

New Jersey's

AFRICAN AMERICAN

Visitors Guide



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To receive details on Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, please contact each location directly.

www.visitnj.org

Photo: The Statue of Liberty, our nation's symbol of freedom and opportunity is viewable from various points in New Jersey and is accessible by ferry from Liberty State Park in Jersey City.





Welcome!

It is our pleasure to present this latest edition of New Jersey's highly successful series of African American Visitors Guides. In it you will discover why our African American residents and visitors find more choices and their finest travel memories right here in New Jersey.

Historical, recreational, and lifestyle attractions are the true measures of a cultural heritage. If African Americans seem to have more choices and more fun in New Jersey it's because the African American experience has been shaping our state's diversity for nearly 350 years. Our African American landmarks preserve the history and treasures of generations. Our entertainment destinations carry on the legacies of jazz, rhythm and blues, gospel, and hip-hop.

Any time of year is a best time to rejuvenate with the perfect vacation getaway, or gather for a family or school reunion. As you will find in this guide, New Jersey offers more choices and opportunities for wonderfully memorable experiences—in summer, spring, autumn and winter.

How to Use This Guide

Location Finder

New Jersey is comprised of six distinctive regions. Each region consists of geographically defined counties. Color codes used throughout this guide will help you to quickly identify the general locations of places and events **by region**. Each place or event listing will include a city and county location. Knowing the **county** location narrows proximity further to more easily find your destination in a city or town.

Population Centers

New Jersey's year-round population density spreads north to south with highest concentration in the Gateway Region, which includes Newark, the largest city. The next most populated areas year-round are in the Delaware River Region. This area includes the cities of Trenton, the state capital, and Camden which overlooks Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

During summer months, New Jersey's communities along the Atlantic Ocean in the Shore, Southern Shore, and Greater Atlantic City regions swell with seasonal residents, vacationers, and day trippers flocking to fun in the sun and evening attractions. Any destination throughout the state can appeal to your personal travel interest. Wherever you stay in New Jersey, any attraction is within easy distance for day trips via car, bus or rail lines.

Think North to South

For your convenience, all listings in this guide are organized north to south, and each location is identified by region, city and county. For points of interest in the north around Newark, begin at the top of a list; in central New Jersey, look first in the middle of a list; and in the south, start near the bottom of a list.

Knowing which county you are in will help to pinpoint proximity to a listed restaurant, shopping mall, park, museum, etc. A ride within a county or to a destination in an adjoining county can take only minutes. Travel from a northern location to a southern location or across the state from the ocean shoreline in the east to the banks of the Delaware River in the west will take several hours.

Use Phone Numbers and Websites Provided

Every listing in this guide includes a contact phone number and most listings include a website to visit for more information. New Jersey venues are never at a standstill, so you will want to check a destination's hours of operation and event scheduling. Websites are especially useful for confirming that an attraction is what you perceive it to be, or maybe much more than you expected!

Websites listed in this Guide are provided as a convenience to visitors. Not all Websites are maintained by the New Jersey Department of the State. Contents of Websites are the responsibility of the respective owners.

Reunion Planning

Bringing a family or old classmates together for one special event takes advance planning. A special section in this guide will help—from New Jersey locations you will want to consider, to support services you will want to include, to a timeline of what to do when.

As the saying goes, "the more the merrier," and experiencing New Jersey as a group will be all the more fun. As the event organizer, you should be part of the camaraderie when everything and everyone finally come together, which is why the section on Reunion Planning is such a valuable resource.





Everyone has their preferences for travel, dining, shopping and forms of entertainment. Whether planning a visit with family and friends, an exciting vacation or just a relaxing getaway, this guide is organized to help you locate your personal points of interests quickly.

Skylands Region

The rolling hills and rural areas of northwest New Jersey, including **Sussex, Warren, Morris, Somerset** and **Hunterdon** counties, offer spectacular vistas and opportunities to enjoy nature while engaging in a wide variety of outdoor recreational activities.

Gateway Region

Bordering New York City, the Gateway Region takes its name from its history as the “the Gateway to Freedom” for millions of immigrants. This is New Jersey’s most densely populated region. The area, consisting of **Hudson, Passaic, Essex, Union, Middlesex** and **Bergen** counties, offers many historical sites, world-class art, cultural attractions and professional sports venues.

Delaware River Region

The expansive Delaware Valley Region, consisting of **Mercer, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester** and **Salem** counties, offers much history from America’s colonial days, Revolutionary War, Civil War and early agricultural society. The region is blessed with the majestic Delaware River Valley, pine and hardwood forests, much of the state’s highly productive farmlands and a thriving 21st century business economy.

Shore Region

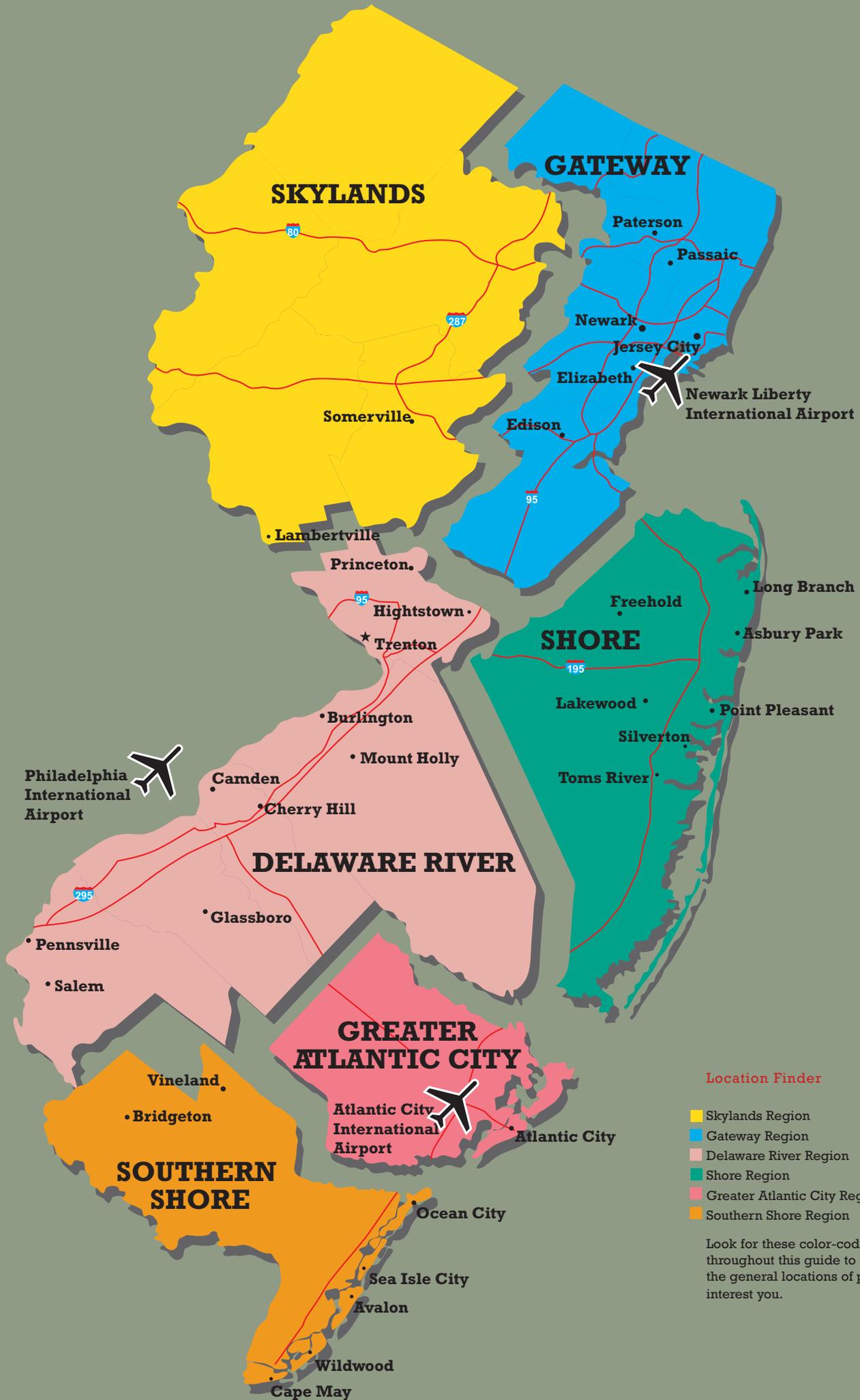
Pristine beaches, bustling boardwalks and a vast array of activities and attractions make the Shore Region, consisting of **Monmouth** and **Ocean** counties, one of New Jersey’s most popular vacation destinations.

