

Your Jersey Shore Travel Guide

# OCEAN COUNTY

*New Jersey*



*Where one visit is never enough...*

**Ocean County**

[OceanCountyTourism.com](http://OceanCountyTourism.com)





# WELCOME TO OCEAN COUNTY

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 a ready to explore, from Pine Barrens, Jersey Fresh farms, campgrounds, historic downtowns and a scenic vineyard. With so much to explore and discover, one visit is never enough! Looking forward to seeing you soon. — *Commissioner Frank Sadeghi*



## Ocean County Board of Commissioners

Frank Sadeghi (Liaison to Tourism),  
Barbara Jo Crea, Virginia E. Haines,  
John P. Kelly, Gary Quinn



# 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.



# ESCAPE THE ORDINARY

OCEAN COUNTY, NJ



Pirate Adventures of the Jersey Shore, Brick Twp



Out of Sight Alpacas, Waretown



Six Flags Great Adventure & Wild Safari, Jackson Twp



# Travel Like a Local!

Get up-close with giraffes and elephants at **Six Flags Wild Safari**, or penguins and sharks at **Jenkinson's Aquarium**! 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!



Photo by Michael Rauscher



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



Jersey Shore Blueclaws Stadium, Lakewood Twp



Toms River Field of Dreams

# Beaches



## Your Place in the Sun



Bob Cuthbert Photography

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.

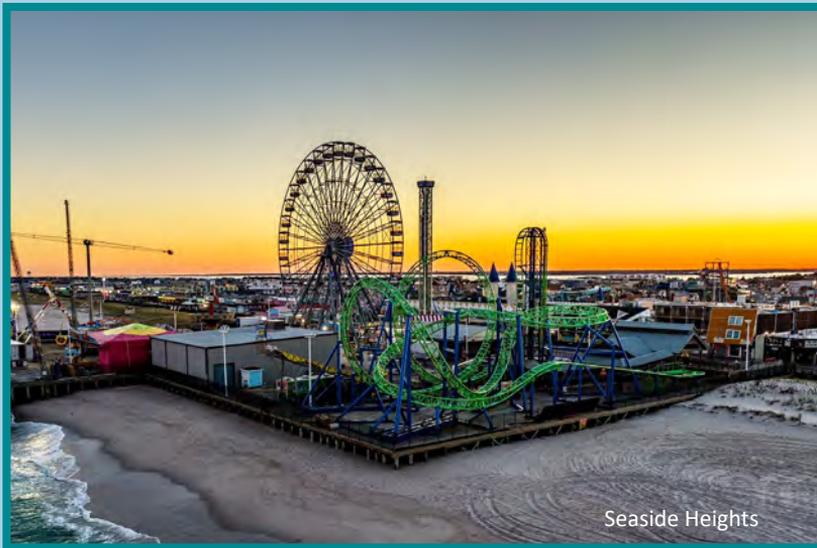


# Get your Dose of Vitamin Sea

Photo by Ali Salvetti



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**.



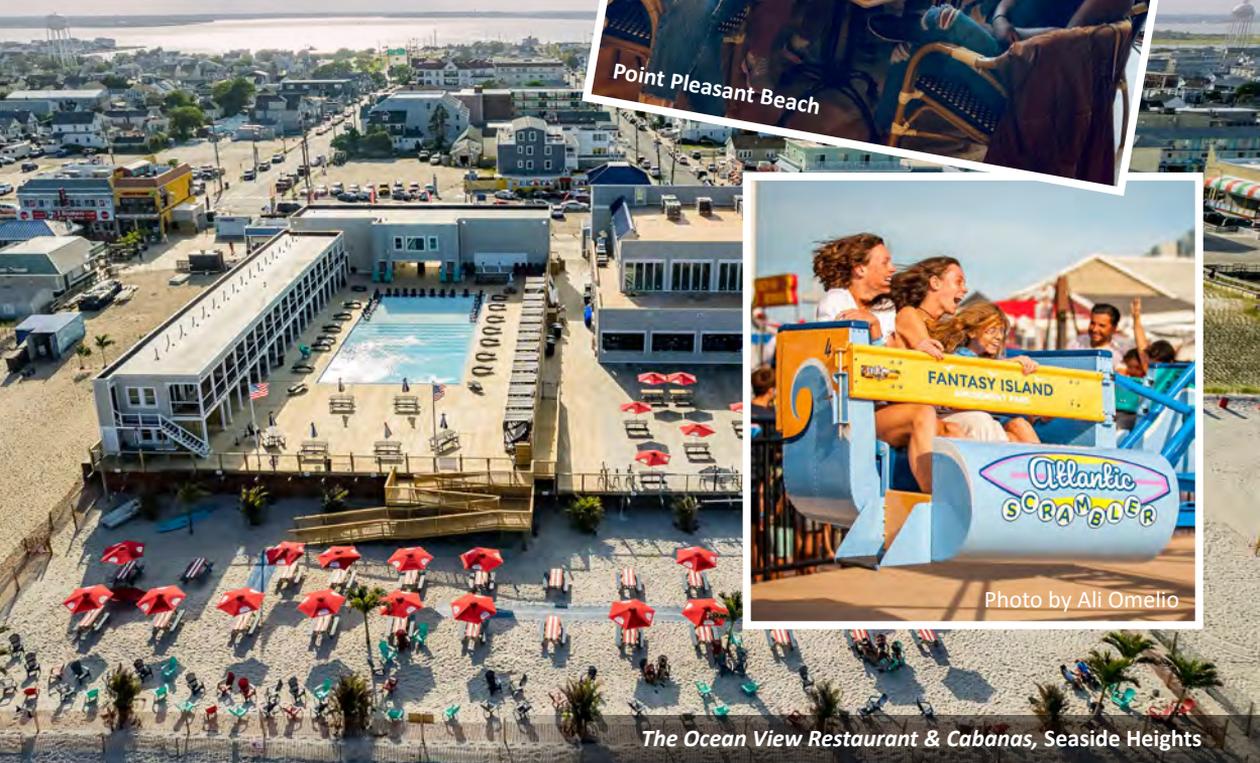
# Boardwalk Fun!

