

## AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY REUNIONS: MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

IN FAST PACED MODERN LIFE, WITH SO MANY RESPONSIBILITIES, DEMANDS AND DISTRACTIONS, THERE'S ONE INSTITUTION THAT KEEPS US FOCUSED ON THE THINGS THAT ARE TRULY IMPORTANT: **FAMILY**. EACH YEAR THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS SEPARATED BY DISTANCE AND HARRIED DAILY LIVES STRENGTHEN AND RENEW FAMILY TIES IN THE AGE-OLD TRADITION OF THE FAMILY REUNION. IT'S AN ESPECIALLY POWERFUL TRADITION IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY, A TRADITION THAT ENCOMPASSES FAR MORE THAN A SIMPLE GET-TOGETHER FOR BARBECUE AND SWAPPING STORIES. ON ONE LEVEL, THE FAMILY REUNION REFLECTS AN EMPHASIS ON THE FAMILY UNIT AS THE GLUE OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY GOING BACK DOZENS OF GENERATIONS. THE FAMILY REUNION IS ALSO A LIVING INSTITUTION THAT FILLS MANY VITAL ROLES IN THE LIVES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES. ONE OF THESE ROLES IS AS A LEARNING FORUM WHERE PARTICIPANTS CAN LEARN HOW LIFE IS LIVED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, HAND DOWN TRADITIONS AND DISCOVER FAMILY HISTORY. ONE OF THE KEY PRODUCTS HERE IS A SENSE OF IDENTITY AND SELF-ESTEEM THAT COMES THROUGH GETTING IN TOUCH WITH COLORFUL FAMILY BACKGROUNDS AND STORIES THAT DESCRIBE THE COURAGEOUS STRUGGLES OF ANCESTORS. THERE'S STILL ANOTHER DIMENSION TO **FAMILY REUNIONS. THEY'VE GOTTEN BIG!** ACCORDING TO REUNIONS MAGAZINE, THE TRADITIONAL REUNION HAS EVOLVED BEYOND THE BACKYARD COOKOUT INTO AN EVENT THAT'S LIMITED ONLY BY A FAMILY'S IMAGINATION. FAMILIES ARE TURNING THEM INTO FULL-FLEDGED VACATIONS TO HOTELS AND RESORTS. THERE'RE HOLDING WORKSHOPS, TOURS, CONTESTS AND GROUP OUTINGS AT SPORTING EVENTS AND AMUSEMENTS PARKS. THEY'RE EXPLORING FAMILY HISTORY AND LINKING REUNIONS TO FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS. THERE'RE EVEN INVESTING IN VACATION PROPERTIES FOR FAMILY USE. IN NEW JERSEY YOU'LL FIND A WEALTH OF ACTIVITIES THAT WILL MAKE YOUR FAMILY REUNION A MEMORABLE EVENT. YOU'LL FIND THE PERFECT SETTING, WHETHER IT'S AT THE SHORE, THE MOUNTAINS OR A LUXURIOUS HOTEL. AND, YOU'LL FIND WARM PEOPLE READY TO WELCOME YOUR FAMILY AS PART OF OUR FAMILY.



Accommodations at Akwaaba By The Sea.

**E**NOYING THE COMPANY OF FAMILY CAN BE AN EVEN MORE SATISFYING EXPERIENCE WHEN IT HAPPENS IN WARM SURROUNDINGS THAT OFFER THE COMFORTS OF HOME. WHEN IT COMES TO BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED SURROUNDINGS AND OLD-FASHIONED HOSPITALITY, NEW JERSEY'S BED AND BREAKFAST INNS FIT THE BILL.

IMAGINE, FOR INSTANCE, WAKING UP IN A ROOM DECORATED WITH PERIOD ANTIQUES AND AFROCENTRIC TOUCHES AT AKWAABA BY THE SEA IN CAPE MAY, AND JOINING THE FAMILY FOR A TRUE SOUTHERN STYLE BREAKFAST COMPLETE WITH GRITS, CHICKEN AND WAFFLES. A FAMILY OUTING ON THE BEACH MIGHT FOLLOW, OR A WHALE WATCHING CRUISE, OR A TRIP TO THE ZOO FOR THE KIDS...THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS. AKWAABA (THE NAME MEANS "WELCOME" IN GHANA) IS JUST ONE OF THE GARDEN STATES MANY BED AND BREAKFAST INNS WHICH DOT THE STATE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO GREAT ATTRACTIONS AND IN SETTINGS RANGING FROM THE SHORE TO THE MOUNTAINS TO COOL COUNTRY TOWNS. THEY ALSO COME IN A VARIETY OF SIZES SUITABLE FOR SMALLER, ADULTS-ONLY REUNIONS AS WELL AS FOR FAMILY AFFAIRS.

TO FIND A "B AND B" IN NJ, VISIT THE NEW JERSEY BED AND BREAKFAST INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION'S WEB SITE: [WWW.NJINNNS.COM](http://WWW.NJINNNS.COM), OR CALL THEM AT [866-449-3335](tel:866-449-3335).

### Let Us Help You Plan!

Did you know that you have partners for planning your reunion right here in New Jersey? Each of New Jersey's six travel regions has its own tourism council that can put its expertise to work in helping you with such items as finding the right hotels and attractions every member of the family will enjoy. The help is free, it will save you time and effort and, best of all, it will help you plan the perfect reunion.

#### New Jersey Regional Tourism Councils:

**Delaware River Region**  
[www.visitsouthjersey.com](http://www.visitsouthjersey.com)  
856-757-9400

**Gateway Region**  
877-428-3930

**Greater Atlantic City Region**  
[www.actourism.org](http://www.actourism.org)  
866-719-TOUR (8687)

**Shore Region**  
732-BIG-WAVE (244-9283)  
[www.shoreregion.com](http://www.shoreregion.com)

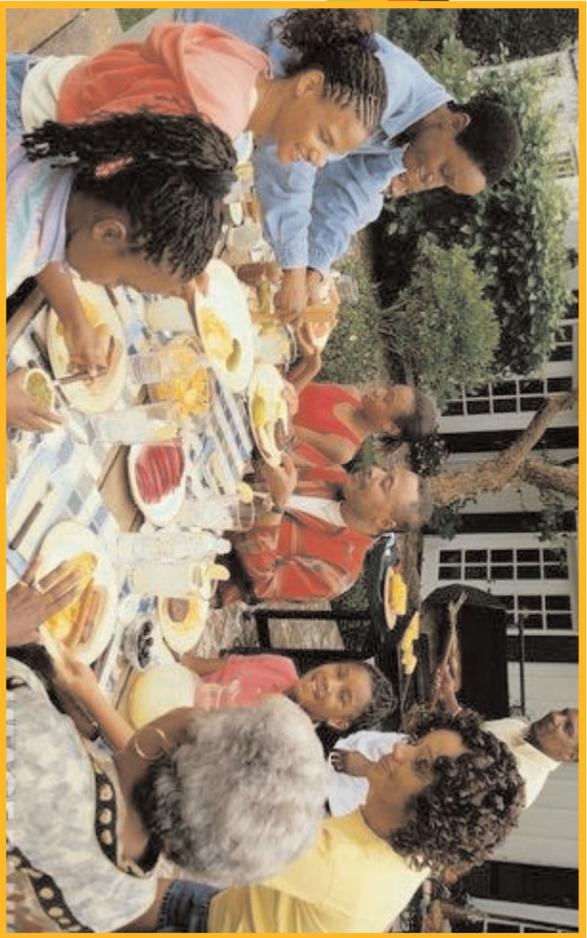
**Skylands Region**  
[www.skylandstourism.org](http://www.skylandstourism.org)  
1-800-45KYLAND

**Southern Shore Region**  
[www.njsouthernshore.com](http://www.njsouthernshore.com)  
Cape May County:  
800-227-2297

Cumberland County:  
866-866-MORE (6673)

# SKYLANDS REGION

COUNTIES OF SUSSEX, WARREN, HUNTERDON, SOMERSET AND MORRIS



## SKYLANDS REGION

### High Point State Park

973-875-4800  
<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/highpoint.html>

### Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

973-425-1222  
<http://greatswamp.fws.gov>

### Walkkill River National Wildlife Refuge

973-702-7266  
<http://walkkillriver.fws.gov>

### Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

570-588-2451  
<http://www.nps.gov/dewa/>

### Mountain Creek

973-827-2000  
[www.mountaincreek.com](http://www.mountaincreek.com)

### Crystal Springs Golf Resort & Spa

973-827-5996  
[www.crystalgolfresort.com](http://www.crystalgolfresort.com)

**T**he Skylands Region offers an abundance of wide-open spaces, soaring mountains, and crystal clear lakes. Combine that with entertaining attractions and you've got a great spot to catch up with the entire family.