Greater Atlantic City Region

Beaches, upscale shopping, glittering nightlife, thrilling gaming venues, challenging golf courses and the world’s most famous four-mile boardwalk draw millions of visitors to **Atlantic** county annually.

Southern Shore Region

Cape May and **Cumberland** counties, situated between the Delaware Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, offer blue skies, crashing waves, cool ocean and bay breezes, with many quiet, relaxing getaways in an idyllic setting.



Location Finder

- Skylands Region
- Gateway Region
- Delaware River Region
- Shore Region
- Greater Atlantic City Region
- Southern Shore Region

Look for these color-coded symbols throughout this guide to quickly identify the general locations of places that interest you.

Getting

New Jersey Information and Welcome Centers

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Hammonton • 609-449-7101
Atlantic City Expressway, Farley Plaza,
Mile Marker 21

Pleasantville • 609-383-2727
Atlantic City Expressway Mile Marker 3.5

BERGEN COUNTY

Montvale • 201-391-5737
Garden State Parkway, Mile Marker 172N/S

Ridgefield • 201-943-8757
Vince Lombardi Travel Plaza, NJ Turnpike
Mile Marker 116N/S

CAPE MAY COUNTY

Ocean View • 609-884-5404
Garden State Parkway, Mile Marker 18.3N/S

ESSEX COUNTY

Newark • 973-623-5052
Newark Liberty International Airport
Terminal B, International Arrivals

HUDSON COUNTY

Jersey City • 201-459-2070
Liberty State Park Exit 14B off NJ Turnpike,
Morris Pesin Drive

HUNTERDON COUNTY

Flemington • 908-782-8550
Liberty Village Premium Outlets,
One Church Street

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Cranbury • 609-655-1610
Molly Pitcher Rest Area, NJ Turnpike South,
Mile Marker 71.9

OCEAN COUNTY

Jackson • 732-833-0503, NJ Turnpike Exit 7
Jackson Outlet Village, 537 Monmouth Road

SALEM COUNTY

Deepwater • 856-351-0194
Route 295 North, Mile Marker 2.3

Penns Grove • 856-299-8246
John Fenwick Rest Area, NJ Turnpike North,
Mile Marker 5.4

SOMERSET COUNTY

Bridgewater • 908-725-1552 ext. 16
Somerset County Business Partnership
360 Grove Street & Route 22

WARREN COUNTY

Knowlton • 908-496-4994
Delaware Water Gap, I-80 East, Mile Marker 7

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New Jersey Transit Bus & Rail Information

New Jersey Transit
Daily, 6 a.m. to midnight
800-772-2222

**Hearing Impaired (NJ only,
with teleprinter)**
800-772-2287

Atlantic City Rail Line
800-772-2222

PATH
800-234-PATH

PATCO
856-772-6900

SEPTA
215-580-7800

AMTRAK
800-USA-RAIL

New Jersey & Vicinity Airports

Newark Liberty International Airport
973-961-6000

Kennedy International Airport
718-244-4444

LaGuardia Airport
718-533-3400

Lehigh Valley Airport
800-359-5842

Philadelphia International Airport
800-745-4283

Atlantic City International Airport Pomona
609-645-7895

**Central Jersey Regional
Airport Hillsborough/Manville**
908-526-2822

Teterboro Airport
201-288-1775

Trenton/Mercer Airport
609-882-1600

History and



Paul Robeson at USO show. Photo courtesy of John & Dolly Mash Archive at the Cape May Center for Community Arts.

Heritage

It has often been said that the history of New Jersey is the history of America. Nowhere is this more clearly illustrated than in the Garden State's unique African American history.

A legacy of accomplishment and an insistence on freedom and justice stretching from the mid-17th Century to the present, the achievement of New Jersey's African Americans not only helped reshape a single state, but helped forge a pathway to progress that lies at the very core of what has made America the beacon of civil rights, social justice and equality for the world to both admire and emulate.

The heroism of New Jersey's African Americans played an integral role in securing victory in the American Revolution, and an equally critical role in the larger success of the Underground Railroad. In fact, many Underground Railroad stations still stand throughout the Garden State – particularly in its southern regions. Meanwhile, in Lawnside (Camden County), history enthusiasts can visit one of New Jersey's first all black communities and the only African American incorporated municipality in the state.

This doesn't even begin to touch upon New Jersey's considerable civil rights legacy, where leaders such as T. Thomas Fortune and Paul Robeson helped define both an era and a movement. Across the Garden State, visitors can study the lives of these and other trailblazing figures whose work was critical in paving the way for the latter day achievements of organizations such as the NAACP and many others.

As the 20th Century dawned, New Jersey forged yet another unique chapter in modern history with its rich jazz legacy. Some of the most legendary jazz clubs in the nation can be traced to Atlantic City and Newark, while legends such as Count Basie and Dizzy Gillespie made their homes here. This certainly helps explain why many of the most popular concerts and festival celebrations in the Northeast routinely entertain thousands upon thousands every year across the Garden State.

This is but a sampling of the depth and scope of New Jersey's vast African American heritage legacy. So much more awaits discovery within the pages of the New Jersey African American Visitors Guide.

We hope you enjoy your journey.



Gethsemane Cemetery

Between Summit Place and Liberty Street

(entrance on Summit Place)

Little Ferry, Bergen County

201-336-7247 and 201-336-7267

www.co.bergen.nj.us/parks

Listed on both State and National Registers of Historic Places, this burial site for African Americans played a significant role in New Jersey's late 19th century civil rights legislation. The cemetery today now also contains meditation areas with historic panels. Visits are without charge but by appointment only.

Heath Farm

219 Harmony Road (Off Highway 35)

Middletown, Monmouth County

732-671-0566

<http://heathfarm.tripod.com/peacelane>

A unique reminder of the African American legacy in New Jersey, the Heath Farm was founded by patriarch Clinton Pearson Heath, a former slave, in the post-Civil War years. Visitors to the farm today enjoy historic exhibits, period artifacts, and events related to 19th century farming and history.

T. Thomas Fortune House

94 West Bergen Place

Red Bank, Monmouth County

The house was Fortune's residence from 1901 to 1907. A champion of African American civil rights he was the first African American newspaper editor in the United States and the owner and editor of three newspapers, including *New Age*, all of which were widely read by blacks and whites in all regions of the state. During his career, he wrote more than 20 books and 300 editorials. He advocated for the use of the phrase Afro-American, believing blacks were "African in origin" and "American in birth."

Davenport Street (Paul Robeson Boulevard)

Somerville, Somerset County

Davenport Street is also known locally as Paul Robeson Boulevard. This historic street, which is associated with Robeson's childhood years in Somerville, features St. Thomas AME Church, where Robeson's father, William Drew Robeson was pastor from 1910 until his death in 1917. A plaque on the wall of the Somerville Middle School Gym, which marks the site of Robeson's home and the borough's first high school building from which Robeson graduated in 1915. The school was one of the few integrated high schools in the state during that era.

Paul Robeson Cultural Center

600 Bartholomew Road

Piscataway, Middlesex County

732-445-3545

<http://prcc.rutgers.edu>

An educational resource for Rutgers University, the center named after the illustrious alumnus, features activities and events such as a speaker series, films, exhibits, musical and theatrical performances, and community outreach programs.

Historic Burlington City Underground Railroad Walking Tour

Burlington, Burlington County

609-386-3993

www.tourburlington.org/TourUGRR.html

The City of Burlington is home to 40 historic sites, many are more than 300 years old. Among them is Burlington Island, which has ties to New Jersey's earliest black history and four other sites associated with Underground Railroad activities. All offer fascinating stories on a self-guided walking tour.

Historic Burlington County

Burlington County Tourism

609-265-5068

www.co.burlington.nj.us/tourism/history/african.htm

In addition to the City of Burlington, more historic sites, many directly related to the Underground Railroad, await in eight other Burlington County municipalities.

