

Other Holiday Tours & Events

"An Old-Fashioned Christmas" Exhibit

The wonders of the season come to life in "An Old-Fashioned Christmas Exhibit: Holiday Traditions through the Years," at the Carroll Gallery in the Physick Estate Carriage House. Experience a breathtaking exhibit of holiday traditions complete with a giant Christmas tree, a Dickens Village, model trains, nostalgic photos from Christmas past, and more! **Friday, Nov. 16-Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019. Open daily except Thanksgiving and Christmas; hours vary. Free admission and parking.**

Cherry Cherry House Christmas Tour

See over a dozen beautifully decorated rooms in this 169-year-old, privately-owned home on one of Cape May's oldest streets. Owners Frank and Beth Acker invite you to view Santa and Mrs. Claus beside the tinsel-covered tree; the dining room table set with Christmas turkey and trimmings; the parlor Christmas tree ornamented with family decorations from the 1800s; and more. \$10; children (under age 10) free. **(Monday-Thursday, Dec 10-13: 1pm)**

Evening Yuletide Tour

See Cape May's beautiful Victorian homes decorated for Christmas on this 30-minute trolley ride followed by a guided tour of the first floor rooms of the 1879 Emlen Physick Estate, authentically decorated for a Victorian Christmas. Afterwards, visit the Carriage House for holiday refreshments and a visit to "An Old-Fashioned Christmas" exhibit. Tour begins and ends at the Ocean Street trolley stop. Adults \$22 children (ages 3-12) \$14. Take the Evening Yuletide House Tour only for Adults \$12 children (ages 3-12) \$8. **(Offered every evening, Nov. 23-Dec. 29, except Dec. 1, 8, 15, 17, 24 & 25. Hours vary.)**

Lamplighter Christmas Tours

Take a self-guided evening tour of several Cape May inns or private homes, decorated for the holidays. Hear a holiday presentation by the owner at each location. Admission includes a visit to the Carriage House Gallery at the Emlen Physick Estate where you'll be welcomed with warm beverages and holiday treats and see "An Old-fashioned Christmas" exhibit. Adults \$20 children (ages 3-12) \$15. **(Offered 7pm-9pm on Fridays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28; Saturday, Nov. 24; and Wednesday, Dec. 26.)**

Physick Family Christmas House Tours

Take a daytime, guided living history tour of the 1879 Physick Estate, Cape May's only Victorian house museum, decorated in authentic Victorian style for Christmas, presented through the eyes of a Physick family member in the early 1900s. The tour includes a visit to the Carriage House Gallery at the Emlen Physick Estate where you can see "An Old-fashioned Christmas" exhibit. Adults \$12 children (ages 3-12) \$8. Save when you combine your tour with the Historic District Trolley Tour. Adults \$22 children (ages 3-12) \$14. **(Offered daily through Jan. 1 (except Nov. 22, Dec. 25.) Hours vary.**

Holiday Inns Tours

Get into the Christmas spirit and visit three of Cape May's inns or private homes at your own pace on these self-guided tours. Enjoy the festive Christmas décor for the holiday season. Adults \$15 children (ages 3-12) \$10. **(Monday-Thursday, Nov. 26-29 & Dec. 3-6: 1pm-3pm)**

Holiday Lights Trolley Rides

Take a ride on the jolly red trolley through Cape May's Historic District and delight in seeing festive Christmas decorations of inns and homes as guides touch on Victorian Christmas traditions, lead sing-alongs (if the spirit moves), and play Christmas music. Adults \$12 children (ages 3-12) \$10. **(Offered Saturday, Nov. 17 and nightly, Nov. 23-Dec. 31, except Dec. 1, 8, 15, 17, 24 & 25) (Tours leave from Washington Street Mall except for Nov. 17 tours which leave from the Physick Estate).**

Santa's Trolley Rides

Bring the kids to the Physick Estate on weekends for a trolley ride around Cape May with stories and songs led by Mrs. Claus. Then, Santa will greet children with a sweet in the Carriage House. Adults \$10 children (ages 3-12) \$8. **(Saturday, Nov. 17, Saturdays & Sundays, Nov. 25-Dec. 16 & Saturday, Dec. 22. Hours vary.) Advance reservation strongly recommended.**

