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Cape May – Lewes Ferry, Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts Partner on Victorian Cape May Tour Packages

CAPE MAY — The Cape May–Lewes Ferry (CMLF) and the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts and Humanities (MAC) have again partnered to sponsor two package tours from the Ferry Terminal into the town of Cape May, N.J. this summer. Package tours now include a box lunch from the Carriage House Café & Tearoom and feature two tour options — both of which include time for shopping.

While Cape May and its shoreline provides an exciting vista for ferry riders as they approach the New Jersey side of the Delaware Bay, these excursions will allow visitors to see and learn about the historically beautiful town of Cape May up close, on foot and via trolley with informative guides along the way. These two unique, special guided trolley tour packages showcase some of the most popular attractions of Victorian Cape May.

Ferry travelers can leave their cars behind during these roundtrip excursions that depart at 8:45 a.m. from Lewes, Del. for a leisurely 17-mile, 85-minute cruise across the Delaware Bay to Cape May, N.J., a National Historic Landmark City. When the boat docks at the Cape May Ferry Terminal, guests will be transported into historic Cape May via a MAC trolley.

Guests can choose from these two Cape May tour package experiences:

Offered on Mondays, July 16, July 23, July 30, August 6, August 13, August 20, and August 27 is the **Welcome to Cape May and Lighthouse Tour Package**. Guests will board a MAC trolley at the Cape May Ferry Terminal and learn about Cape May from a knowledgeable guide during a **Welcome to Cape May Trolley Tour**

that travels through town. Guests will visit the fully restored **1859 Cape May Lighthouse** and can climb 199 steps to the top for a breathtaking view of the Jersey Cape, where the Delaware Bay meets the Atlantic Ocean, enjoy wildlife habitat along the **Nature Trails**, or walk along the beautiful shoreline of **Cape May Point State Park**. Then, guests board the trolley and travel to **Sunset Beach** to shop, view the sunken concrete ship, the **USS Atlantus**, play a round of mini-golf or visit the **World War II Lookout Tower** and learn the pivotal role Cape May played during World War II. Included is a **Box Lunch** prepared by the Carriage House Café and Tearoom.

Offered on Wednesdays, July 18, July 25, August 1, August 8, August 15, August 22, and August 29 is the **Historic Cape May and Physick Estate Tour Package**. Guests will board a MAC trolley at the Cape May Ferry Terminal and learn about the architecture and history of Cape May, the nation's first seaside resort, in an entertaining and informative trolley tour from a knowledgeable guide. Afterwards, guests will enjoy a tour of Cape May's Victorian House Museum, the **1879 Emlen Physick Estate**. After the tour, guests will visit the **Carroll Gallery Exhibit, "Capturing Cape May's Architecture,"** featuring pen and ink drawings of the "best preserved late 19th century resort in America." Visitors will be transported via trolley downtown to explore Cape May's Victorian charm on foot. Visitors can **walk the Promenade** overlooking Cape May's pristine beaches, or visit the shops of the **Washington Street Mall**. Included is a **Box Lunch** prepared by the Carriage House Café and Tearoom.

The trolley transports guests back to the Cape May Ferry Terminal **in time for the 2:30 p.m.** return trip crossing to Lewes, Del.

The cost of each package is \$48 for adults, \$34 for children ages 3-13 and free for children under 3. Each package includes a round-trip ferry ride, transportation via trolley, tours and a box lunch. Visitors arrive back to Lewes, Del. at 3:55 p.m.

"Both Lighthouse and Physick Estate tours are fascinating," noted Rhona Bronson, Director of Marketing for the Ferry. "Our passengers had long viewed the Cape May Lighthouse from the Ferry decks, but without a car, could not get there. Cape May has so many treasures and the Estate and Lighthouse are two of them."

Reservations are required and are made for either tour directly with Ferry Guest Services at 800-643-3779. "This is another new plus service," Bronson added. "One call provides the reservation for both the MAC and Ferry travel and ensures your party are all on the same trolley."

Better yet, for passengers who still want to do the standard MAC tours, they still can. Ferry shuttle service to downtown Cape May takes them directly to the Washington Street Mall where they can sign up for any of the existing MAC tours. These tours, however, are no longer sold as a package and can be bought a la carte as desired.

"Working with MAC is very important for us here at the Ferry," said Michael Porch, Marketing Manager of the Ferry. "We are proud to partner with different tourism organizations and working with MAC is a great way for our passengers to experience the town of Cape May in its many different forms."

"We're excited to pair with Ferry for another great summer," said Mary E. Stewart, Chief Outreach Strategist. "We are always looking to bring more visitors to Cape May each year. A large part of MAC's mission, along with preservation and interpretation, is promoting the Cape May region for its residents and visitors. This wonderful partnership we have with Ferry is a great way to achieve that. We welcome more visitors from across the bay to spend time here and really learn about our historic attractions and enjoy our tours."

For more information on the **Welcome to Cape May and Lighthouse Tour Package** or the **Historic Cape May and Physick Estate Tour Package** and to make reservations, please call (800) 643-3779 or (800) 64-FERRY or visit www.cmlf.com

The Cape May – Lewes Ferry (CMLF) is owned and operated by the Delaware River and Bay Authority, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962. The CMLF is open year-round and has carried more than forty million passengers since its inception on July 1, 1964. In 2017, 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.

The Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC) is a multifaceted not-for-profit organization committed to promoting the preservation, interpretation, and cultural enrichment of the Cape May region for its residents and visitors. MAC membership is open to all. For information about MAC's year-round schedule of tours, festivals, and special events, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278, or visit MAC's Web site at www.capemaymac.org. For information about restaurants, accommodations and shopping, call the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May at 609-884-5508 or visit www.capemaychamber.com. For information about historic accommodations, contact Cape May Historic Accommodations at www.capemaylodging.com.