Macedonia African Methodist Episcopal Church

265 Spruce Street

Camden, Camden County

856-365-3840

Established in 1832 in what was Camden's earliest black settlement, this church's pastor, the Reverend Thomas Clement Oliver, was among New Jersey's foremost Underground Railroad operatives, using the church as a safe house for fugitives traveling north from Salem and Cumberland counties, as well as from Philadelphia.

Edgewater at Croft Farm

Bortons Mill Road

Cherry Hill, Camden County

856-795-6225

Constructed in 1741, this home of a Quaker abolitionist family served as an Underground Railroad safe house where fugitives were hidden in the attic of the house and the hay loft of the barn, given a meal and then hurried off by covered wagon at night.

■ **Peter Mott House**

Lawnside Historical Society
Lawnside, Camden County
856-546-8850

www.petermotthouse.org

This Underground Railroad sanctuary, which was owned and operated by an African American, is located eight miles southeast of Camden in Lawnside, the only African American incorporated municipality in New Jersey. The community dates to Colonial times as a settlement for African Americans.

■ **Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church**

172 Garwin Road
Woolwich, Gloucester County
856-467-2992

Constructed in 1834 and is one of New Jersey's oldest AME congregations. Some members today are descendants of fugitive slaves who settled in the area.

■ **Chicken Bone Beach & Boardwalk**

Between Missouri and Mississippi Avenues
Atlantic City, Atlantic County
www.chickenbonebeach.org

Now a local historic site, Chicken Bone Beach is a symbol of African American family unity. The once-segregated area where thousands of vacationing black families flocked to the shore continues to preserve its heritage through events that celebrate African American history in Atlantic County.

■ **South Jersey African American History Trail Tour**

South Jersey Cultural Alliance
1-888-704-7522

[www.sjca.net/aamerhisttrail_package.html](http://www.sjca.net/aamerhistrail_package.html)

Three-day, two-night package includes first-class hotel accommodations, breakfasts and dinners, and guided tours of African American historic sites in Atlantic City, Cape May and Whitesboro, an all-black community founded in the early 1900s by George H. White, the last African American U.S. Congressman of the Reconstruction era.

For more comprehensive information on New Jersey African American historical sites visit www.njlivingcolor.org

■ **Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church**

1092 Sheppards Mill Road
Greenwich (Springtown), Cumberland County
856-451-2700

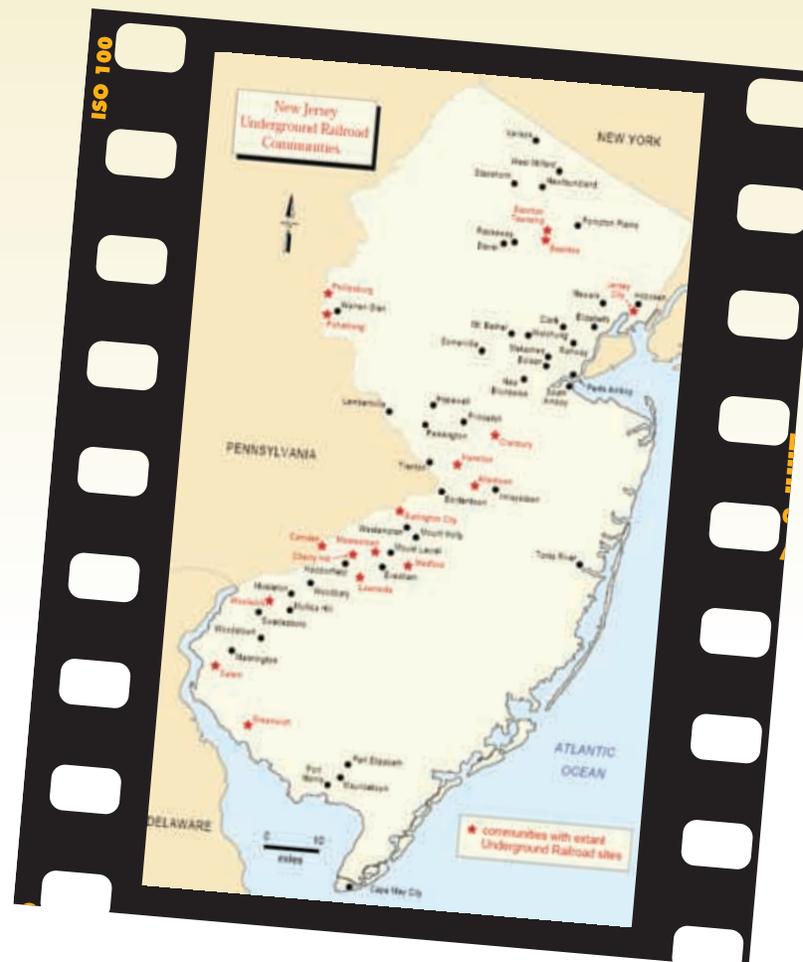
One of the oldest black churches in New Jersey, dating to the early 1800s, and an Underground Railroad safe house that had as many as five members of its congregation as operatives.

■ **Cape May African American Heritage Walking Tour**

Center for Community Arts
712 Lafayette Street
Cape May, Cape May County
609-884-7525

www.centerforcommunityarts.org

Learn where Paul Robeson performed and where Harriet Tubman, the most celebrated Underground Railroad figure, worked and used her earnings to return to Maryland to lead slaves to freedom via New Jersey. The Center for Community Arts also features the John and Janet Nash African American History Archives, which preserves more than 5,000 artifacts, oral histories and photographs of African American life in Cape May County.



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Heritage and Jazz Events

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Black History Month

February

In addition to African American cultural attractions throughout the year, New Jersey communities join the national celebration of Black History Month with numerous special events at museums, performing arts centers, libraries, universities and other venues statewide. Wherever you happen to be in New Jersey, you will want to check local community event calendars.

April & November



Cape May Jazz Festival

P.O. Box 2065
Cape May, Cape May County
609-884-7277
www.capemayjazz.org

Twice a year, jazz artists from across the country converge on scenic Cape May for three days of performances and jamming at venues throughout the city.

May-June



African American Heritage Parade & Festival

Weequahic Park
Newark, Essex County
973-643-1625
www.ci.newark.nj.us

Four-day event celebrates history of African Americans with parade past City Hall, entertainment, carnival attractions and cultural flavor from the African continent.

May-June



Red Bank Jazz & Blues Festival

On the Navesink
Marine Park
Red Bank, Monmouth County
1-888-HIP-TOWN (1-888-447-8696)
www.redbankfestival.com

Three full days and nights of jazz, blues, food, crafts and family fun attract up to 150,000 to the New Jersey shore town where William "Count" Basie was born and raised.



June



sanofi-aventis JazzFest

Farleigh Dickinson University
Madison, Morris County
800-303-NJJS
www.njjs.org

The premier annual event of the New Jersey Jazz Society offers a full weekend of jazz, from vintage to bebop, at three covered venues—one with a dance floor.

June-July

Newark Black Film Festival

Newark Museum and Symphony Hall
Newark, Essex County
973-643-1625
www.ci.newark.nj.us

Prestigious festival attracts producers, directors, writers, actors and film lovers from across the U.S. to participate in screenings, forums, workshops and seminars. Event features historical documentaries, avant-garde cinema and feature-length films.

Asbury Park Jazz & Gospel Festival

Sunset Park
1400 Main Street
Asbury Park, Monmouth County
732-775-2100
www.cityofasburypark.com

This free two-day event features an excellent lineup of talented jazz and gospel performers plus the fun of food and merchandise vendors catering to the summer crowd.

June-August

Jazz in the Garden

Newark Museum
49 Washington Street
Newark, Essex County
973-596-6550
www.newarkmuseum.org

Rain or shine, jazz greats treat audiences to wonderful music in a magnificent museum setting during this annual lunchtime summer concert series.



Rhythm & Blues by the Brook

Cedar Brook Park
Park and Pemberton Avenues
Plainfield, Union County
908-436-2900
www.ucnj.org

Bring a lawn chair to this free all-day festival, which also includes a food court and a Kids' Kingdom for family fun.



