

Other Holiday Tours & Events

Christmas Traditions Lecture

Learn how Prince Albert brought Christmas traditions to England from Germany when he married Queen Victoria, and how these traditions spread to America in this richly illustrated lecture at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, Washington and Franklin streets. Much of what we associate with the celebration of Christmas comes from the Victorian era, including Christmas trees, Christmas cards, Christmas carols and our image of Santa Claus. Admission \$10. (Saturday, December 3: 2pm)

Lampighter Christmas Tours

Relive the memories of Christmas past by joining in this self-guided evening tour of five of Cape May's finest Bed and Breakfast inns, specially decorated for the holidays. Innkeepers will share their holiday spirit at each location. The tour also includes a visit to the Carriage House Gallery at the Emlen Physick Estate where you can see "An Old-fashioned Christmas: Holiday Traditions through the Years" exhibit while enjoying warm beverages and traditional cookies. Adults: \$20; children (3-12): \$15. (Fridays, November 25-December 16; Saturday, November 26, Tuesday, December 27 and Friday, December 30: 7pm-9pm)

Physick Estate Christmas Tours

Visit the 1879 Physick Estate, Cape May's only Victorian house museum, decorated in authentic Victorian style. Learn about Victorian Christmas decorations and traditions on this guided daytime tour. Can also be combined with a historic district trolley tour. Adults: \$10; children (3-12): \$5. (Mondays through Wednesdays, Nov. 21-Nov. 23; and Mondays through Thursdays, Nov. 28-Dec. 22; No tours Nov. 24)

Physick Family Christmas Tour

Explore Cape May by trolley and then visit the Physick Estate, decorated in true Victorian style, for a unique living history experience with members of the Physick Family household of the 1890s. Adults: \$18; children (3-12): \$10. (Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, November 18-December 24; Daily, December 26-January 1; No tours Dec. 25)

Physick Family Christmas House Tour

Visit the Physick Estate, decorated in true Victorian style, for a unique living history experience with members of the Physick Family household of the 1890s. Adults: \$10; children (3-12): \$5. (Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, November 18-December 24; Daily, December 26-January 1; No tours Dec. 25)

Spirit of Christmas Tour

Enjoy a charming Victorian holiday tale on an evening trolley ride through Cape May's festive streets. Then, visit the authentically decorated Emlen Physick Estate for a living history holiday presentation. The tour includes a visit to the Carriage House for holiday refreshments and the Gallery exhibit "An Old-fashioned Christmas: Holiday Traditions through the Years." Tours last about 2 hours. Adults: \$18; children (3-12): \$13. (Friday, November 18; Nightly, November 25-December 30; no tours Dec. 3, 8, 10, 17, 24 & 25)

Holiday Lights Trolley Rides

Ride through Cape May's Historic District to see cheerfully decorated inns and homes as guides talk about Victorian Christmas traditions, lead sing-alongs, and play Christmas music. Rides last about 30 minutes and cost \$10 per seat. Your ticket is also good for admission to the Carriage House Gallery exhibit plus a 10% discount at any of MAC's Museum Shops. (Friday, November 18 & Saturday, November 19; Nightly, November 25-December 31; No tours Dec. 3, 8, 10, 17, 24 & 25)

Santa's Trolley Rides

Bring the kids to the Physick Estate on weekends for a ride around Cape May with stories and songs led by Mrs. Claus. Santa will greet children with a sweet in the Carriage House. All seats \$8. (Saturdays & Sundays, November 19-December 17) *Advance reservation strongly recommended.*

Ghosts of Christmas Past Trolley Rides

A member of the East Lynne Theater Company will regale you with a Victorian holiday ghost tale as you ride through Cape May's festively decorated Historic District. Adults: \$10; children (3-12): \$7. (Saturday, November 19; Nightly, November 25-December 31; No tours Dec. 3, 8, 10, 17, 24 & 25) *Advance reservation strongly recommended.*

Holiday Inns Tours

Get into the Christmas spirit at three of Cape May's festively decorated Bed and Breakfast Inns. You'll be treated to a holiday presentation at each inn. Adults: \$18; children (3-12): \$13. (Monday-Thursday, November 28-December 15: 1pm-3pm)

