

Art, Lighthouses & Wildlife

One Day Tour ~ Saturday, September 18, 2021

Today we will explore two New Jersey Lighthouses, browse local artist's works and view marshland wildlife along a scenic drive. Our first stop will be the Sea Girt Lighthouse, nestled within a Victorian building in a lovely beach town. Here we will learn about the Inn Keepers and their family and view exhibits with artifacts of Sea Girt from bygone days including the Morro Castle disaster and rescue. Next, we will head to Historic Smithville which started as simple, one room stagecoach stop and is now home to cobblestone walkways and footbridges lined with locally owned shops and restaurants. It's a special day in this historic village, today is the annual Art Walk, where more than 75 local artists set up shop for you to browse or buy their various works. There will be time to walk around, browse the art and shops and have lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants. Now we make our way to New Jersey's tallest lighthouse, Absecon, located in Atlantic City. Here we can view the Keeper's House Museum, exhibits, gift shop, and grounds. And if you are feeling extra energetic, you can climb the 224 steps to the watchroom at the top which will reveal fantastic views of the Atlantic City skyline and where you will come face to face with the original, first-order Fresnel lens, first lit in 1857. We can then relax on our ride through a scenic wildlife drive in the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife refuge. The 8-mile loop through coastal habitats of wetlands and woodlands is home to at least 322 species of birds, so be on the lookout! What a great, relaxing, nature filled way to end our day exploring New Jersey, © 2020 Group Tours & Travel



Departs from Ridgewood's Graydon Pool (corner of Linwood Ave & Northern Parkway) at 7:30 AM and returns approximately 7:00 PM

Departs Chatham Middle School, at 480 Main Street in Chatham (behind the church), at 8:15 AM and returns at approximately 6:15 PM.

Departs South Plainfield High School, at the end of Lane Avenue, at 9:00 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.

The Absecon Lighthouse

No reservations accepted without a payment of \$145 per person. Make checks payable to "Group Tours & Travel" and mail to the above address. A full refund will be granted if canceled prior to August 1, 2021. No refund will be granted on a cancellation that occurs after August 1, 2021. Group Tours is not responsible for any delays, cancellations, injuries or circumstances beyond its control and reserves the right to change this itinerary. All trip components are subject to change in accordance with Government, State and Local guidelines and/or mandates. **Rain date is: Sunday, September 19.** Visit our website at: grouptoursandtravel.com for a list of tours and photos.

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Please reserve ____ seat(s). The enclosed check is for \$_____ #3215

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code _____

I will depart from Chatham _____ and signing up with the Morris School District

For email confirmation of registration: _____