■ **Sunset Jazz Concert Series**

Wiggins Waterfront Park
Mickie Boulevard
Camden, Camden County
856-216-2122 or 856-216-2170
www.ccparks.com

Hear the smooth sounds of world-renowned jazz and R&B artists on Tuesday evenings through July and August in a picturesque setting along the Delaware River.

■ **Chicken Bone Beach Jazz Concert Series**

Mississippi Avenue near the Boardwalk
Atlantic City, Atlantic County
609-441-9064

www.chickenbonebeach.org
Weekly Thursday evening concerts sponsored by the Chicken Bone Beach Historical Society celebrate the area's heritage of African American unity and family fun.

August

■ **Africa Newark Festival**

Military Park
Newark, Essex County
973-643-1625
www.ci.newark.nj.us

Three day event celebrates family along with African culture, art and history. In addition to great music and food, the festival features merchandise booths, celebrity guests and games.

■ **Greater New York Area Black Memorabilia & Collectible Show**

Crowne Plaza Meadowlands Hotel Exhibit Center
2 Harmon Plaza
Secaucus, Hudson County
301-649-1915

www.johnsonshows.com
A strong interest in African American cultural memorabilia attracts participants from across the country to this unique event where desirable collectibles that continue to increase in value can be purchased.

■ **Jazz Feast**

The Green, Palmer Square West
Princeton, Mercer County
609-921-2333

www.palmersquare.com/events.html
One-day, open-air event features performances by top jazz musicians and great food from some of the area's best restaurants.

■ **Trenton Jazz Festival**

Behind Statehouse Complex
Enter at Barracks and Lafayette Streets
Trenton, Mercer County
609-989-3169 or 609-989-3030

www.ci.trenton.nj.us
Enjoy headline jazz artists and wonderful jazz fest foods in the shadow of New Jersey's state capitol building and surrounding historical and cultural attractions.

Wherever you happen to be in New Jersey, you will want to check local community event calendars and the New Jersey Festivals and Events Calendar. Order it free at www.visitnj.org.

■
Kwanzaa Festival and Marketplace

New Jersey Performing Arts Center
One Center Street
Newark, Essex County
1-888-GO-NJPAC or 973-642-0404
www.njpac.org

This exciting annual event offers both top-notch entertainment and a great place to find Kwanzaa gifts. The four day festival includes special holiday performances by leading African American artists, plus a free Kwanzaa Children's Festival full of activities for families. The lobby of NJPAC's Prudential Hall transforms into a marketplace for African American jewelry, art, books, bath and body products, clothing, home furnishings, and more.

Year-Round



Jersey Shore Jazz and Blues Foundation

www.jsjbf.org
Check this exciting site for venues, bands, and a calendar of jazz and R&B events all along the northern New Jersey shore.

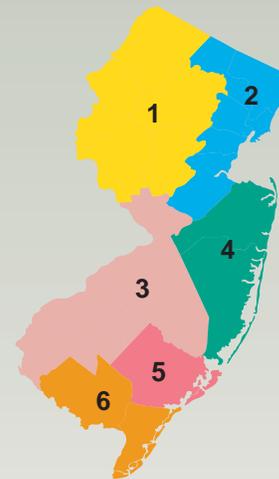


New Jersey Jazz Society

1-800-303-NJJS
www.njjs.org
NJJS sponsors a number of jazz events each year, ranging from intimate concerts to large dance parties and picnics.

New Jersey Regions

- 1 Skylands
- 2 Gateway
- 3 Delaware River
- 4 Shore
- 5 Greater Atlantic City
- 6 Southern Shore



Explore rare treasures from African American art and history, as well as from cultures on the African continent, in New Jersey's spectacular museums and libraries. Some institutions specialize exclusively in Afro-centric collections. Others include permanent and featured exhibits as part of their multicultural collections and event calendars.

For a deeper understanding of New Jersey's African American history, visit the Greenville Branch of the Jersey City Public Library System, home of the Afro-American Historical Society Museum. Founded and operated by African Americans, unfettered views of the past come into focus through a fascinating variety of memorabilia.

A similar yet different exploration of the past waits at the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey in Newtonville, Atlantic County. Also founded and operated by African Americans, this museum traces how the culture has evolved and changed over the years through artifacts collected from within and outside the state.

Museums

Works of early and contemporary African American artists are most easily found in excellent permanent collections at The New Jersey State Museum in Trenton and the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Museum on the campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. Art and artifacts from African cultures dominate impressive collections at the Newark Museum, Princeton University Museum, and the African Art Museum of the Society of African Missions in Tenafly, Bergen County.

If in the market for African and African American fine art and collectibles, see the section on Shopping in this guide for several galleries and shops that are sure to please.



AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUMS

African Art Museum of the Society of African Missions

23 Bliss Avenue
Tenafly, Bergen County
201-894-8611

www.smafathers.org/mus_web/Ten_museum.htm

One of the few museums in the United States dedicated solely to the arts of Africa houses permanent collections exhibited on a rotating basis. A great place to learn more about sub-Saharan sculpture and painting, costumes, textiles, decorative arts, religion and folklore.

African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey

661 Jackson Road
Newtonville, Atlantic County
609-704-7262

www.aahmsnj.org

The permanent home of this traveling museum features over 3,000 historical and cultural artifacts, each providing insight of how African American culture has evolved and changed.

Afro-American Historical Society Museum

Jersey City Public Library, Greenville Branch
1841 Kennedy Boulevard
Jersey City, Hudson County
201-547-5262

www.cityofjerseycity.org/docs/afroam.shtml

This museum created by African Americans focuses on black life in New Jersey. Holdings include some African American quilts, posters from civil rights marches, photographs of historic black churches, musical instruments, black dolls, NAACP artifacts, and a special Pullman Porters collection which tells of black railroad workers as organizers of the civil rights movement.



■ **Montclair Art Museum**

3 South Mountain Avenue
Montclair, Essex County
973-746-5555
www.montclair-art.com

This near century-old museum with high cultural diversity ranks among the principal institutions of its kind in the state. Exhibitions have included works by African American artists Romane Bearden, Faith Ringgold, Beverly Buchanan and Janet Taylor Pickett.

■ **New Jersey Historical Society**

52 Park Place
Newark, Essex County
973-596-8500
www.jerseyhistory.org

This largest repository of New Jersey historical materials hosts exhibits, workshops and lecture series throughout the year. Collections represent the physical records of New Jersey's past and present—the good and the bad, the trials and the triumphs, the everyday and the extraordinary.

■ **Newark Museum**

49 Washington Street
Newark, Essex County
973-596-6550 or 1-800-7MUSEUM
www.newarkmuseum.org

The African collection at New Jersey's largest museum features fine examples of northern and sub-Saharan sculpture, including noteworthy pieces from the Yoruba and important holdings of ceramics, baskets, metal arts and textiles. An exciting new direction includes works produced since the late 1960s, providing a window into the ongoing creativity of the African continent.

■ **Rutgers University Institute of Jazz Studies**

John Cotton Dana Library
183 University Avenue
Newark, Essex County
973-353-5595
<http://newarkwww.rutgers.edu/IJS>

One of the nation's most important institutional jazz collections is housed here, which contains more than 60,000 records, related written articles, extensive clipping files, and jazz memorabilia such as photographs, original manuscripts and instruments used by well-known musicians.

■ **Sumei Multidisciplinary Art Center**

19 Liberty Street
Newark, Essex County
973-242-7914
www.sumei.org

The Sumei Center provides a 2,000 sq. ft. exhibit space for artists of all disciplines to perform, exhibit and interact with the public. A growing collection of art includes eighteenth and nineteenth century religious carvings and tapestries from the Yoruba culture in Nigeria and works by contemporary African American artists.

■ **Aljira Center for Contemporary Art**

591 Broad Street
Newark, Essex County
973-622-1600
www.aljira.org

Aljira fosters excellence in the visual arts through exhibitions and educational programs that serve to bridge racial, cultural and ethnic divides and enrich the lives of individuals. Works of emerging, under-represented and established artists are featured.

■ **Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Museum**

71 Hamilton Street
New Brunswick, Middlesex County
732-932-7237
www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu

This large university museum at Rutgers houses more than 60,000 works from various cultures dating from the Renaissance to the present. The permanent collection includes highly regarded works by African American artists such as Henry Ossawa Tanner, Hughie Lee-Smith and Faith Ringgold.