Ghosts of Christmas Past Trolley Rides

Take this 30-minute evening trolley ride through the festively decorated Historic District as you listen to a Victorian holiday ghost tale told by a member of the East Lynne Theatre Company. Adults \$12 children (ages 3-12) \$8. **(Fridays, Nov. 23-Dec. 21; Saturdays, Nov. 17-24 & Dec. 29; Sundays, Nov. 25-Dec. 16 & Dec. 30; Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 26-28; Monday, Dec. 31. Hours vary.) (Tours leave from Washington Street Mall except for Nov. 17 tours which leave from the Physick Estate). Advance reservation strongly recommended.**

Holiday Crafts Fair

 Shop for unique hand-made gifts and seasonal decorations at one of the most popular shows of the year at Cape May Convention Hall, Beach Avenue at Stockton. Adults: \$2; children free. **(Friday, Nov. 23-Saturday, Nov. 24: 10am-4pm)**

All this plus ...

Carriage House Museum Shop and Cape May Lighthouse Museum Shop for Christmas shopping, Cape May Lighthouse Climbs, Historic District Trolley Tours and more!

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Dickens Christmas Extravaganza

Join world-renowned lecturer on Charles Dickens, Dr. Elliot Engel, and immerse yourself in the storied world of Dickens with lectures and performances offered daily. Engel's mini-lecture series on Dickens ran on PBS television stations around the country and his articles have appeared in national newspapers and magazines including Newsweek. Admission to the Extravaganza is \$175 per person. Complete packages with accommodations are available from participating inns. **(Sunday-Tuesday, Dec. 2-4) Call 609-884-5404 for more details.**

Holiday Theater

Cape May Stage presents

"An Actor's Carol"

Having played Scrooge many times, a cranky actor finds himself visited by three spirits of his own. A cast of four play 17 characters in this hilarious new look at a classic that reminds us that the most jaded among us can find magic in the holiday season -- and in the theater as well. (Nov. 14-Dec. 30, Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30pm and Saturdays-Sundays at 3pm) Advance reservation strongly recommended. The Robert Shackleton Playhouse is located at the corner of Bank & Lafayette streets.

East Lynne Theater Company presents

"O. Henry's Christmas Tales"

"One dollar and eighty-seven cents. That's all I have," sighed Della in "The Gift of the Magi," just one of the O. Henry stories adapted and performed by Gayle Stahlhuth, who brings to life 30-plus characters in her memorized, unique storytelling style. With the flick of the wrist and change of accent, she glides seamlessly from one character to another in this tour-de-force performance that delights all ages. (Nov. 23-24, Dec. 2, 6, 7 and 8 at 8pm; Saturday matinee on Dec. 8 at 2pm) First Presbyterian Church of Cape May, 500 Hughes St.

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 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 Carroll Gallery & Carriage House Museum Shop and the Carriage House Café & Tearoom. 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, Nov. 16
to Sunday, Nov. 18

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 variety of festive holiday tours and food and wine events that will spark your Christmas spirit.

The Physick Estate becomes a Christmas wonderland during the holiday season. The free Carroll Gallery exhibit, **An Old-fashioned Christmas: Holiday Traditions through the Years**, brings back happy childhood memories, capturing the feeling of Christmas past with a Department 56 Dickens Village, model trains, a giant Christmas tree, toys and much more (through Jan. 1, 2019). Visit the Estate on Saturday, Nov. 17 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 from 6pm-8pm. Visitors are encouraged to share in the holiday spirit and bring a non-perishable food item for the Cape May Community Food Closet. 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** and **Holiday Lights Trolley Rides**.

All this plus ...

Brunch, Bingo & Lace

Mad Batter Wine Dinner: Autumn Flavors

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

45th Annual Christmas Candlelight House Tours

Saturdays, Dec. 1, 8 & 15: 5:30 pm to 8:30pm

Walk along the gas-lit streets and experience the high point of Cape May's holiday season during these self-guided walking tours, which feature:

- Homes, inns, hotels & churches specially decorated for the holidays
- Christmas caroling and strolling musicians, trees and garland and good old-fashioned cheer
- Hospitality centers with warm beverages & traditional goodies
- Admission to the Emlen Physick Estate, Cape May's only Victorian House Museum decorated for Christmas, and to "An Old-fashioned Christmas" exhibit in the Carroll Gallery
- Shuttle to some locations via heated trolleys

Limited Tours. Reserve early!