The Floyd L. Moreland Carousel, Seaside Heights

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



Point Pleasant Beach



The Ocean View Restaurant & Cabanas, Seaside Heights



Photo by Ali Omelio



# Shop & Dine LOCAL in our unique Downtowns!



Toms River

## 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 shops and attractions, between the



Lavallette



Point Pleasant Beach

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](http://OceanCountyTourism.com)



# Fishing & 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!**

The Guinness World Record for largest parade of canoes & kayaks is **1,105** and was achieved by 'Paddle for the Bay' and Sandra Rinderer (All USA), in Pine Beach on August 20, 2022.



# Live Entertainment

When it is time for **LIVE Entertainment**, Ocean County has a wide variety of choices.

From historic theatres featuring Broadway-style productions, to comedy shows, dance performances, outdoor concerts, and even two singing ice cream shops!

We have many venues to choose from and countless show-stopping moments to enjoy!



Long Beach Island



Studio 63 Photography



Lakewood



Albert Music Hall, Waretown



The Music Man Singing Ice Cream Shoppe  
Lavallette

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*



*Barnegat Lighthouse*

The US Navy established Naval Air Station Lakehurst back in 1921, and it became known as the “**Airship Capitol of the World**” ! Today, “Naval Support Activity Lakehurst” is part of 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.



*Navy Lakehurst Historical Society’s Heritage Center*  
Photo by Jennifer Suwak





# History

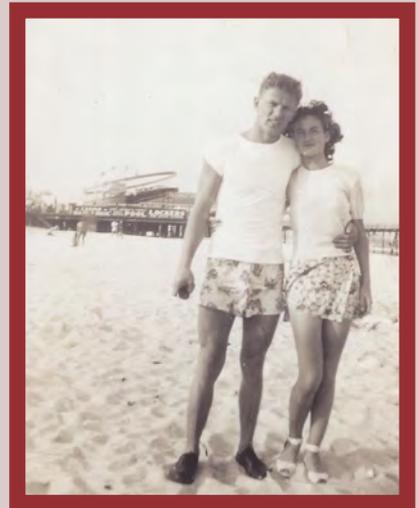


*The sheep of the Rockefeller Estate. More information on the grand homes and hotels of Lakewood can be found at the Sheldon Wolpin Historical Museum in Lakewood Twp.*

*Ocean County has over 400 years of vibrant history.*

*From tales of 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!*

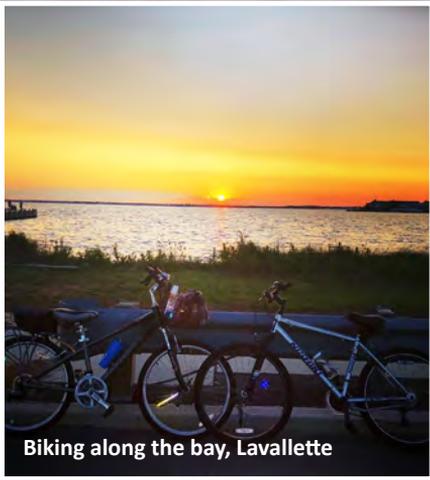
*Be sure to check out the **NEW Hidden History Trail** in Downtown Toms River!*