Holiday Crafts Fair

Shop for unique hand-made gifts and seasonal decorations at Cape May Elementary School. Adults: \$1; children free. (Friday, Nov. 25 & Saturday, Nov. 26: 10am-4pm)

Holiday Theater

Cape May Stage presents "This Wonderful Life"

Come to Cape May Stage for the holidays and enjoy the holiday favorite by Steve Murray and conceived by Mark Setlock. Share the hope and humor of Frank Capra's adored Christmas film, "It's A Wonderful Life," in this delightful stage adaptation. This one-man tour de force delivers a witty and moving story that is sure to capture your heart and captivate your spirit. One amazing actor portrays George Bailey, Clarence the Angel, Mary, Old Man Potter, and twenty more of Bedford Falls' finest citizens. George comes to realize that life really is worth living and that the actions of one person do make a difference in the world. Adults: \$35; seniors: \$30; children: \$15. Opening night performance: \$50. Advance reservation strongly recommended. (Thursdays-Sundays, November 25-December 31: 8pm, plus 3pm on Saturdays & Sundays, and 8pm shows on Dec. 20, Dec. 21, Dec. 27 and Dec. 28. No show Dec. 24 or Dec. 25)

East Lynne Theater Company presents "Christmas Presents from the Past"

Enjoy classic American Christmas stories by Louisa May Alcott, O. Henry, and Mark Twain told in storytelling fashion by Gayle Stahlhuth. Adults & seniors: \$25; students: \$15. Children under 12 admitted free. (Fridays & Saturdays, November 25 & 26, December 4, 9 & 10: 8:30pm)

 Limited accessibility for tours and events. MAC is committed to making its programs accessible to as many individuals as possible. At the Physick Estate, the Visitors Center and first floor of the house museum are accessible as are the Carriage House Gallery & Shop and the Carriage House Tearoom & Café. For information, or if you require assistance, please call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 in advance so we may accommodate you. New Jersey Relay Center for TTY customers, call 711 or 800-852-7899.

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Holiday Preview Weekend

Friday, November 18
to Sunday, November 20

Get a head start on the Holiday season! Santa and his elves have decked out the Physick Estate with thousands of lights and holiday trimmings. Enjoy a wide variety of holiday tours and food and wine events to get you into the Christmas spirit.

The Physick Estate becomes a Christmas wonderland during the holiday season. The Carriage House Gallery exhibit, **An Old-fashioned Christmas: Holiday Traditions through the Years**, captures the feeling of Christmas past with a Dickens Village collection, model trains, trees, toys and much more (through January 1, 2012). Visit the Estate on Saturday, November 19 at 7pm as Santa arrives to flip the switch for the festive **Tree-Lighting Ceremony** (sponsored by **Sturdy Savings Bank**). That evening the Physick House will be open for free, self-guided tours. Visitors are encouraged to share in the holiday spirit and bring a non-perishable food item for the Cape May Community Food Bank. For kids, there are **Santa's Trolley Rides** and a chance to visit with old St. Nick himself. Grown-ups will enjoy holiday ghost tales during **Ghosts of Christmas Past Trolley Rides**. All this plus these great wine events:

Mad Batter Wine Dinner: Growing Grapes Locally

Cape May Wine Trail

Self-Guided Wine Trail

Winery Cellar Tour & Tasting

(See descriptions and ticket prices under
Holiday Food & Wine Events)

38th Annual Christmas Candlelight House Tours

Saturdays, Dec. 3, 10 & 17: 5:30 pm to 8:30pm

Experience the high point of Cape May's holiday season during these self-guided tours, which feature:

- Homes, inns, hotels & churches specially decorated for the holidays (at least 15 each night)
- Christmas caroling and strolling musicians, trees and garland & good old-fashioned cheer
- Hospitality centers with warm beverages & home-baked goodies
- Admission to the Emlen Physick Estate, Cape May's only Victorian house museum, and to "An Old-fashioned Christmas: Holiday Traditions through the Years" exhibit in the Carriage House Gallery
- Continuous shuttle service on heated trolleys

Limited Tours. Reserve early!

Call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or order tickets
online at www.capemaymac.org
Adults: \$25; children (ages 3-12): \$20

Enter to win a holiday weekend in Cape May!