The Skylands have more than 60,000 acres of state parks where you can fish, hike, canoe, explore and picnic in spectacular natural surroundings. One notable spot is HIGH POINT STATE PARK in the New Jersey's northern corner, which features a spectacular overlook from the state's highest vista. The nearby WALKKILL RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, located in Sussex, and GREAT SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, further south in Basking Ridge, are both great spots for enjoying nature's diversity. On the state's western border, in Warren and Sussex counties, the DELAWARE WATER GAP NATIONAL RECREATION AREA is well known as a place where groups enjoy rafting, tubing, canoe and kayak excursions. Water fun can be had in the northern Skylands. At



**MOUNTAIN CREEK WATERPARK** in Vernon, 36 acres are packed with more than 24 slides, rides and pools. The waterpark is just one small portion of Mountain Creek, which is actually a full-service, year-round resort that comes alive in the winter months with skiing and snowboarding fun. Lodging comes in the form of luxurious townhomes with



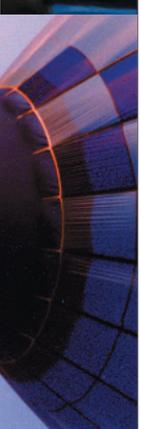
access to an outdoor heated pool and hot tubs. Close by is the **CRYSTAL SPRINGS GOLF RESORT AND SPA**, offering no fewer than five award-winning golf courses, world-class resort facilities, gourmet dining, country club and full service spa facilities where you can get pampered in style. Resort guests can stay at a state-of-the-art hotel or in spacious condominiums.

Another northern Skylands spot where the family can get together is **TOMAHAWK LAKE** in Sparta, where catered picnics prepared in an 1850s farmhouse will have guests eating all they want all day long. In between meals and snacks, there's swimming, boating, a beer garden with weekend entertainment, miniature golf, and water slides. Further east, in Rockaway Township, **CRAIGMEUR RECREATION COMPLEX** combines an all-you-can-eat menu with bumper boats, pony rides, swimming, tennis and numerous other games.

Family excursion destinations in the Skylands include **WILD WEST CITY** in Netcong, where Dodge City meets Disney World. Located just off Interstate Route 80, the re-created frontier town

# SKYLANDS REGION

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features 22 live action shows offering a taste of life in the old west, plus stagecoach and train rides, shops, museums, food and entertainment. You can even rent the town's Golden Nugget Saloon for a catered event complete with music and old west demonstrations!

A drive west on I-80 will take you to another Skylands fantasy world, the LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE in Hope. An emphasis on parent participation with children makes its exciting rides, shows, games, and water park a great place for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to connect with the little ones of the family.

For an out-of-the-ordinary activity, you can try a visit to the LAKOTA WOLF PRESERVE, near the Delaware River in Columbia. The wildlife preserve offers the photography opportunities of a lifetime and the unique experience of watching and listening to packs of tundra, timber, and arctic wolves in natural surroundings. If you think your family is up for an out-of-this-world adventure, how about a hot air balloon ride? INFLIGHT BALLOON ADVENTURES in Clinton offers free flying and tethered balloon rides for large groups.

**Tomahawk Lake**  
973-398-7777  
[www.tomahawklake.com](http://www.tomahawklake.com)

**Craigmeur Recreation Complex**  
973-697-4500  
[www.craigmeur.com](http://www.craigmeur.com)

**Wild West City**  
973-347-8900  
[www.wildwestcity.com](http://www.wildwestcity.com)

**Land of Make Believe**  
908-459-9000  
[www.thelandofmakebelieve.com](http://www.thelandofmakebelieve.com)

**InFlight Balloon Adventures**  
1-888-301-ADVENTURE (2383)  
[www.balloonj.com](http://www.balloonj.com)

**Liberty Village Premium Outlets**  
908-782-8550  
[www.premiumoutlets.com/libertyvillage](http://www.premiumoutlets.com/libertyvillage)

**Lakota Wolf Preserve**  
1-877-733-9653  
[www.lakotawolf.com](http://www.lakotawolf.com)

**Northlandz / Great American Railway, Doll Museum and Art Gallery**  
908-782-4022  
[www.northlandz.com](http://www.northlandz.com)

**Paul Robeson Boulevard/Somerville**  
908-725-2300  
[www.somervillenj.org/bdhist.html](http://www.somervillenj.org/bdhist.html)

**Boonton Underground Railroad Sites**  
[www.state.nj.us/state/history/underground\\_rr.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/state/history/underground_rr.pdf)



They'll even host an event for up to 200 people that combines balloon rides with an indoor banquet or a catered outdoor picnic complete with tent, volleyball, horseshoes and other activities.

Just south of Clinton, the town of FLEMINGTON presents a chance for a family to enjoy a choice of interesting attractions. LIBERTY VILLAGE PREMIUM OUTLETS has 60 major retailers offering steep discounts in a charming village setting. NORTHLANDZ is home to THE GREAT AMERICAN RAILWAY, THE DOLL MUSEUM and ART GALLERY. The museum features the world's largest model railroad exhibition with more than eight miles of track and up to 100 trains running daily. You'll also find more than 200 collectible dolls from around the world, 250 paintings and works of art, and a 500-seat music hall with a 2,000-pipe organ.

History buffs have plenty to see in the Skylands. PAUL ROBESON BOULEVARD in Somerville offers several sites associated with the 20th century renaissance man. ST. THOMAS A.M.E. ZION CHURCH is where the Reverend William Drew Robeson, a former slave, served as pastor and his son, Paul, sang in the church choir. One of the county's first African American Churches, St. Thomas also served as a station on the Underground Railroad. A bronze plaque on the wall of Somerville Middle School Gym marks the site of Robeson's home, the original AME parsonage. Further up the block, Somerville Board of Education headquarters occupies the site of Somerville's first high school — Robeson's alma mater and one of the few integrated high schools in the state at the time. Also found in Somerville is New Cemetery, which incorporates the area's old "colored" cemetery and serves as the final resting place of many African American Civil War veterans.

Just north of Somerville, in Bedminster, is LAMINGTON BLACK CEMETERY. One of New Jersey's most significant African American burial grounds, it was lovingly restored by the local community after years of neglect. Buried here are slaves, Civil War soldiers and early members of the area's Black community.

Another hotbed of history in the Skylands Region is Boonton, which was a major station on the Underground Railroad. LIBERTY HALL at 927 Main Street, the GRIMES HOMESTEAD at 4 Craven Road, and the old POWERVILLE HOTEL on North Main Street all served as safe havens for freedom seekers. ■

To find hotels in the Skylands Region:  
[http://rjgin.state.nj.us/OIT\\_TravelGuide/accommodations.jsp](http://rjgin.state.nj.us/OIT_TravelGuide/accommodations.jsp)  
[www.skylandstourism.org/members.htm](http://www.skylandstourism.org/members.htm)

## Art in the Atrium

Works by Alonzo Adams: *I, Too, Sing America* (left) and *The Underground*.



The Skylands may be renowned for its natural beauty, but it is also home to splendor crafted by human hands.

The Skylands municipality of Morristown is host to Art in the Atrium, an annual exhibition that has become recognized as one of New Jersey's



most important venues for showcasing fine art created by African American artists and promoting cultural awareness throughout the region.

Art in the Atrium's annual exhibit at the Morris County Administration and Records Building on Court Street features four floors of paintings, sculpture, photographs, collage and works in mixed media by more than 100 African American artists.

Such talented figures as Alonzo Adams, Cedric Smith, Benny Andrews and Janet Taylor Pickett are among the masters whose creative works have inspired thousands and provided greater insight into the African American experience. Many of the works are for sale, affording the public the opportunity to enjoy exquisite African American art in their homes.

The exhibit's sponsoring organization, Art in the Atrium, Inc., also conducts a year round program promoting art. Its efforts include art education initiatives, scholarships for visual arts students, and special events that introduce and expose both established and emerging artists.