■ **Princeton University Art Museum**

McCormick Hall, Princeton University
Princeton, Mercer County
609-258-3788
www.princetonartmuseum.org

The Hall of African art here contains work from west, central, and South Africa, such as a Fumu Mbuyu mask and sculpture from Nigeria that may be 2,000 years old. Also among the permanent collection of over 60,000 works are galleries of contemporary painting, Greek and Roman antiquities, and art from the ancient Americas, Asia and Western Europe.

■ **New Jersey State Museum**

205 West State Street
Trenton, Mercer County
609-292-6464

www.state.nj.us/state/museum

One of New Jersey's most extraordinary museums includes a comprehensive collection of African American works by artists such as Edward Bannister, Joshua Johnson, Romare Bearden, Jacob Lawrence, Richard Hunt, Betye Saar, Horace Pippin, Willie Cole and Bob Thompson.

■ **Walt Whitman Arts Center**

2nd and Cooper streets
Camden, Camden County
856-964-8300

www.waltwhitmancenter.org

This nonprofit, multicultural literary, performing and visual arts center presents a variety of cultural programs. Among the museum's exhibits has been the history of the Dreamland Café, a jazz club that once stood at the center of a thriving entertainment district in the nearby African American town of Lawnside.

■ **The Noyes Museum of Art**

733 Lily Lake Road
Oceanville, Atlantic County
609-652-8848

www.noyesmuseum.org

The Noyes Museum preserves its 2003 multimedia exhibition of Wendel A. White's "Small Towns, Black Lives: African American Communities in Southern New Jersey" as a virtual tour on its website and as a best selling coffee table book in its gift shop.

■ **Atlantic City Arts Center**

Boardwalk at New Jersey Avenue
Atlantic City, Atlantic County
609-347-5839

www.acartcenter.org

Three exhibition galleries change monthly and bi-monthly featuring artwork by contemporary artists of national, regional and local renown. Works by African American artists have included Wendel White's photography, illustrations by Earl Bradley Lewis and sculpture by Paul Wandless.



Performing Arts

Laugh! Cry! Applaud! Rejoice in spirited productions that translate African American culture through wonderfully entertaining music, song, dance and theatre—enabling people of all cultures to better understand and appreciate the African American experience.

Start at the Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick, home of the nationally renowned, Tony Award-winning Crossroads Theatre Company. Since its founding in 1978, Crossroads has produced over 100 works, many being premiere productions by the world's leading African and African American artists. This New Jersey gem sparkles with prestigious affiliations, such as a resident theatre company of The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, performances before world leaders home and abroad, and support from prominent public figures and celebrities—all resulting from the penetrating quality of its productions year after year.

All of New Jersey's leading performing arts centers provide a stage for diversity, attracting world-renown African American artists and emerging sensations. Part of the mix is our own sensations, like the Umoja Dance Company, which performs at venues throughout the state and out of state, including an appearance on NBC's *Today Show*.

In summer, the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel, Monmouth County and the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden buzz as New Jersey's leading concert destinations. Plan ahead to catch performances of your favorite touring artists under the stars in an outdoor amphitheater setting.

Variety and choices are many in New Jersey, where African American culture represents the finest in our arts and entertainment.



AFRICAN AMERICAN COMPANIES

Crossroads Theatre Company

7 Livingston Avenue
New Brunswick, Middlesex County
732-545-8100
www.crossroadsnb.com

Nationally renowned, Tony Award-winning Crossroads continues to lead the nation with its commitment to literary works that examine the African American experience. Many productions are world premieres by leading African and African American artists.

Umoja Dance Company

973-674-0285
www.umojadance.com

One of New Jersey's premier dance companies, Umoja (the Ki-swahil word for unity) performs at venues throughout the state, from high schools and community centers to the showcase New Jersey Performing Arts Center, and out of state, including an appearance on NBC's *Today Show*.



■ **Bergen Performing Arts Center**

30 North Van Brunt Street
Englewood, Bergen County
201-227-1030
www.bergenpac.org

One of the largest performing arts centers in New Jersey, bergenPAC attracts a broad range of entertainment for the enjoyment and cultural enrichment of residents and visitors in northern New Jersey communities.

■ **Park Performing Arts Center**

560 32nd Street
Union City, Hudson County
201-865-6980 extension 20
www.parkpac.org

Productions include drama, musicals, opera, dance companies, orchestras, and musicians representing a broad multicultural mix.

■ **New Jersey Performing Arts Center**

One Center Street
Newark, Essex County
1-888-GO-NJPAC or 973-642-0404
www.njpac.org

New Jersey's largest performing arts center, located on Newark's waterfront, packs a wide variety of alluring programs and events into its annual calendar, from leading jazz performers to black theater and dance to *Planet Hip-Hop*.

■ **Loew's Jersey Theater**

Journal Square
Jersey City, Hudson County
201-798-6055
www.loewsjersey.org

This recently restored ornate and historic 3,000-seat landmark is the site of both film and stage productions representative of the diverse multicultural society of the Gateway Region.

■ **Count Basie Theatre**

Maple Avenue (Route 35)
Red Bank, Monmouth County
732-842-9000
www.countbasietheatre.org

Named in honor of jazz pianist, composer, band leader and Red Bank native William "Count" Basie (1904-1984), this fabulous venue features an excellent schedule of headliner entertainment, from top musical artists and comedy shows to popular Broadway productions.

■ **PNC Bank Arts Center**

Exit 116 Garden State Parkway
Holmdel, Monmouth County
732-203-2500
www.artscenter.com

World-class contemporary entertainment in an outdoor amphitheater setting make the PNC Center one of the most successful venues of its kind for concerts.

■ **McCarter Theatre Center**

91 University Place
Princeton, Mercer County
609.258.2787
www.mccarter.org

An unwavering commitment to making the arts accessible to all people results in an unparalleled variety of bold, stimulating, diverse and provocative programs with over 200 performances of theater, dance, music and special events each year.

■ **Patriot Theater at the War Memorial**

West Lafayette and Barracks Streets
Trenton, Mercer County
609-984-8400
www.thewarmemorial.com

Acclaimed as much for its architectural splendor as for its success as one of the state's top venues, the War Memorial hosts a diverse and exciting array of theatrical and concert events — from comedy to ballet, opera to gospel, international to jazz, classical to rock.

■ **Susquehanna Bank Center**

One Harbor Boulevard
Camden, Camden County
856-365-1300 and 856-338-9000
www.susquehannabankcenter.com
Headlining the hottest acts in music, the Susquehanna Bank Center is a 25,000-seat outdoor amphitheater in summer that converts to an enclosed, climate-controlled theatre in the fall and winter, featuring concerts, Broadway productions and family-friendly entertainment.



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Dining



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From north to south, east to west and everywhere in between, New Jersey is home to some of the finest soul food restaurants anywhere in the Northeast.

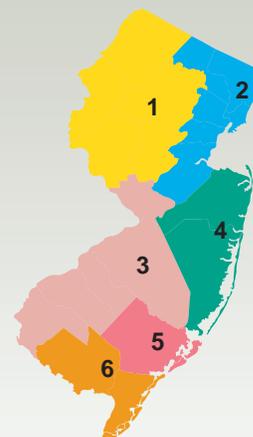
You can begin your journey in Plainfield, home to renowned dining atmosphere of the award-winning restaurant, *Freshwaters*. Meanwhile, in beautiful New Brunswick, visitors will find one of New Jersey's finest locales for cultural fare. *Makeda*, located in the heart of New Brunswick's renowned theatre district, has drawn rave reviews for its exotic Ethiopian cuisine and dining ambiance – highlighted by a fabulous window wall and adjoining African gallery and gift shop to complement a memorable evening. Weekends bring additional entertainment, as patrons can sit back, relax and enjoy live African, Salsa and Calypso performances. Not to be outdone, *Delta's*, offers an array of some of the finest southern cuisine anywhere in the state amid live jazz and R&B entertainment to cap an unforgettable night on the town.

Those in the southern part of the state need not despair, however, as its home to an equal number of fantastic establishments. For instance, there's *Aunt Berta's Kitchen* in Oaklyn (Atlantic County). A truly revolutionary dining experience, their knowledge of modern dietetics make old-fashioned soul favorites more healthful, all while preserving the unique flavors and textures that you grew up enjoying so thoroughly.