"Make Your Own Getaway" Raffle

Win \$2,500 worth of Cape May gift certificates, which can be used at a wide variety of Cape May accommodations, restaurants, retail stores and attractions any time of the year. Plus gift certificates to area shops and restaurants, and tours and event tickets. These can be used to "make your own getaway." Pick the time you want to spend in Cape May: the Holiday Season or the Music Festival, Sherlock Holmes Weekend or the Food & Wine Celebration. The prize includes:

- \$1,000 in Cape May Gift Certificates redeemable at various accommodations, shops and restaurants around town.
- \$1,000 in retail gift certificates and tour and event tickets including tours during the season you choose
- \$500 in dining gift certificates

Tickets cost just \$10. The drawing will be held Sunday, Nov. 7 at 5 p.m., at the Carriage House Tearoom and Café located on the grounds of at the Emlen Physick Estate. You need not be present to win! To order tickets call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278.

All proceeds benefit on-going restoration projects at the landmark Emlen Physick Estate, Cape May's Victorian House Museum. RL# 9-2011

Holiday Food & Wine Events

Mad Batter Wine Dinner: Growing Grapes Locally

Get into the holiday spirit with a five-course seasonal dinner at the Mad Batter restaurant paired with wines from local vineyards. Limited to 60. \$75. (tax and gratuity included) (Friday, November 18: 7:30pm)

Cape May Wine Trail

Spend the afternoon visiting Cape May County's wineries and sampling the unique flavors of each. First enjoy lunch at the Carriage House Tearoom & Café and then take the trolley shuttle to the Natali Vineyards and Hawk Haven Vineyard & Winery, where you'll learn about viticulture and visit the tasting rooms. \$60 per person, includes lunch, wine tastings at each vineyard and a wine tasting glass. Limited event, reserve early! (Saturday, Nov. 19 & Friday, Dec. 30: 12noon-5pm)

Self-Guided Wine Trail

Spend the afternoon touring the wineries of Cape May County at your own pace. Taste the unique flavors at Hawk Haven Vineyard & Winery and Natali Vineyards. Admission is \$8 and includes a map with the wineries listed and a tasting glass. (Daily, November 18-January 1; No tours on Dec. 24 & 25)

Taste of Christmas Tour

Build up your appetite on a walking tour of Cape May's Historic District dressed up for the holidays and then enjoy lunch at the famous Mad Batter restaurant. Tours last about one hour. Adults: \$20; children (3-12): \$15. Space is limited. (Fridays, November 18-December 30: 11am) *Advance reservation strongly recommended.* Tickets for the Historic District Walking Tour can be purchased separately for Adults: \$10; children (3-12): \$7.

Breakfast with Santa

Enjoy a family-friendly breakfast buffet at the Inn of Cape May as children visit with Santa and hear a Christmas story. Christmas lists accepted! Treats for the kids. Adults: \$15; children (3-12): \$10. (Saturdays, Nov. 26, Dec. 3 & 10: 10am)

Winery Cellar Tour & Tasting

Visit the Cape May Winery and tour the vineyard to see how the grapes are grown, get an introduction to the winemaker's art, and enjoy a barrel tasting with cheese, fruit, and a sampling of 5 to 6 kinds of wine. Admission \$20. (Saturdays in November & December; daily, December 26-30: 3pm)

Cape May Wine School: "It's All in the Bubbles— Sparkling Wines for the Holidays"

Before you pop the cork, prepare for holiday celebrations with a tasting of sparkling wines at the Washington Inn. Admission \$30. (Sunday, December 11: 1pm)

Cape May Wine Weekend

Triple your enjoyment by packaging together a four-course Wine Tasting Dinner at the Washington Inn, Winery Cellar Tour at Cape May Winery and Wine School Class for a weekend of total indulgence. Admission \$135. (available Dec. 9-11)

Mad Batter Wine Dinner

Celebrate the holidays early with a festive five-course dinner paired with an interesting selection of wines from across the country at the Mad Batter restaurant. Limited to 60. Admission \$75. (tax and gratuity included) (Friday, Dec. 9: 7:30pm)

Chefs' Dine-Around

Enjoy a five-course gourmet feast, with each course served in one of Cape May's premier restaurants. Wine will be provided with each course, with a representative from the sponsoring winery on hand to explain the pairings. A trolley shuttle between restaurants is provided. Reserve early; limited to 34 people! \$125 per person (gratuity included). (Thursday, December 29: 6pm)

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