To find out more, call 973-540-0615 or visit [www.artintheatrium.com](http://www.artintheatrium.com)

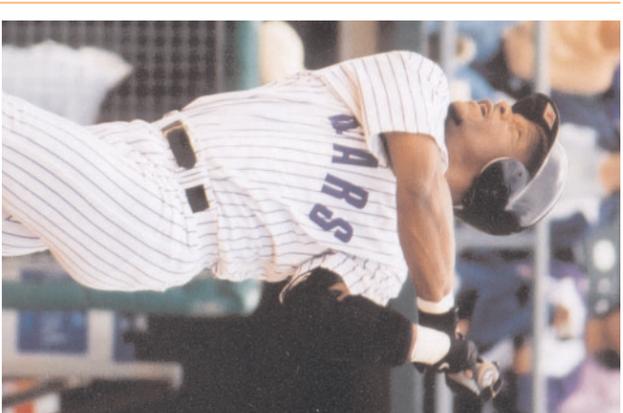
# GATEWAY REGION

COUNTIES OF BERGEN, ESSEX, HUDSON, UNION, PASSAIC AND MIDDLESEX



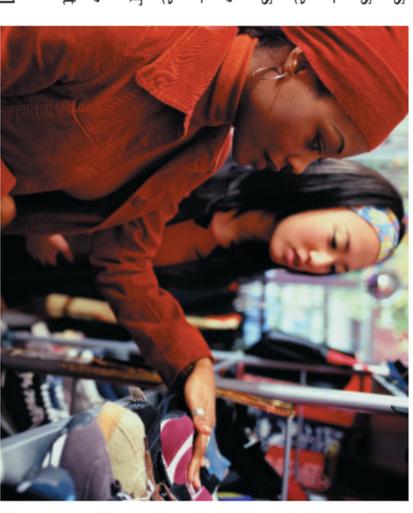
Rickey Henderson of the Newark Bears.

East Rutherford is home to pro football, basketball, hockey and soccer — plus a thoroughbred and harness racing track where groups enjoy the action and dine in style at top-of-the-line restaurants and private function rooms. Just west of the Meadowlands, the area's minor league baseball teams, the NEWARK BEARS and the NEW JERSEY JACKALS, who play in Montclair, both have special picnic areas for large groups. Adjacent to the Jackals stadium is the YOGI BERRA MUSEUM AND LEARNING CENTER, which



recently acquired one of the country's largest and most historically significant collections of Negro Leagues memorabilia.

One prime attraction in the Gateway Region revolves around something nearly everyone enjoys on vacation: shopping. There are bargains to be had at the 100+ stores at the SECAUCUS OUTLETS and a short drive south is Elizabeth's JERSEY GARDENS, the state's largest outlet mall and headquarters for a staggering range of off-price retailers. Then there's PARAMUS, in Bergen County, with one of the greatest concentrations of retail stores in the United States, and THE MALL AT SHORT HILLS in Essex County, among the country's most upscale shopping destinations. Something else you'll



find in abundance in the Gateway Region is culture. The PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE in Millburn attracts more than 450,000 patrons annually with an award-winning mix of shows. The BERGEN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER in Englewood is a stop for America's top musical and comedic performers. The southern-most town in the region, New Brunswick, has made a name as a theater spot with the STATE THEATER and the GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE. Here, a post-show gathering might include dinner at MAKEBA ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT or DELTA's, where upscale Southern cuisine is what's for dinner.



## GATEWAY REGION

**Liberty State Park**  
201-915-3403  
[www.state.nj.us/dep/parksand-forests/parks/liberty.html](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksand-forests/parks/liberty.html)

**Statue of Liberty National Monument**  
212-363-3200  
[www.nps.gov/stli](http://www.nps.gov/stli)

**Ellis Island Immigration Museum**  
212-363-3206  
[www.ellisland.com](http://www.ellisland.com)

**Liberty Science Center**  
201-200-1000  
[www.lisc.org](http://www.lisc.org)

**Meadowlands Sports Complex**  
201-935-3900  
[www.meadowlands.com](http://www.meadowlands.com)

**Newark Bears**  
973-848-1000  
[www.newarkbears.com](http://www.newarkbears.com)

**New Jersey Jackals**  
973-746-7434  
[www.jackals.com](http://www.jackals.com)

A spectacular venue for a family gathering is spacious LIBERTY STATE PARK, in Jersey City, where the STATUE OF LIBERTY, ELLIS ISLAND and the Manhattan skyline form a dramatic backdrop and a two-mile promenade affords spectacular views of the Hudson River. Here you will find several interesting attractions for side trips, such as the ELLIS ISLAND IMMIGRATION MUSEUM documenting the story of millions who came to America's shores from around the world. LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER is an interactive science museum with hands-on exhibits that make science fun for kids of all ages.\* It is also site of the nation's largest IMAX dome theater.

Liberty State Park is just one possibility in New Jersey's most populous region. It's an area teeming with diversity and excitement. It's also easy to reach and navigate with an excellent highway transportation network, a major international airport and a wealth of rail, ferry and bus options.

The thrill of sports is everywhere in the Gateway Region. The MEADOWLANDS SPORTS COMPLEX in



The Statue of Liberty

\*Note: Liberty Science Center is open through Labor Day 2005. After Labor Day, a major building expansion will take place, and the Science Center will temporarily relocate to the historic Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal in nearby Liberty State Park.

**Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center**  
973-655-2378  
[www.yogiberramuseum.org](http://www.yogiberramuseum.org)

**Secaucus Outlets**  
[www.secaucusoutlets.com](http://www.secaucusoutlets.com)

**Jersey Gardens**  
908-354-5900  
[www.jerseygardens.com](http://www.jerseygardens.com)

**The Mall at Short Hills**  
973-376-7350  
[www.shopsforhills.com](http://www.shopsforhills.com)

**New Jersey Performing Arts Center**  
888-Go-Njpac  
[www.njpac.org](http://www.njpac.org)

**Essex County College**  
973-877-3000  
[www.essex.edu](http://www.essex.edu)

**New Jersey Symphony Orchestra**  
800-ALLEGRO  
[www.njsymphony.org](http://www.njsymphony.org)

**Newark Museum**  
973-596-6550  
[www.newarkmuseum.org](http://www.newarkmuseum.org)

**Newark Public Library**  
973-733-7784  
[www.npl.org](http://www.npl.org)

**New Jersey Historical Society**  
973-596-8500  
[www.jerseyhistory.org](http://www.jerseyhistory.org)

**Newark Symphony Hall**  
973-643-4550  
[www.newarksymphonyhall.org](http://www.newarksymphonyhall.org)

**African Globe Theater Company**  
Newark  
973-624-1584  
[www.africanlobe.com](http://www.africanlobe.com)

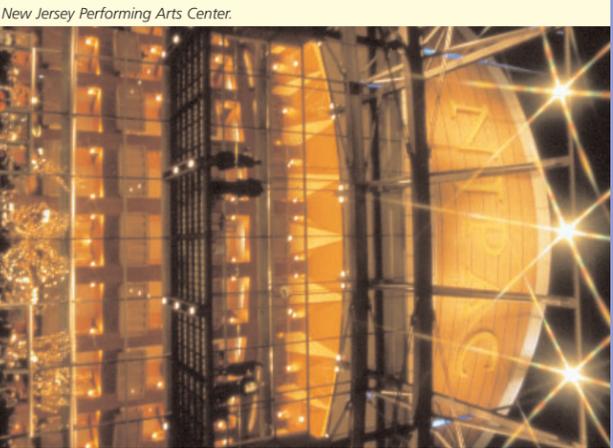
**Ironbound Section, Newark**  
973-424-1843  
[www.goironbound.com](http://www.goironbound.com)

**Je's Restaurant**  
973-623-8848  
**The Priority**  
973-242-8012

# GATEWAY REGION

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## Attractions Galore in Newark



New Jersey Performing Arts Center.



New Jersey Performing Arts Center performance of Balé Folclórico da Bahia; photo by Mariza Vianna.

Newark is a compact city with a big list of things to do. In a radius of just a few blocks the city has an incredible array of attractions.

**The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC)** is a state-of-the-art venue where the leading lights of stage and song star in productions celebrating art forms ranging from gospel to modern dance. The Grammy Award-winning **New Jersey Symphony Orchestra** makes

its home at the center, which is within walking distance of the **Newark Museum** and its eclectic collection of exhibitions celebrating world cultures. A hands-on natural science exhibit is also among the museum's leading attractions. Nearby are the **Newark Public Library** and the **New Jersey Historical Society**, both of which focus on exhibits and

Performance at the Globe Theater Works



The Behold Monument, sculptor Patrick Morelli at Essex County College.