Soul, southern and African eateries, large and small and in both urban and rural communities, have come to epitomize the high quality of New Jersey's unique and diverse dining experience. These fine establishments are listed in detail throughout *New Jersey's African American Visitor's Guide*, and therefore easier than ever to locate the finest restaurants nearest you. An unforgettable experience awaits, and we're confident one that will prove worthy of repeating time and time again.

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SOUL FOOD AND MORE

■ **Indigo Smoke**

381 Bloomfield Avenue
Montclair, Essex County
973-744-3440
Ribs, Soul, Southern
Pricing: Moderate
Upscale Setting, Live Jazz on Sundays

■ **Mesob**

515 Bloomfield Avenue
Montclair, Essex County
973-655-9000
www.mesobrestaurant.com
African, European
Pricing: Moderate
African Getaway in Montclair

■ **Mulu Baltena**

713 Bergen Avenue
Jersey City, Hudson County
201-946-0880
www.mulubaltena.com
African
Pricing: Inexpensive
Charming Ethiopian Cafe

■ **Just Rae's**

1533 Main Street
Rahway, Union County
732-382-3840
American, African, European
Pricing: Moderate
Jazz Club Setting

■ **Awujoh**

841 Hamilton Street
Franklin, Sussex County
732-246-7587
West African
Pricing: Moderate
Festive West African Gathering Place

■ **Freshwater's**

1442 South Avenue
Plainfield, Union County
908-561-9099
www.myfreshwaters.com
Carolina Southern Cuisine
Pricing: Moderate
Award-Winning Southern Food Restaurant

■ **Delta's**

19 Dennis Street
New Brunswick, Middlesex County
732-249-1551
www.deltasrestaurant.com
Home Cooking, Soul Food, Southern
Pricing: Moderate
Down-Home Food, Upscale Setting, Live Jazz and R&B

■ **Makeda**

338 George Street
New Brunswick, Middlesex County
732-545-5115
www.makedas.com
African, Ethiopian, International
Pricing: Moderate
Urban, Trendy, Live Entertainment on Weekends

■ **Jameson's**

652 State Route 35 North
Neptune, Monmouth County
732-775-4699
Southern-Style Soul Food
www.jjamesons.com
Pricing: Moderate
The Ultimate in Southern Cooking

■ **Aunt Berta's Kitchen**

639 White Horse Pike
Oaklyn, Atlantic County
856-858-7009
www.auntbertaskitchen.com
Southern-Style Soul Food
Pricing: Moderate
Healthful, Home-Style Cooking at Its Best



New Jersey Dining Directories

www.nj.com/dining
www.ardore.com
www.njrestaurants.com



In terms of variety and numbers of restaurants and eateries, New Jersey is a dining capital.

Restaurants listed in this guide were selected based on reviews by food critics and patrons, ratings in statewide dining directories, and examinations of websites representing approximately 100 dining establishments at the time this guide was produced. Restaurant lists are provided as a convenience to visitors and are not all inclusive. The State of New Jersey assumes no responsibility for actual dining experiences.





Among endless choices, several New Jersey shopping destinations are themselves tourist attractions. Within the mix are shops and galleries that specialize in merchandise designed by and for African Americans, as well as African imports stores. Intriguing shopping diversity extends to uniquely distinctive malls, discount shopping outlets, outdoor markets, antique shops, roadside farmers markets, seaside souvenir stores, and intimate boutiques catering to every individual's tastes, needs and budget.

Shopping

Approaching its 40th anniversary year, Bridges Book Center and African American Museum and Research Library in Rahway, Union County, stands as one of the first and oldest establishments in the state to make African American history, literature and authors conveniently accessible to the local community. In addition to books, Bridges today is also a retailer of African American and African art and artifacts, and an intriguing place to just browse. While longevity and prominence in community events have made the family owned business a Rahway landmark, the owners' entrepreneurial spirit, driven by cultural awareness instead of riches, allows interesting expansions into new public service areas, which now includes a culturally engaging travel agency for trips anywhere.

The LaUnique African American Bookstore and Cultural Center in Camden is another place that elevates the concept of "shopping" to new levels. The bookstore offers thousands of titles by renowned African and African American authors, but there is also a gallery of original African art, artifacts, clothing, jewelry, instruments, games and tribal masks. Plus, there is a cultural center and theatre that hosts events such as book signings, jazz, poetry readings, documentary films and more.



CULTURAL SHOPPING

Bridges Book Center, African American Museum and Research Library

1480 Main Street
Rahway, Union County
732-381-2040

One of New Jersey's oldest African American book stores has grown to be much more, offering art, artifacts, and an intriguing place to shop and browse. Interests in history, culture and community here know no bounds.

LaUnique African American Bookstore and Cultural Center

111 North 6th Street
Camden, Camden County
856-338-1958
www.launiquebooks.net

Specializing in African and African American literature with thousands of titles by world-renown authors, this "bookstore" has also become popular for its apparel and artifacts from Africa, and its cultural center and theater for book signings, jazz, poetry readings, documentary films and events.

OTHER MAJOR SHOPPING ATTRACTIONS

Westfield Shoppingtown

One Garden State Plaza
Paramus, Bergen County
201-843-2121

www.westfield.com/gardenstateplaza

The huge Westfield Garden State Plaza features over 300 upscale to moderate stores and restaurants.

Secaucus Factory Outlets

Secaucus, Hudson County
201-348-4780

www.harmonmeadow.com

Over 120 stores with the finest name-brand designers and manufacturers offering merchandise at dramatically reduced prices.

The Mall at Short Hills

Route 24 & JFK Parkway
Short Hills, Essex County
973-376-7350

www.shopshorthills.com

This luxury shopping destination includes over 170 specialty stores and restaurants. Over 40 boutiques have their only New Jersey location here.

Ironbound District

Newark, Essex County
www.goironbound.com

International merchants, incredible restaurants, and a wonderfully stimulating environment for all world cultures.

Jersey Gardens

651 Kapkowski Road
Elizabeth, Union County
908-354-5900
www.jerseygardens.com

New Jersey's largest discount mall features 200 outlet stores under one roof, a deluxe food court, several restaurants and a children's play area.

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Liberty Village Premium Outlets

One Church Street
Flemington, Hunterdon County
908-782-8550
www.shopflemington.com
Over sixty factory discount shops with hundreds more in nearby downtown Flemington.

Englishtown Auction

90 Wilson Avenue
Englishtown, Monmouth County
732-446-9644
www.englishtownauction.com
Landmark indoor/outdoor market is the largest of its kind and a bargain hunter's paradise since 1929. Over 40 acres of outdoor market surround 300 year-round indoor vendors.

Jackson Premium Outlets

537 Monmouth Road
Jackson, Ocean County
732-833-0680
www.shopjackson.com/outlets
Near the fabulous Six Flags Great Adventure Park, Water Park and Safari, 100 outlet shops add another major attraction during a visit to Jackson.

Pier at Caesars

Atlantic City, Atlantic County
www.pieratcaesars.com
90 stores, 10 restaurants, four floors of world-class retailers on Atlantic City's boardwalk, all connected to the Caesars Hotel and Casino by a sky bridge, make New Jersey's newest shopping destination one of the most unique.

The Quarter at Tropicana Casino

S. Brighton Avenue and the Boardwalk
Atlantic City, Atlantic County
Recreation of a three-story Havana, Cuba streetscape provides a dazzling array of shops, world-class restaurants, Latin bands, Salsa dancing, palm trees, and South Jersey's only IMAX theater.

The Walk

Atlantic Avenue
Atlantic City, Atlantic County
609-872-7002
www.acoutlets.com
Features 52 national brand outlet stores, entertainment venues and exciting restaurants and clubs between the Atlantic City Convention Center and boardwalk casinos.



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In New Jersey, you can escape to the

Escapes

Where else but New Jersey can you choose from ocean, mountain and country escapes all within a few hours drive? Or find choices of luxurious resort hotels, moderately priced lodging, and intimate bed and breakfast inns at your preferred destination? In New Jersey, you can escape to the freedom of doing your thing your way. Dreams here do come true.



