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Wine Lovers Sunset Cruises Return to the Cape May – Lewes Ferry *Popular Special Cruises Scheduled for September and early October*

(North Cape May, NJ) Enjoy stunning sunsets, savory food, and sips of extraordinary wines when you join us aboard Cape May – Lewes Ferry for our 2016 Sunset Wine Cruises in September and early October. The Lewes cruises will depart the terminal on consecutive Fridays at 4:15 p.m. while the Cape May cruises are scheduled to leave the terminal on select Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. and some chosen Sundays at 4:30 p.m. The first wine cruise departs Lewes on September 9 while the initial Cape May wine cruise is scheduled for September 18, 2016.

According to Heath Gehrke, Director of Ferry Operations, the Wine Lovers Sunset Cruise is that unique remedy for residents and visitors looking to take a break from the ordinary. “As fall sets in, what could be better than to sip a fine wine, savor some delicious food, listen to great music and enjoy a dramatic sunset?” Gehrke said. “Looking to impress your date? - What a better way than a memorable and romantic date night aboard the Ferry?”

Back by popular demand, these annual events provide a fun, different and delightful wine-tasting experience inside the Crow’s Nest Lounge aboard the ferry vessel, Delaware. Enjoy live entertainment, amazing small gourmet food plates (tapas) from our catering chefs, and insights into the paired wines in an intimate, limited-seating venue.

Sample menus from Cape May include treats like Pumpkin Bisque, Crabmeat Profiterole, Grilled Pork Tenderloin and Cranberry Walnut Bread Pudding with Cinnamon Whipped Cream & Chocolate Sauce. Sample menu selections from Lewes include Hickory Smoked Trout, Poached Pear with Gorgonzola, Gemelli Pasta with Shrimp, Scallops, Pine Nuts, Spinach & Artichokes and Grand Marnier White Chocolate Mousse in Dark Chocolate Cups. All creations are expertly paired with a wine selection.

The package cost of \$65 includes round-trip foot passenger cruise, five course dinner with wine pairings for each course and an opportunity to purchase featured wines by the glass. A cash bar will also be available. The first series of Wine Lovers’ Sunset Cruises were held in June 2006 and have continued to be extremely popular with both residents and vacationers.

Lewes Cruises: **Fridays, September 9, 16, 23, and 30 aboard 4:15 p.m. departure**
 Fridays, October 7 and October 14 aboard 4:15 p.m. sailing

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Cape May Cruises: **Saturdays, September 24; October 8, 2016 aboard 6:00 p.m. departure**
 Sundays, September 18, October 2 and 16, 2016 aboard 4:30 p.m. sailing

Check-in begins in the ferry terminal 30 minutes before cruise time. Participants must be 21 years of age or older. Space is limited! Reservations are required at 1-800-64-FERRY (33779).

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 45 million passengers since its inception on July 1, 1964. In 2015, 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. Like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @CMLFerry.