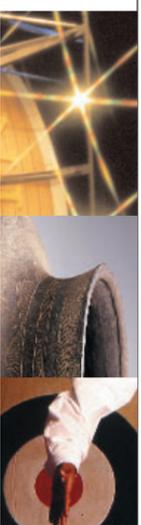


events celebrating African American themes. At **Essex County College**, you'll be inspired by the ten-foot bronze "Behold Monument" a replica of a monument that stands at the King Center for Non-Violence in Atlanta. Also in Newark is **Symphony Hall**, headquarters for the **African Globe Theater Works** performance company,

and dozens of art galleries sure to awaken the senses.

Something else that might be awakened after a busy day in Newark enjoying family and local attractions is your appetite. Newark's **Ironbound** section is host to dozens of ethnic restaurants well suited for big group celebra-

tions. Try Spanish and Portuguese seafood delights, or Brazilian rodizio, a feast where round after round of sizzling grilled meats are brought to the table. You can also find down home flavors at such spots as **Joe's Restaurant**, serving traditional soul food, and **The Priority**, where southern cuisine meets live jazz entertainment.



### Paper Mill Playhouse

973-376-4343  
www.papermill.org

### Bergen Performing Arts Center

201-816-8160  
www.bergenpac.org

### State Theater

1-877-STATE11  
www.statetheatrenj.org

### George Street Playhouse

732-246-7717  
www.georgestplayhouse.org

### Makeda Ethiopian Restaurant

732-545-5115  
www.makedas.com

### Delta's Restaurant

732-249-1551  
www.deltarestaurant.com

### Trumpets Jazz Club

973-744-2600  
www.trumpetsjazz.com

### Studio Players

973-744-9752  
www.studioplayhouse.org

### Luna Stage

973-744-3309  
www.lunastage.org

### Montclair State University TheatreFest

973-655-3004  
www.montclair.edu

### Umoja Dance Company

973-674-0285  
www.umojadance.com

### Great Falls National Historic Landmark District

973-225-0826  
www.patersongreatfalls.com

### Gethsemane Cemetery County Historic Site

201-339-7274  
www.co.bergen.nj.us/parks

(select "Historical Museums & Sites" from menu)



Wings of Courage, as performed at the State Theater



African Globe Studios

Region town with a lively African American cultural scene is Montclair. Jazz lovers can catch concerts at many venues in town, including **TRUMPETS JAZZ CLUB**, the state's top jazz cabaret. For stage performances, there are such companies as **STUDIO PLAYERS** and **LUNA STAGE**, plus **Montclair State University's THEATREFEST**. **Montclair** is also the home of **UMOJA DANCE COMPANY**, which blends West African and modern dance.

A few miles north is Paterson's **GREAT FALLS NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK DISTRICT**, where American industry grew up and such advances as the revolver, the submarine and continuous sheet paper were first created. It's also home to a spectacular 77-foot waterfall, one of the largest in the East. And east of Paterson, in the town of Little Ferry, **GETHESEMANE CEMETERY COUNTRY HISTORIC SITE** offers insight into the lives of slaves, Civil War veterans and African American citizens who helped build New Jersey in the 18th and 19th centuries. ■

To find hotels in the Gateway Region:

[http://njgin.state.nj.us/OIT\\_TravelGuide/accommodations.jsp](http://njgin.state.nj.us/OIT_TravelGuide/accommodations.jsp)

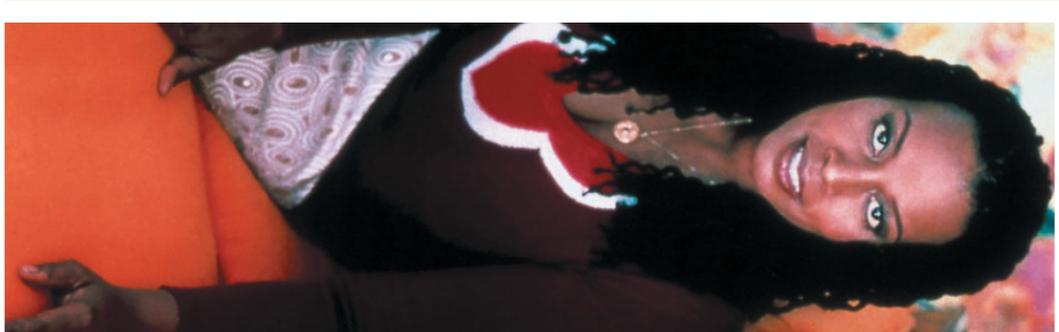
# DELAWARE RIVER REGION

COUNTIES OF MERCER, BURLINGTON, CAMDEN, GLOUCESTER AND SALEM



WATERFRONT PARK, a lush green space where you can also enjoy special events, fireworks and evening concerts. Or, let the kids indulge their curiosity just a short distance away at the CAMDEN CHILDREN'S GARDEN, a 4-acre interactive garden that includes such theme exhibits as dinosaur, storybook and picnic lunch gardens, and an underground maze. You can also go for carousel and train rides.

When it comes to entertainment, there's plenty to do on the Camden Waterfront. The TWEETER CENTER has a unique indoor-outdoor design that allows it to host headline event concerts and family shows in both open-air amphitheater and intimate theater settings. THE RUTGERS-CAMDEN CENTER FOR THE ARTS provides a wonderful mix of exciting exhibits and live performances that have featured such stars as Danny Glover, Charles Dutton and



Dianne Reeves.

The SOUTH JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER is the waterfront's home for theater, dance, comedy and musical entertainment, offering a who's who of headline acts. THE WALT WHITMAN CULTURAL ARTS CENTER sponsors literary, performing and visual arts programs with a special emphasis on programs for children. At CAMPBELL'S FIELD you can watch minor league baseball with the marvelous backdrop of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, which spans the Delaware River beyond the outfield wall.

There's quite a bit of history in such Camden spots as COOPER'S FERRY, near the aquarium, which was first a slave port and then a landing spot for Underground Railroad freedom seekers. A nearby station on the Underground Railroad was MACEDONIA A.M.E. CHURCH, Camden's oldest Black church, established in 1832.

Another major historic site in the region is LAWNSIDE. New Jersey's largest historically Black town. Here, just a few miles outside



Let's start on the Delaware River waterfront in Camden, a great place to spend the day at several notable family attractions. First, there's the ADVENTURE AQUARIUM, which reopens in May 2005 after a major expansion. Visitors to Adventure Aquarium will be able to explore a West African River exhibit featuring hipopotamuses, free-flying birds and crocodiles. They will surround themselves with sharks in a 40-foot walk-through tunnel and experience the wonders of the deep sea in an IMAX theater.

Nearby is the BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY, America's most decorated battleship and one of the largest ever built. Visitors can enter the ship's legendary 16-inch gun turrets, visit the Combat Engagement Center, take command of a combat flight simulator, and participate in a simulated launch of a Tomahawk missile. As you climb the ship's original ladders and companionways and explore the captain's and admiral's cabins, you'll learn more about the U.S.S. New Jersey's distinguished service in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf.

You can recharge your batteries at the ULYSSES S. WIGGINS

## DELAWARE RIVER REGION

### Adventure Aquarium

[www.adventureaquarium.com](http://www.adventureaquarium.com)  
856-365-3300

### Battleship New Jersey

856-966-1652  
[www.battleshipnewjersey.org](http://www.battleshipnewjersey.org)

### Ulysses S. Wiggins Waterfront Park

Concert Hotline 856-216-2170 /  
Special Events 856-216-2122  
[www.camdencounty.com/government/offices/parks/pk\\_wiggins.html](http://www.camdencounty.com/government/offices/parks/pk_wiggins.html)

### Camden Children's Garden

856-365-TREE (8733)  
[www.camdenchildrensgarden.org](http://www.camdenchildrensgarden.org)

### Tweeter Center

856-365-1300  
[www.tweetercenter.com](http://www.tweetercenter.com)

### Rutgers-Camden Center for the Arts

856-225-2700  
[www.camden.rutgers.edu/](http://www.camden.rutgers.edu/)

### South Jersey Performing Arts Center

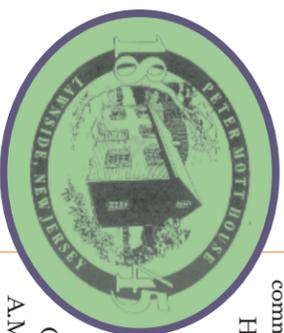
856-342-6633  
[www.sjpac.com](http://www.sjpac.com)

### Walt Whitman Cultural Arts Center

856-964-8300  
[www.waltwhitmancenter.org](http://www.waltwhitmancenter.org)

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Camden, you'll find historic homes, churches, schools and other buildings built by and for the town's African American community, including the **PETER MOTT HOUSE**, which serves as a museum.