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The Jersey Shore is synonymous with summer vacationing. Any of the state's 71 shore communities offer fabulous beaches for swimming and sunbathing, and areas for walking, biking and picnicking. Less known is how New Jersey's ocean resorts extend their care-free pleasures year-round—with special "off season" packages, festive weekend events, and the allure of near-empty beaches and coastal towns still to be enjoyed when days are shorter, the weather cooler, and slacks and sweaters replace swimsuits and tank tops.

For romance and history, nothing takes the place of Cape May. Victorian hotels and inns, tree-lined streets, panoramic ocean views, five-star restaurants and fabulous shops make this jewel at the state's southernmost tip an annual pilgrimage for many after their first memorable visit. History spreads from West Cape May with reported ties to the Underground Railroad and once home to many African Americans who worked at the beachfront resort hotels. Book early for a stay at places like Akwaaba by the Sea (www.akwaaba.com), a black-owned bed and breakfast that transforms a one-time Victorian cottage into an upscale inn with contemporary African art, southern style breakfasts, and each of its six guest rooms named after prominent Cape May African Americans.

Up the coast, Atlantic City combines an equally generous archive of New Jersey's African American heritage with round-the-clock excitement. The draw of the casino resorts here lie as much with spectacular entertainment, restaurants, shopping and services as with the card tables and slot machines.

For family fun, places like The Wildwoods, Ocean City and Seaside Heights entertain with lively boardwalks, shopping, games, amusements, live shows, concerts, and diversions that have long defined the Jersey Shore as a playground for vacationers. If looking to get away from the crowds and enjoy nature, the Sandy Hook Unit, Gateway National Recreation Area in the north and Island Beach State Park midway down the coast offer trails, picnicking, and other outdoor activities among the unspoiled beauty and wildlife in these maritime land preserves.

The New Jersey Skylands, with its slice of the Appalachian Trail, mountainous parklands, resorts and inns, awes visitors with rural splendor and outdoor adventures. In summer, enjoy hiking, mountain biking, fishing, horseback riding, golf, water parks, scenic drives and more. In winter, downhill and cross-country skiing, snow boarding and snow tubing dominate.

The Crystal Springs golf and spa resort (www.crystalgolfresort.com) in Vernon, Sussex County features award-winning golf courses, six restaurants, skiing at the adjoining Mountain Creek complex (www.mountaincreek.com), and a luxurious spa for an ultimate getaway any time of year.

Looking for something simpler? Or, maybe a little more romantic? The Apple Valley Inn (www.applevalleyinn.com) in Glenwood and Alpine Haus (www.alpinehausbb.com) in Vernon are fine examples of bread-and-breakfast inns in the area. You can still enjoy many of the attractions at the larger resorts, as well as take off to nearby state parks, wineries and antique shops.

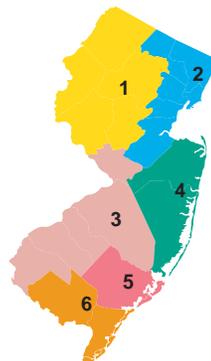
The Jersey Countryside offers the farmlands and forests of the Delaware River Valley, and the New Jersey Pinelands National Preserve, covering seven counties and 22% of the state's land area with a tapestry of historic villages, berry farms, pine forests and wetlands. Accommodations in these areas range from familiar moderately priced motel chains to charming bed and breakfast inns and quaint, historic hotels.

Relaxation here can include shopping for antiques, visiting roadside farmers markets, exploring Underground Railroad Sites, enjoying the preserved scenery of state and national parks, hiking nature trails, and delightful diversions that only the next turn on a country drive can provide. Proximity to urban areas puts the Jersey countryside within easy reach for pleasing day trips from anywhere in the state.



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Ocean Resorts

■ Sandy Hook Unit Gateway National Recreation Area

Highlands Monmouth County
732-872-5970

www.nps.gov/gate/shu/shu_home.htm

This National Park offers seven miles of beachfront, a maritime holly forest, nature trails, 300 species of migratory birds, lighthouse, post civil war fort that guarded the entrance to New York Harbor, and visitors center. Swim and picnic in summer. Hike, windsurf, fish and enjoy nature year-round.

■ Asbury Park

Monmouth County
732-775-0900

www.asburyboardwalk.com

Once the "Crown Jewel" of the Jersey Shore, Asbury Park has been undergoing a renaissance and again is attracting crowds to its wide, clean beaches, amusements, boardwalk, nightspots, and two major performing arts centers.

■ Point Pleasant Beach

Ocean County
1-888-772-3862

www.pointpleasantbeachnj.com

A family-friendly beach town with a boardwalk, amusements, rides and Jenkinson's Aquarium.

■ Seaside Heights and Seaside Park

Ocean County
732-793-9100

www.seaside-heightsnj.org

www.seasideparknj.org

These adjacent family shore resorts are famous for their ocean side boardwalks lined with amusements, rides, games of chance, arcades, restaurants, night clubs, snack bars, boutique shops, gourmet candy shops, an antique carousel, log flume and more.

■ Island Beach State Park

Ocean County
732-793-0506

www.njparksandforests.com

Pristine white beaches, sand dunes covered with wild flowers, nature trails, winding bike paths, and canoe tours attract thousands of visitors to this easily accessible 9.5-mile barrier island year-round.

■ Long Beach Island

Ocean County
www.lbinet.com

Another barrier island just south of Island Beach State Park, Long Beach Island features several small resort communities with shops, hotels, restaurants and nightclubs in addition to the fabulous beaches.



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Atlantic City
 Atlantic County
 1-888-228-4748
www.atlanticcitynj.com
 Year round, day or night, Atlantic City guarantees excitement and non-stop fun with world-class entertainment, fine dining, shopping, golf, spas, nightlife and, of course, casino gaming—all in addition to the other beach and boardwalk attractions.

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Ocean City
 Cape May County
 1-800-232-2465
www.oceancityvacation.com
 This major family vacation destination offers eight miles of beautiful beaches, a 2.5 mile boardwalk with both serenity and numerous entertainment attractions, a downtown district with intimate boutiques and specialty shops, cultural attractions such as its own museum and pops orchestra, and special events year-round.

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Sea Isle City
 Cape May County
 609-263-8900
www.seaislecity.org
 Surrounded by the sea and immense natural beauty, Sea Isle City offers fabulous outdoor recreation, all of the favorite oceanfront activities, dining, shopping, year-round events, and close proximity to other southern shore attractions.

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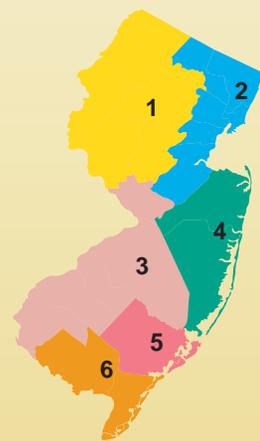
The Wildwoods
 Cape May County
 1-800-992-9732 or 609-729-9000
www.wildwoodsny.com
 Consisting of the communities of North Wildwood, West Wildwood and Wildwood Crest, the white beaches along this five-mile shoreline are considered among the best in the United States. Wildwood's two-mile boardwalk is lined with carnival games, specialty shops, food stands, water parks and the largest amusement piers in the world.

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Cape May
 Cape May County
 1-888-898-2997 or 609-898-4500
www.capemay.com
 Picturesque Cape May holds the distinction of being the oldest shore resort in the country and one of the most unique. The city is known for its large number of majestic, Victorian era (19th century) structures and a serenity that provides an oasis of relaxation and refuge from hectic lifestyles.