Call 609-884-5404

or order tickets online at www.capemaymac.org
Adults: \$35; children (ages 3-12): \$20

Enter to win a holiday weekend in Cape May! "Make Your Own Getaway" Raffle

The grand prize is valued at \$2,500 and includes gift certificates which can be used at a wide variety of Cape May accommodations, restaurants, retail stores and attractions any time of the year. These can be used to "Make your own getaway." Pick the time you want to spend in Cape May. Come for the Holiday Season or the Cape May Music Festival. Join a Sherlock Holmes Weekend or delight in the flavors of the Food & Wine Celebration events. Plan the getaway that fits your schedule.

Tickets cost just \$10. The drawing will be held at MAC's Annual Meeting Thursday, Nov. 8 at 4 p.m., at a new location this year: Cape May Winery, 711 Town Bank Rd. You need not be present to win! Purchase tickets at any MAC ticket outlet or order tickets by calling 609-884-5404.

All proceeds benefit MAC's on-going restoration projects at its historic sites
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Holiday Food & Wine Events

Mad Batter Wine Dinner: Autumn Flavors

Savor the flavors and colors of autumn during this five-course seasonal menu paired with wine at the Mad Batter restaurant, 19 Jackson St. Limited to 60. \$75 (tax and gratuity included). (Friday, Nov. 16: 7:30pm)

Brunch, Bingo & Lace

Grab your best girlfriends and enjoy time away from the holiday to-do list as you play a little bingo, enjoy a fashion show by Lace Silhouettes/Cotton Company and win some great prizes at the Inn of Cape May, 7 Ocean St., all during delicious brunch. \$25 (Saturday, Nov. 17: 9:30am)

Breakfast with Santa

Children can visit with Santa while enjoying a family-friendly breakfast buffet at the Inn of Cape May, 7 Ocean St. Bring your Christmas lists! Adults \$18 children (ages 3-12) \$12 children under 3 who are dining \$5. (Saturdays, Nov. 24, Dec. 1 & 8, Sundays, Dec. 2 & 9: 10am)

Holiday Lunch & Learns:

Cape May United Methodist Church,
535 Washington St. Light refreshments. \$5 (MAC members free). 12 noon, doors open at 11:30am.

Christmas Traditions

Bring a bag lunch and learn how Prince Albert brought Christmas traditions to England from Germany when he married Queen Victoria, and how these traditions spread to America. (Wednesday, Dec. 5).

Christmas Music

Bring a bag lunch and learn about the history and some of the most popular features of both sacred and secular Christmas music. (Wednesday, Dec. 12).

Victorian Views of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"

Bring a bag lunch and learn about one of Charles Dickens' most popular creations, "A Christmas Carol," and how it reflects the era in which it was written. (Wednesday, Dec. 19).

Chocolate Lovers Feast at the Blue Rose Inn

It's a bountiful feast for chocolate lovers! Enjoy seven plated courses of delicious chocolate desserts and hear how each was created from the chef who prepared it. This is a limited event so reserve early. \$40. The Blue Rose Inn, 653 Washington St. (Saturday, Dec. 1: 1pm)

Mad Batter Wine Dinner: Home for the Holidays

Come home for the holidays and enjoy this five-course holiday menu paired with wines at the Mad Batter restaurant, 19 Jackson St. Limited to 60. \$75 (tax and gratuity included). (Friday, Dec. 7: 7:30pm)

Chefs' Dine-Around

Enjoy a five-course, gourmet feast this holiday, with each course served in one of Cape May's premier restaurants. Wine will be selected for each course, and a representative from the sponsoring winery will explain the pairings. A trolley shuttle between restaurants is provided. Reserve early; limited to 34 people per evening! \$125 (gratuity included). (Wednesday, Dec. 26: 6pm)

Lunch & Learns at Lucky Bones:

Lucky Bones Restaurant, 1200 Route 109, Cape May.
\$20 includes buffet lunch. Beverages available for purchase separately. Limited to 30. 12noon; doors open at 11:30am.

Christmas Traditions

Enjoy a richly illustrated lecture on Christmas traditions. Hear how Prince Albert brought Christmas traditions to England from Germany when he married Queen Victoria, and how these traditions spread to America. (Saturday, Nov. 17).

Let's Go Shopping

Enjoy a richly illustrated lecture on Victorian consumer culture. (Saturday, Dec. 15).

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