Built in 1844, it is one of a few existing Underground Railroad stations owned and operated by an African American. Other notable structures are **MT. PISGAH A.M.E. CHURCH**, one of the state's oldest

A.M.E. congregations, and **MT. PEACE CEMETERY**, final resting place of John Lawson, an African American sailor awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his extraordinary bravery in the Civil War.

**Campbell's Field/  
Camden RiverSharks**  
1-866-SHARKS9  
www.riversharks.com

**Macedonia A.M.E. Church**  
856-365-3840

**Lawnside Historical  
Society / Peter Mott House**  
856-546-8850  
www.petermotthouse.org

**Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church**  
856-547-5568

**Trenton Waterfront Park/  
Trenton Thunder**  
609-394-3300  
www.trentonthunder.com

**Sovereign Bank Arena**  
609-656-3222  
www.sovereignbank-arena.com

**The Mill Hill Saloon**  
609-394-7222  
www.millhillsaloon.com

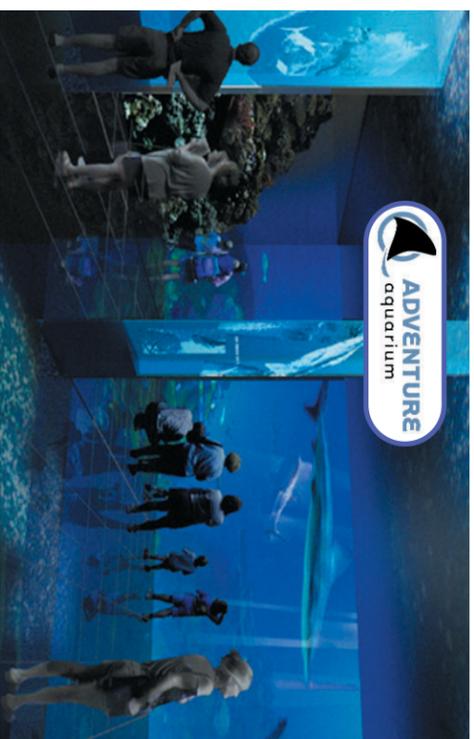
**Trenton Jazz Festival**  
609-989-3628  
www.trentonjz.org

Follow the Delaware River north and you will find New Jersey's state capital, Trenton, and an opportunity to enjoy a family sports outing. There's baseball at **WATERFRONT PARK**, home of the New York Yankees Class AA affiliate, the Trenton Thunder, and a cornucopia of sporting events at **SOVEREIGN BANK ARENA**. You might like to rent an executive suite for the entire family and take in college basketball, minor league hockey, pro wrestling, or the Harlem Globetrotters. Concerts and family shows, like Disney on Ice, are also featured.

Dining and evening entertainment are among Trenton's prime attractions. The city's downtown section is known for its good food and live jazz. Speaking of jazz...if you schedule your reunion in late summer,



Camden Children's Garden.



Artist's rendering of Camden's new Adventure Aquarium.

your family can celebrate together at the annual **TRENTON JAZZ FESTIVAL**, regarded as one of the top jazz events on the East Coast.

Great places to take the kids in Trenton include the **STATE MUSEUM**, home to dinosaurs and fossils galore as well as a state-of-the-art planetarium where they can zoom into space.

The nearby town of **PRINCETON** is well known as home of Princeton University, but did you know about this historic town's



## The Cradle of Emancipation

A Delaware River Region adventure that might get everyone talking about family history is a guided tour of **Burlington County**, called the "Cradle of Emancipation" for its rich African American history. Sixteen sites in nine towns demon-

strate African American life over three centuries. In **Burlington City**, you can view Burlington Island, where African slaves were held as far back as 1659, when it was a part of the Dutch colony of New Netherlands. **Burlington City** was particularly important

as a center for anti-slavery activism and you can take a self-guided walking tour of Underground Railroad sites. The state's oldest pharmacy (the building was constructed in 1731 and has housed a drug store since 1841) is **Burlington Pharmacy** on High Street, once

owned by the abolitionist Quaker **William J. Allinson**. He used his store for anti-slavery rallies and oral tradition has it that tunnels under this building hid slaves as part of the Underground Railroad.

**New Jersey  
State Museum**  
609-292-6464  
www.state.nj.us/  
state/museum

**McCarter Theater  
and Center for the  
Performing Arts**  
1-888-ARTSWEB  
www.mccarter.org

**The Historical  
Society of Princeton**  
609-921-6748  
www.princetonhistory.org

**Historic Burlington County**  
www.co.burlington.nj.us/  
tourism/history/african.htm

**Historic Burlington City**  
609-386-3993  
www.tourburlington.org

**Clementon  
Amusement Park and  
Splash World Waterpark**  
856-783-0263  
www.clementonpark.com

**Cowtown Rodeo**  
856-769-3200  
www.cowtownrodeo.com



Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra at the McCarter Theater.

African American past, which can trace its beginnings to the late 1600s? The **HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PRINCETON** helps visitors arrange self-guided tours of some 25 landmark African American sites, like the birthplace of Paul Robeson, who achieved worldwide fame as an All-American football player, author, singer, actor, and civil rights activist. Time in Princeton can also be enjoyed shopping at trendy downtown boutiques or with a show at the Tony-Award winning **MCCARTER THEATER AND CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**.

In the Delaware River Region, there are all kinds of possibilities for a creative family outing. How about thrill rides and fun in the water at **CLEMENTON AMUSEMENT PARK** and **SPLASH WORLD WATERPARK**? Or an evening at America's longest running, regularly scheduled Saturday night rodeo, **COWTOWN RODEO** in Salem County? ■

To find hotels in the Delaware River Region:

www.visitsouthjersey.com/hotel\_directory.asp  
http://njgin.state.nj.us/OIT\_TravelGuide/accommodations.jsp

# PLANNING YOUR FAMILY REUNION

Putting together a reunion event smoothly requires a bit of planning skill and creativity – something every family is sure to have plenty of. Here is a checklist of planning items that may be helpful in your efforts.



## 12 months before

- > Send first mailer, include names of missing persons, tentative schedule plans, suggestions (tours, souvenirs, memory books), theme, and approximate cost
- > Set date(s)
- > Choose location
- > Select theme
- > Arrange or hire entertainment, caterer, photographer, videographer, printer.



## 2-4 months before

- > Meet with hotel staff, visit facility with reunion committee
- > Select decorations, signs, banners, and order printed items
- > Reserve rental equipment
- > Submit personalized souvenir order (t-shirts, mugs, caps, etc.).



## 18-24 months before

- > Determine interest
- > Start mailing list
- > Form reunion committee(s); establish responsibilities and schedules
- > Keep records of everything
- > Develop budget and book-keeping system
- > Scout locations and facilities
- > Contact convention and visitors or tourism bureaus.



## 5 months before

- > Confirm reservations, entertainment, photographer, caterer
- > Send mailing to newly located people as they're found
- > Choose menu
- > Announce event to local news media, elected officials.



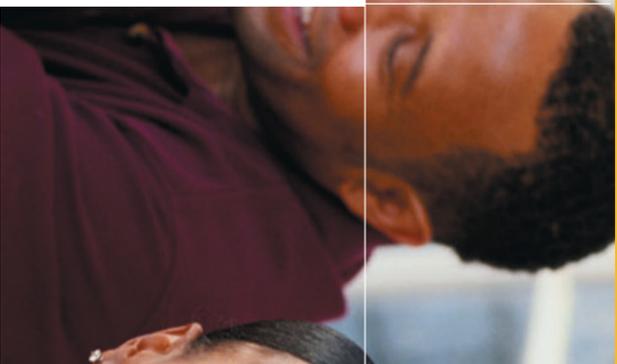
## 6-9 months before

- > Send second mailer, include registration form, cost and updated list of missing persons
- > Schedule events and activities program, speakers, awards ceremony, tours.
- > Reserve a block of rooms
- > Begin souvenir directory/list of attendees/memory book.