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Atlantic City Casinos





Bally's Atlantic City

Park Place & The Boardwalk
609-340-2000
www.ballysac.com

Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa

One Borgata Way
609-317-1000
www.theborgata.com

Caesars Atlantic City Hotel Casino

2100 Pacific Avenue
609-348-4411
www.harrahs.com

Harrah's Atlantic City

777 Harrah's Boulevard
609-441-5000
www.harrahs.com

Hilton Casino Resort

Boston & The Boardwalk
609-347-7111
www.hiltonac.com

Resorts Atlantic City

1133 Boardwalk
609-344-6000
www.resortsaac.com

Showboat Casino Hotel

801 Boardwalk
609-343-4000
www.harrahs.com

Tropicana Casino Resort

2831 Boardwalk
800-345-8767
www.tropicana.net

Trump Marina Casino Resort

Huron Avenue & Brigantine Boulevard
609-441-2000
www.trumpmarina.com

Trump Plaza Hotel & Casino

Mississippi Avenue & Boardwalk
609-441-6000
www.trumpplaza.com

Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort

1000 Boardwalk at Virginia Avenue
609-449-1000
www.trumptaj.com



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Resorts

Mountain Creek

Vernon, Sussex County
973-827-2000
www.mountaincreek.com
WINTER: Skiing, Snowboarding, Snow Tubing
SUMMER: Water Park, Downhill Mountain Biking

Hidden Valley

Vernon, Sussex County
973-764-4200
WINTER: Skiing, Snowboarding, Snow Tubing

Crystal Springs

Vernon, Sussex County
973-827-5996
www.crystalgolfresort.com
WINTER: Nearby Skiing, Resort Hotels and Spa
SUMMER: Golf (six courses), Spa

High Point

Sussex, Sussex County
973-293-3282
www.xcskihighpoint.com
WINTER: Cross Country Skiing
SUMMER: Cross Country Roller Skiing

New Jersey Bed & Breakfast Inns

www.njinns.com

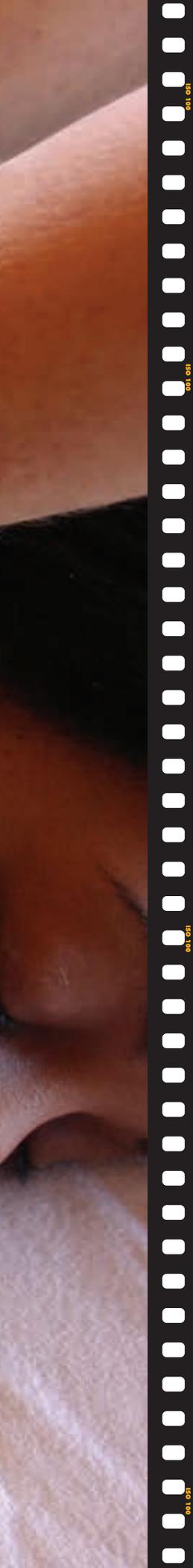
New Jersey Hotels

www.visitnj.org

**America's Appalachian
Mountain Chain
crosses the
state providing
breathtaking views.**







Spas



For the ultimate in relaxation and rejuvenating yourself, visit one of New Jersey's hundreds of spas. Some offer ocean views, others garden views. Many accompany the healing powers of natural minerals and plants with bubbling fountains and soothing music. Treatments can range from a 50-minute visit to day-long pampering to the great escape of a spa resort. Smaller day spas are often family owned, some by African American therapists.

Along New Jersey's Atlantic shoreline, nothing quite compares to an oceanfront spa vacation. The Ocean Place Resort & Spa (1-800-411-6493, www.oceanplaceresort.com/spa) in Long Branch, Monmouth County even includes ocean views in its complete day spa experience.

South of Long Branch, spas complement the dining, wagering, shopping, and headline entertainment attractions at virtually all of the Atlantic City casino resort hotels. The latest and greatest at 50,000 square feet is the Tocarre Spa at The Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa (609-317-7555, www.theborgata.com). The luxurious layout features an indoor pool, an outdoor Spa Garden, a Spa Suite, an exercise room with cardio and muscle toning equipment, and a variety of "Decadent Bath Suites." All the way down the coast, the Cape May Day Spa (609-898-1003, www.capemaydayspa.com) combines luxurious massages, facials and body treatments with the serene, romantic, ocean atmosphere of one of New Jersey's most enchanting cities.

Any list of popular African American-owned establishments would have to include Belliards Salon and Spa in Cherry Hill (856-665-9323, www.belliardsspa.com) and Clique Salon and Spa in Burlington (609-239-8181, www.forclique.com). Both are Aveda Concept day spa establishments that combine specialty hair salons with body spas. Belliards has been rated as one of the nation's top 200 salons for three consecutive years by *Salons Today* magazine. Clique, located on the banks of the Delaware River in Burlington - a city rich with African American history dating to the first black presence in New Jersey - is a Moroccan-themed establishment providing a unique and relaxing escape from the ordinary.

Again, there are hundreds of spas throughout New Jersey, and choices near where you may be in the state. This link www.spas.about.com/cs/usresortspasnj/l/blanka062001.htm—although a lot to type into your Web browser is the quickest way to find the best spa for your personal enjoyment.

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Reunion Planning

New Jersey offers a wealth of resources to make an African American family reunion a truly memorable event. You will find the perfect setting, whether it's at the shore, the mountains, a resort hotel, a state park, or other venue. And you'll find warm friendly people ready to welcome your family and assist with the planning and details.

The ideal destination for your family reunion should have something for everyone—a variety of attractions for all age groups, outstanding accommodations and restaurants, and places and events that celebrate African American culture and heritage. Here are ideas for planning a reunion that takes advantage of New Jersey's virtually endless list of attractions. Even if you're not planning a reunion, you still could find tips to help guide your choices for an exciting New Jersey getaway.



Small Reunions

The company of family can be even more enjoyable in a place that offers many of the comforts of home. For beautiful surroundings and old-fashioned hospitality, consider a stay at a summer cottage or one of New Jersey's bed and breakfast inns. To find best accommodations for your smaller family gathering, visit the New Jersey Bed and Breakfast Association's website at www.njinn.com or call the association at 866-449-3535.

Large Reunions

Big family gatherings need space for the signature barbecue, picnic or banquet that's often the centerpiece of a reunion. In addition to numerous hotels with banquet facilities, New Jersey has more than 375,000 acres of state parkland, plus county parks. Rest assured that you will find the perfect location, lodging, and variety of attractions for your family's interests and size. For example, Ocean County Park in Lakewood has picnic facilities that can accommodate groups of up to 700.

Group Outing Reunions

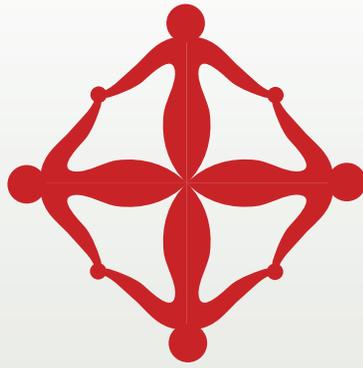
If looking to turn your reunion into a family outing, other choices abound in addition to the above. Destinations such as Six Flags Great Adventure Park, Wild Safari and Hurricane Harbor in Jackson (732-928-2000 ext. 2859, www.sixflags.com/greatAdventure/groups/reunions.aspx) offer special pricing and amenities, as well as experienced catering and planning teams. Between thrill rides, music, shows and games, there can be something for everyone from eight to 80.

Another idea for a one-day event in a very picturesque setting could be a picnic or banquet at one of New Jersey's wineries or larger bed and breakfast inns. Some inns can accommodate groups of up to 100 and more people for banquets. Some wineries serve up to 300 and more. Reunions in New Jersey are very special events limited only by a family's imagination.

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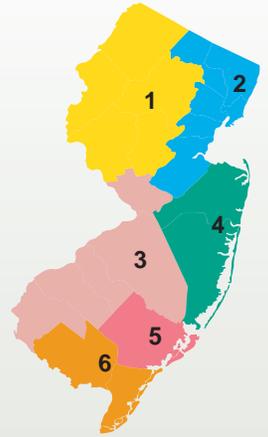
Each of New Jersey's six travel regions has its own tourism representatives who can put their expertise to work in helping you find the right lodging and attractions that every family member will enjoy. The help is free, will save you time and effort, and best of all will help you plan the perfect reunion. For contacts and more information call 609-292-2740.





New Jersey Regions

- 1 Skylands
- 2 Gateway
- 3 Delaware River
- 4 Shore
- 5 Greater Atlantic City
- 6 Southern Shore



New Jersey State Parks

www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests
Lists New Jersey's nearly 50 state parks and forests by location and available outdoor activities.



New Jersey Hotels

www.visitnj.org
HotelsTravel.com site listing New Jersey hotels by region and community.



New Jersey Wineries

www.newjerseywines.com/wineries.html
New Jersey Wine Growers Association site identifying wineries with accommodations for indoor and outdoor events.

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