*Photo: Roaming Dingo Productions*

# Adventure for All Seasons...

Roaming Dingo Photography



Biking along the bay, Lavallette



Fireworks at Mayo Park, Beachwood



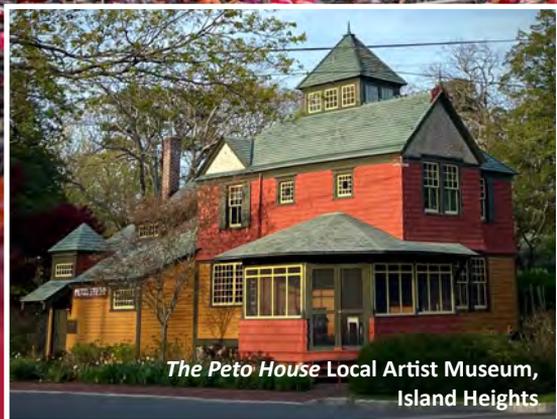
**OCEAN COUNTY** is more than just a perfect Summer Getaway! We have Festivals, natural wonders, and exciting attractions every season of the year!



Lake Shenandoah, Lakewood



*The Polar Bear Plunge, Seaside Heights*



*The Peto House Local Artist Museum, Island Heights*



*Ocean County St. Patrick's Day Parade*



*Ocean County Halloween Parade, Toms River*



*Ocean County Columbus Day Parade & Festival*



*Laurita Winery, New Egypt*



*Downtown Toms River*



# 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, hiking miles of trail, or hunting on over 13,000 acres.



Ocean County Parks. Photos by Tom Spander

# 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.



*John C. Bartlett, Jr. County Park at Berkeley Island*



# 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.

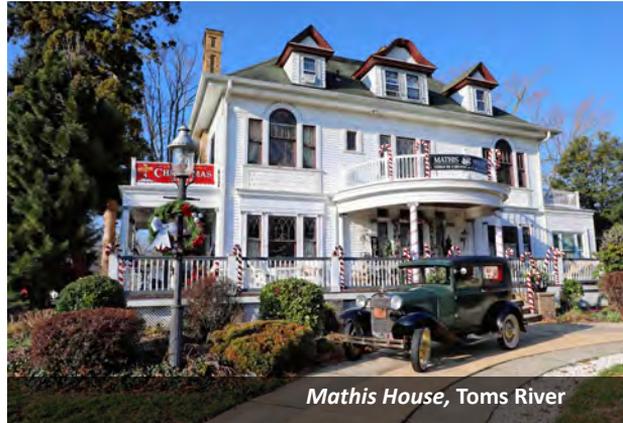
# Stay with us...

Ocean County has a variety of accommodations to provide the *getaway you need!* We have several campgrounds to consider for your tent, RV, or on-site cabin rental. If you prefer a charming and more intimate setting, you will

love our many **Bed and Breakfast** options. For a more pampered stay, our hotels have a range of offerings, some including suites near the Shore, or a vacation rental to kick back and relax with your family and feel *right at home!* Find a full list of accommodations on our website at [OceanCountyTourism.com](http://OceanCountyTourism.com), or call for personal assistance at **732-929-200**



The Grenville Hotel & Restaurant, Bay Head



Mathis House, Toms River



The Farm on Main, West Creek



Ship Bottom

# About the Cover

Front Cover Photo by Justin McNeill



Nestled right off of the Barnegat Inlet and the Atlantic Ocean in Barnegat Light, Viking Village was founded in the 1920s by first-generation Norwegian fishermen.

At the time Viking village was known as "*Independent Fish Company*." As lobsters became scarce, the gear was modified to catch sea bass. The fishery flourished! Over the years, the dock grew and evolved into scallop, gillnet, and longline fishing that characterizes the operations today! In 1975, the property by then named "**Viking Village**" was purchased by Capt. John Larson Jr. & Capt. Lou Puskas, where they pioneered tile-fishing in the Mid-Atlantic.

In the present day, the once tiny fishing shacks have been turned into shops including a fish & produce market, a take-out restaurant, a glass studio/gallery, and an antique clothing & decor store to name a few. The village is host to art shows, antique shows, & more!

As an industry leader in commercial fishing production, the village is dedicated to keeping all local fishermen fishing and harvesting responsibly. They take pride in being leaders in a program emphasizing responsibly caught fish and scallops, ensuring minimal impact on the environment and fish habitat. *Dock tours are available to learn about the rich history of the village and its daily operations! 1801 Bayview Ave, Barnegat Light, NJ.*

Visit our **Calendar of Events** at:  
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*and tag us in your adventure!*



Tourism Website

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Business Development