## Six weeks before

- > Complete directory/memory book and deliver to the printer
- > Write checklist for reunion tasks
- > Designate assignments for reunion volunteers.



## Two weeks before

- > Purchase last-minute decorations and incidental supplies
- > Reconfirm meeting, sleeping and eating accommodations
- > Review final checklist.



## The day before

- > Determine location staff contacts for your reunion
- > Solve last-minute problems
- > Review final details with reunion committee.



## Reunion Day(s)

- > Set up registration tables, rental equipment, displays
- > Juggle details: volunteers, food, photographer, games, entertainment
- > Decorate
- > Salute volunteers
- > Enjoy!



## Afterward

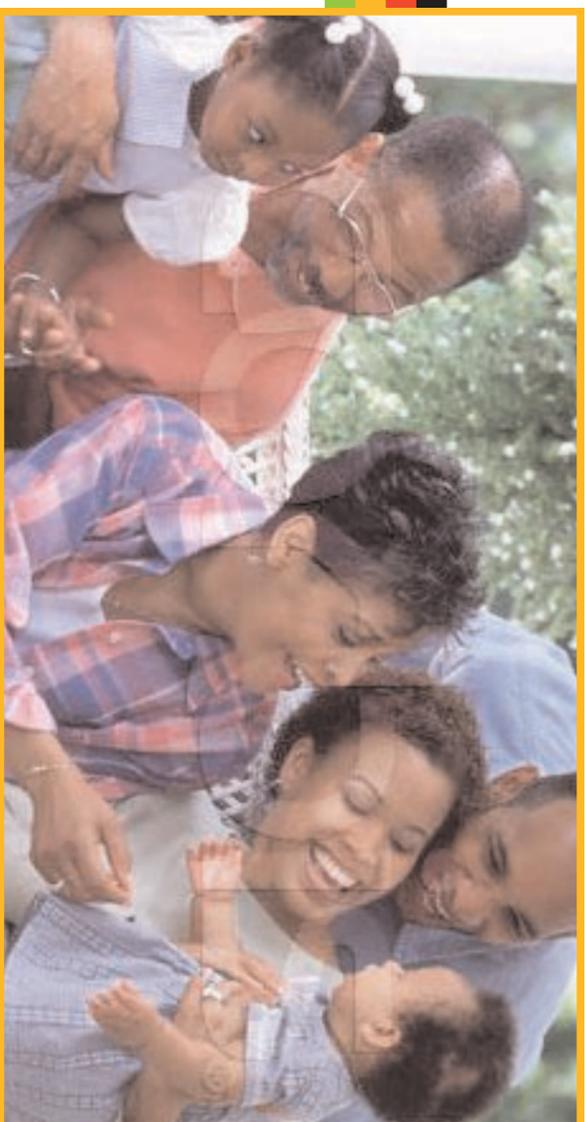
- > Reflect and evaluate - what worked, what didn't
- > Complete bookkeeping, settle accounts
- > Write thank-you notes to volunteers, hotel staff, caterers
- > Start planning your next reunion.



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# SHORE REGION

COUNTIES OF MONMOUTH AND OCEAN



## SHORE REGION

**Gateway National Recreation Area**  
732-872-5970  
[www.nps.gov/gate](http://www.nps.gov/gate)

**Tuckerton Seaport**  
609-296-8868  
[www.tuckertonseaport.org](http://www.tuckertonseaport.org)

**Keansburg Amusement Park**  
732-495-1400  
[www.keansburgamusementpark.com](http://www.keansburgamusementpark.com)

**Jenkinson's Aquarium**  
732-899-1212  
[www.jenkinsons.com/aquarium](http://www.jenkinsons.com/aquarium)

**Point Pleasant Offshore Powerboat Race**  
732-583-8501  
[www.homestead.com/njoffshore/NJoffshore2.html](http://www.homestead.com/njoffshore/NJoffshore2.html)

Sand and surf form wonderful surroundings for a family reunion. In New Jersey's Shore Region there are 71 miles of Atlantic Ocean beaches with a variety of personalities, from the Victorian charm of Avon-by-the-Sea and Ocean Grove to the soothing atmosphere of ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK, where the sand dunes and beaches have changed little over the centuries.

GATEWAY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, SANDY HOOK UNIT offers popular beaches, fishing and the chance to tour two distinct historic sites: FORT HANCOCK, which has guarded the entrance to New York Harbor for more than a century and SANDY HOOK LIGHTHOUSE, the oldest lighthouse still in use in the United States. Sandy Hook is one of five lighthouse locations in this region. Others are found, from north to south, at Highlands, Sea Girt, Barnegat and Tuckerton. Tucker's Island Light located in Southern Ocean County is at the center of TUCKERTON SEAPORT, an authentic working seaport village with re-created historical structures, demonstrations, shops and exhibits that illustrate traditional life in coastal New Jersey.



Sandy Hook Lighthouse.



**Island Beach State Park**  
732-793-0506  
[www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/island.html](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/island.html)

**Six Flags Great Adventure**  
732-928-1821  
[www.sixflags.com](http://www.sixflags.com)

**New Jersey Fishing Information**  
609-292-2965  
[www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com)

**PNC Bank Arts Center**  
732-335-8698  
[www.artscenter.com](http://www.artscenter.com)

**Asbury Park Jazz and Gospel Festival**  
732-775-2100  
[www.cityofasburypark.com](http://www.cityofasburypark.com)

**Red Bank Jazz and Blues Festival**  
732-775-4100  
[www.redbankfestival.com](http://www.redbankfestival.com)

**Count Basie Theatre**  
732-842-9000  
[www.countbasietheatre.org](http://www.countbasietheatre.org)

**Englishtown Auction**  
732-446-9644  
[www.englishtownauction.com](http://www.englishtownauction.com)

**Jackson Outlet Village**  
732-833-0503  
[www.jacksonoutletvillage.com](http://www.jacksonoutletvillage.com)

**Monmouth Park**  
732-222-5100  
[www.monmouthpark.com](http://www.monmouthpark.com)

Fishing is a favorite shore activity. There's surfcasting, pier fishing and crabbing on land, or you can take to the sea. Party boats found up and down the shore run half- and full-day group expeditions to abundant fishing grounds filled with bluefish, striped bass, tuna, fluke and more. For the non-fishers, you can still roll on the ocean waves and enjoy the smell of salt air by chartering a boat for a sightseeing trip.

Families can link their reunions to one of the many special



events that fill the Shore Region's calendar. PNC BANK ARTS CENTER, a major performance venue in the Monmouth County town of Holmdel, hosts an annual African American festival featuring African crafts, soul food, jazz, steel bands and gospel choirs. Also in Monmouth, the ASBURY PARK JAZZ AND GOSPEL FESTIVAL draws music lovers to an annual two-day event held every summer, while the RED BANK JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL is a celebration of music, food and art on the banks of the Navesink River. Red Bank, by the way, is home to the COUNT BASIE THEATRE, a great place to take in a show. The theater honors Red Bank native William James "Count" Basie, the great Big Band leader who recorded "The Red Bank Boogie" and "The Kid from Red Bank."

You're in New Jersey, so of course you can enjoy shopping. ENGLISHTOWN AUCTION, in Englishtown, is a bargain hunter's dream with a sprawling 40-acre location that combines a flea market, outlet center, farmers market and arts, crafts and antiques fair. From there, a ride south along back country roads will bring you to the JACKSON

OUTLET VILLAGE, which features 70 brand name stores like Banana Republic, Timberland, Tommy Hilfinger and Nike. Sports action is never far away in the Shore Region. MONMOUTH PARK in Oceanport features thoroughbred horse racing and facilities for group dining and parties. At FREEHOLD RACEWAY, in



Freehold, harness racing is the game at this historic track that dates back to 1853. For baseball fans, there's the LAKEWOOD BLUE CLAWS, who offer meeting facilities, picnics, and luxury suite rentals at their home field, FirstEnergy Park in Lakewood.

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Excitement "Down the Shore"



Family fun and thrills are a hallmark of the Shore Region. At its northern end is **Keansburg Amusement Park**, a playground for kids of every age, offering group packages to enjoy rides and the **Runaway Rapids Waterpark**, which has been totally rebuilt for 2005.

