famous and most-beloved destinations, landmarks and attractions. Dig deeper for our best-kept secrets. You'll unearth endless outdoor adventure,

130 miles of Jersey Shore bliss, eight Scenic Byways and lots of national and state parks and forests. Explore intriguing art, history and culture. And don't miss our restaurants, wineries, breweries and distilleries.

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