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Get Your Hands on History in Cape May County! ***New Ferry Package to Historic Cold Spring Village and the Naval Air Station***

(Cape May, NJ) Ever wonder what it was like to live during the ‘age of homespun’ in South Jersey? Have you imagined yourself in a cockpit of a WWII fighter? Now through the end of August, join the Cape May-Lewes Ferry for a day of Hands on History! Get a chance to relive the past at the Historic Cold Spring Village and Naval Air Station in Cape May County. Renovated and restored to look and feel as they did years ago, these two sites bring to life important chapters in South Jersey’s history.

“We are very excited about our new partnership with the Ferry and look forward to sharing the region’s history with new visitors,” said Kate Devaney, Historic Cold Spring Village’s Deputy Director. “Initiatives like this are so important in reaching new markets and making sure Cape May is regarded as the well-rounded destination that it truly is.”

“The Aviation Museum and the Village are unique attractions where people can feel and experience authentic American history,” said Scott A. Green, Delaware River and Bay Authority Executive Director. “It’s a living history adventure only a few short miles from the Cape May ferry terminal. Summer ferry programs like Hands on History let people experience all that the twin capes have to offer!”

The package is available Tuesdays through Fridays until August 31, 2012. It begins with a ferry ride from Lewes to Cape May. The ferry departs Lewes for Cape May at 9:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. and customers may return to Lewes on any afternoon departure. Advanced reservations are required.

Once in Cape May, the first stop on the tour is Historic Cold Spring Village, where visitors can witness day-to-day activities of villagers living in South Jersey during the “age of homespun” (1789-1840). Stroll through beautiful gardens and a farm where heritage crops are grown; visit twenty-six restored historic buildings housing historically-clothed interpreters ready to educate and entertain visitors about the lifestyles, issues, trades and crafts of yesteryear. With many different interactive, educational, and hands-on family activities, visitors are able to draw a personal connection between the past and present for history lesson they’ll never forget.

Commissioned in April 1943, NAS Wildwood served as an active dive-bomber squadron training facility during World War II. Today, Hangar #1 at the Cape May Airport has been restored and transformed into an Aviation Museum that houses a number of aircraft, engines, special exhibits, and educational interactive displays. Get the chance to climb a real traffic control tower or sit in an aircraft cockpit for a ride back through time. View 26 planes & helicopters up close or try your hand at being a pilot with the Museum’s flight simulator games. It’s a fun way for the entire family to explore aviation history!

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The all-inclusive price for one vehicle and driver is \$57.50. The price for an additional passenger 13 years of age or older is \$21.50 while a child (3-12) is \$17.50 per person. Children 2 years old or younger are free. The package includes round trip ferry passage, entry into the museums, a free ice cream cone at the Village Ice Cream Parlor, 10% off Country Store items (excluding hand-made artisan wares), a NAS mug and a 10% discount at the NASW Aviation Museum gift shop.

To reserve tickets, call our Customer Contact Center at 1-800-643-3779 (FERRY).

About the Cape May-Lewes Ferry

The Cape May – Lewes Ferry is owned and operated by the Delaware River and Bay Authority, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962. The Ferry is open year-round and has carried more than 40 million passengers since its inception on July 1, 1964. In 2011, the ferry service, which connects Victorian Cape May, New Jersey, and historic Lewes, Delaware, transported approximately 275,000 vehicles and nearly 1 million passengers. For schedule, rates and other program information, please visit the ferry's website at www.CMLF.com, or call toll free, 800-643-3779.

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