A ride south along the shore will take you through such towns as **Point Pleasant Beach**, a classic family destination. Its boardwalk is filled with rides, arcades, amusements, and **Jenkinson's Aquarium**, where the sights include penguins, sharks, alligators and exotic sea life. One big Point Pleasant event is the annual **Offshore Powerboat Race**, where the ocean equivalent of drag racers bounce along the surf in an adrenaline-pumping speed

fest. Further down the shore is **Seaside Heights**, a cornucopia of bright lights and thrilling rides.

The boardwalks aren't the only spot for rides and amusements. Inland, in Jackson Township, is **Six Flags Great Adventure**, America's top seasonal theme park. There are more than 100 rides, shows and attractions, including "Kingda Ka," billed as the tallest, fastest roller coaster on Earth with a height of 455 feet and speeds of up to 128 miles per hour! There's also the Looney Tunes Seaport, a special section filled with rides for young children, the 45-acre Hurricane Harbor water adventure park, and Six Flags Wild Safari, where you can see more than 1,200 free-roaming animals from around the world as you drive through in your car or ride an excursion bus.



Kingda Ka at Six Flags Great Adventure



"The Gatekeeper," a mural of Clinton Pearson Heath, by Bob Mataraglio, located at Middletown's Heath Farm.

**Freehold Raceway**  
732-462-3800  
[www.freeholdraceway.com](http://www.freeholdraceway.com)

**Lakewood Blue Claws**  
732-901-7000  
[www.bluedaws.com](http://www.bluedaws.com)

**Heath Farm**  
732-671-0566  
<http://heathfarm.tripod.com/peacelane>

**Fort Monmouth U.S. Army Communications Museum**  
732-532-1682  
[www.fortmonmouth.army.mil/C4ISR/services/museum.shtml](http://www.fortmonmouth.army.mil/C4ISR/services/museum.shtml)



African American traditions run strong in the Shore Region. **HEATH FARM** in Middletown, founded in the 1870s by a freed slave, gives visitors a chance to experience life on an African American family farm. Groups can enjoy a children's garden, a blacksmith shop, a sugar cane mill, an exhibit of antique agricultural equipment and a live honey bee colony.

You can learn about more modern history at **FORT MONMOUTH** in Eatontown, the center of electronics development for the U.S. Army. It's called the "Black Brain Center of the U.S." by virtue of the fact that African American scientists and engineers flourished here at a time when other research facilities would not provide them with opportunities. It was here that these scientists were awarded 70 patents for innovations like The Global Positioning System (GPS). You can learn more about the breakthroughs that came out of Fort Monmouth at the **UNITED STATES ARMY COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS MUSEUM** housed on the base\*.

\*Note: Because of security restrictions visits must be arranged in advance.

To find hotels in the Shore Region:  
[http://njgin.state.nj.us/OIT\\_TravelGuide/accommodations.jsp](http://njgin.state.nj.us/OIT_TravelGuide/accommodations.jsp)

# GREATER ATLANTIC CITY REGION

ATLANTIC COUNTY



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**Ripley's Believe It Or Not! Museum**  
609-347-2001  
www.ripleys.com

**Rainforest Café**  
Atlantic City  
609-345-5757  
www.rainforestcafe.com

**Planet Hollywood**  
Atlantic City  
609-347-7827  
www.planethollywood.com

**Steel Pier Amusement Pier**  
1-866-386-6559  
www.steelpier.com

**H**ow about this for a family reunion destination: Beaches. Hotels and resorts that make a living keeping big groups happy with comfortable accommodations, large meeting spaces and sumptuous food service. A little casino gaming and A-list entertainment for the grown-ups. Amusements and attractions galore for the kids. Easy accessibility with major expressways, train service and an international airport. Sound good? Here's more about the Greater Atlantic City Region.

Atlantic City itself is one of America's most popular travel destinations, drawing more than 32 million people annually. The biggest draws are the 12 casino hotels, with their lush décor, over-the-top buffets, games of chance and stage shows featuring top recording artists, comedians and some of the biggest names in show biz. The casinos are worlds unto themselves, complete with shops, restaurants and service staff that cater to your every whim. But the casinos are just a starting point when it comes to attractions worthy of a big group outing.

## A Rich Heritage in AC



Jazz at Chicken Bone Beach.

Chances to explore African American history and heritage abound. On the Atlantic City shore is **Chicken Bone Beach** between Missouri and Mississippi Avenues. This once-segregated area was a vibrant center for entertainment and family fun. Black-owned businesses abounded in the surrounding area, which drew such entertainers as Sammy Davis Jr., Ray Charles, Pearl Bailey, Cab Calloway and James Brown – all of whom performed regularly in local

black-owned clubs such as **Club Harlem**, the site of which is commemorated by a plaque on Kentucky Avenue. For the past few summers, Chicken Bone Beach has been home to a summer jazz concert series. The story of Atlantic City's African American community is told at such sites as the **Atlantic City Historical Museum** and the **Atlantic City Art Center**. AC's **Civil Rights Garden** commemorates the struggle for equal standing. **Pop Lloyd Stadium** honors Baseball Hall

of Fame member John Henry "Pop" Lloyd, called "the best short-stop ever" by none other than Babe Ruth. **The All Wars Memorial Building** pays tribute to African American war veterans whose names were excluded from an all-White war memorial built in the 1920s. When it comes to traditional tastes, a few Atlantic City spots worth checking out include **Fish Heads**, whose signature dish is "soul slaw" made with pineapple juice and served with such favorites as ribs and

greens. In nearby Pleasantville, enjoy **Kelsey & Kim's Soul Food & Barbecue** or **Wash's Inn**, a 200-seat seafood and soul restaurant that's great for groups. The heritage doesn't stop at Atlantic City's borders. West of the city, in the town of Newtonville, there's the **African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey**, home to a rich collection of artifacts chronicling history and culture.

There's the world-famous Atlantic City boardwalk, a major destination going back to the 1870s. Along its five-mile length you'll find such stops as the **RIPLY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT! MUSEUM**, with more than 400 exhibits detailing the amazing and the bizarre. The **RAINFOREST CAFÉ** provides a chance to enjoy a meal and enjoy a tropical adventure complete with waterfalls, entertaining animatronic gorillas, trumpeting elephants and whimsical butterflies. At **PLANET HOLLYWOOD**, there's California cuisine amid the backdrop of a \$30 million memorabilia

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hunters will love the outlet shops at THE WALK, featuring exciting name brand fashions at discount prices of up to 70 percent off!

There's plenty to do a short drive just outside the Atlantic City limits. HISTORIC SMITHVILLE is a quaint village with more than 60 unique shops, award-winning restaurants and artisans. Smithville also sponsors shows, special events and activities for the



Atlantic City.

**Central Pier  
Arcade & Speedway**  
609-345-5219

**Historic Boardwalk Hall**  
609-348-7000  
[www.boardwalkhall.com](http://www.boardwalkhall.com)

**The Pier at Caesars**  
800-443-0104  
[www.caesarsac.com](http://www.caesarsac.com)

**The Ocean Life Center**  
609-348-2880  
[www.oceanlifecenter.com](http://www.oceanlifecenter.com)

**The Sandcastle / Atlantic City Surf**  
609-344-TURF  
[www.acsurf.com](http://www.acsurf.com)

**Atlantic City Outlets, The Walk**  
609-343-0081  
[www.acoutlets.com](http://www.acoutlets.com)

**Historic Smithville**  
609-652-7777  
[www.smithvillenj.com](http://www.smithvillenj.com)

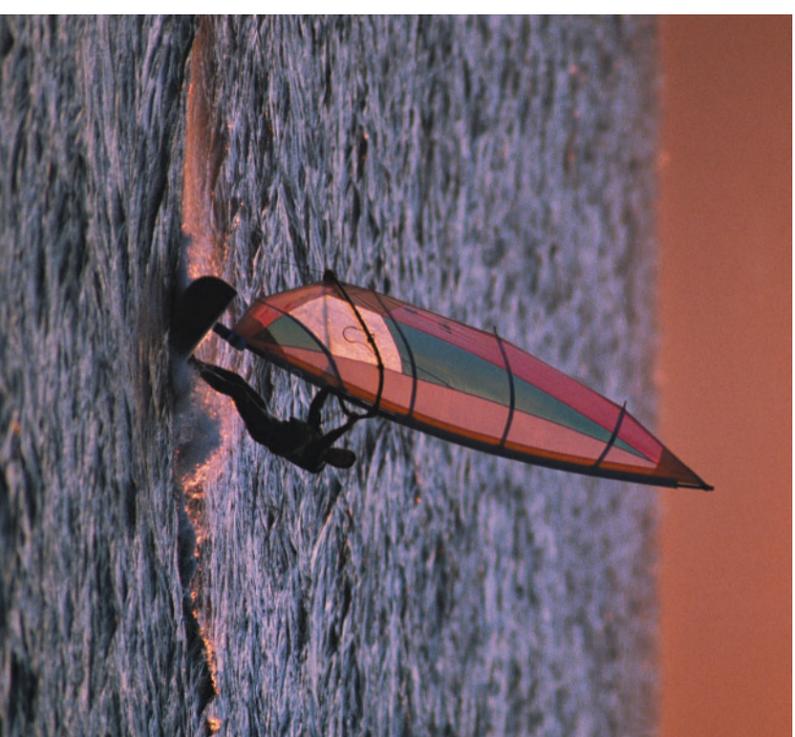
**Absecon Lighthouse**  
609-449-1360  
[www.abseconlighthouse.org](http://www.abseconlighthouse.org)

**Lucy the Elephant**  
609-823-6473  
[www.lucytheelephant.org](http://www.lucytheelephant.org)

**Edwin B. Forsythe  
National Wildlife Refuge**  
609-652-1665  
<http://forysythe.fws.gov>

**Renault Winery**  
609-965-2111  
[www.renaultwinery.com](http://www.renaultwinery.com)

**Tomassello Winery**  
1-800-MNAM-WINE  
[www.tomassellowinery.com](http://www.tomassellowinery.com)



collection of props, costumes and artifacts from top Tinseltown productions. The renowned STEEL PIER AMUSEMENT PIER has rides, games, prize wheels, a food court and breathtaking views stretching out over the Atlantic Ocean. CENTRAL PIER ARCADE & SPEEDWAY has NASCAR go-carts and paintball. HISTORIC BOARDWALK HALL, traditional home to the Miss America Pageant, offers everything from concerts, ice shows and family programs to boxing and arena football. THE PIER AT CAESARS, opening in 2005, will include a world-class roster of elite retailers like Gucci, Louis Vuitton and Burberry, plus nine top restaurants.

Running parallel to the boardwalk are four miles of white sandy beaches with free admission. In addition to swimming, you can enjoy the water in a few other ways. At GARDNER'S BASIN, in Atlantic City's waterfront district, you can arrange a group fishing cruise or a sightseeing tour to enjoy the skyline or spot dolphins. The basin is also home to THE OCEAN LIFE CENTER, featuring ten unique marine exhibits with more than 100 varieties of fish and marine life, along with touch tanks and computer enhanced information stations.

For the sports enthusiasts in the family, you might try a golf outing at one of the 26 championship courses in the AC area. Or, head to THE SANDCASTLE, Atlantic City's state-of-the-art ballpark for a group buffet on the party deck and a pro baseball game. The bargain

**Balic Winery**  
609-625-2166  
[www.balicwinery.com](http://www.balicwinery.com)

**Chicken Bone Beach**  
609-441-9064 or 609-841-6897  
[www.chickenbonebeach.org](http://www.chickenbonebeach.org)

**Atlantic City  
Historical Museum**  
609-347-5839  
[www.acmuseum.org](http://www.acmuseum.org)

**Atlantic City Art Center**  
609-347-5837  
[www.aclink.org/artcenter](http://www.aclink.org/artcenter)

**Atlantic City Civil Rights  
Garden (at Carnegie Library)**  
[www.njcrda.com/civilrightsgarden.html](http://www.njcrda.com/civilrightsgarden.html)

**Pop Lloyd Stadium**  
609-927-1597  
[www.popsballyard.org](http://www.popsballyard.org)

**Fish Heads**  
609-347-8882

**Kelsey & Kim's Soul Food**  
609-484-8448

**Wash's Inn**  
609-641-8740  
[www.washscatering.com](http://www.washscatering.com)

**African American  
Heritage Museum of  
Southern New Jersey**  
609-704-7262  
[www.aahensnj.org](http://www.aahensnj.org)

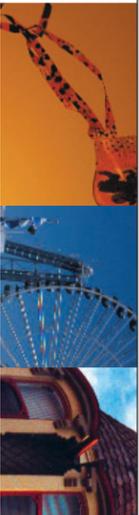
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<http://www.actourism.org/lodging.html>

# SOUTHERN SHORE REGION

COUNTIES OF CUMBERLAND AND CAPE MAY



It's a place with a pace that's perfect for everyone in the family, filled with lazy days on sun-drenched beaches, action-filled jaunts on the boardwalk, and thoughtful journeys that awaken the senses. It's New Jersey's Southern Shore.

CAPE MAY is a classic destination, America's oldest seashore resort. It's filled with more than 600 lovingly restored Victorian homes that give the town a classic charm. Warm bed and breakfast inns, tons of shops and award-winning restaurants round out a look and feel that has "class" written all over it.

But Cape May is far from stodgy. The town bursts with sound during the CAPE MAY MUSIC FESTIVAL, an annual celebration of symphonies, and the CAPE MAY JAZZ FESTIVAL, a twice-yearly affair that brings in some of the biggest names in jazz. There are wildlife adventures to be had at CAPE MAY COUNTY ZOO, with 180 species of animals and an African Savanna. The Cape is also one of America's top spots for watching migrating birds and butterflies; CAPE MAY POINT STATE PARK is one popular lookout.

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**Cape May Music Festival**  
1-800-275-4278  
[www.capemaymac.org](http://www.capemaymac.org)

**Cape May Jazz Festival**  
609-884-7277  
[www.capemayjazz.org](http://www.capemayjazz.org)

**Cape May County Zoo**  
609-465-5271  
[www.capemaygov.net](http://www.capemaygov.net)

**Cape May Point State Park**  
609-884-2159  
[www.state.nj.us/dep/park](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/park)  
[sandforests/parks/capemay.html](http://sandforests/parks/capemay.html)

**Cape May Whale Watcher**  
1-800-786-5445  
[www.capemaycountytgov.net](http://www.capemaycountytgov.net)

**Cape May Trolley Tours**  
1-800-275-4278  
[www.capemaymac.org](http://www.capemaymac.org)

**Morey's Piers**  
609-522-3900  
[www.moreyspiers.com](http://www.moreyspiers.com)

**Golden Inn  
Oceanfront Resort**  
609-368-5155  
[www.goldeninn.com](http://www.goldeninn.com)

**Historic Cold Spring Village**  
609-898-2300  
[www.hcsv.org](http://www.hcsv.org)

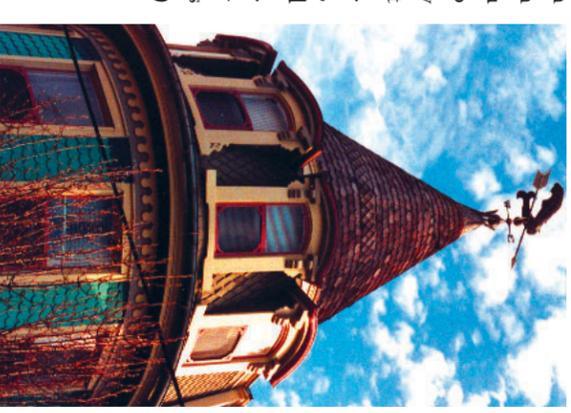


The Wildwood boardwalk.

There's adventure on the high seas aboard the CAPE MAY WHALE WATCHER, a 110-foot cruise boat that guarantees sightings of whales and dolphins. In addition, the ship's operators offer a cruise to see and photograph six historic lighthouses on Delaware Bay, complete with a buffet spread. With a capacity of 290 and on-board food service, you can bring the entire family.

In town, it's all aboard for a HISTORIC DISTRICT TROLLEY TOUR, where knowledgeable guides present entertaining stories about Cape May. At dusk, lead the gang to SUNSET BEACH. Adults can watch the sun go down over the water (the only place in New Jersey where it's possible) and where the kids can hunt for "Cape May diamonds," quartz stones polished smooth by the tides.

Cape May is the southernmost tip of New Jersey and it's also the tip of the iceberg when it comes to places to visit along the Atlantic coast in the Southern Shore Region. A drive north from Cape May will bring you to THE WILDWOODS, home to an amazing boardwalk, 37 city blocks long, with an almost endless array of amusements. They include MOREY'S PIERS, one of America's top-ranked amusement and theme parks. Morey's features three amusement piers and two waterparks that together offer visitors 89 rides and 90 concessions.



Victorian charm in Cape May.