Savor Every Delicious Stop on the Anthony Bourdain Food Trail

Celebrity chef, author and TV personality, the late Anthony Bourdain traveled the world documenting his epicurean adventures. But it was New Jersey he called “home,” having grown up in Leonia. He devoted an episode of Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown to his cherished Garden State restaurants—now comprising our designated Anthony Bourdain Food Trail.

Make a trip of that trail by using this sample itinerary, created to help you check off all ten stops. From no-frills locales to refined dining, whether Bourdain’s biggest fan or just a big-time food lover, dig in to delectably iconic eateries—and the appealing destinations where you’ll find them.

**DAY 1**

Cozy up to a homestyle breakfast and helping of smiles at Lucille’s Country Cooking (Barnegat). Connoisseurs rave about their pie, so take some to go. Ogle mementos of the Jersey Devil, our very own mythical creature.

Then, rove the Pine Barrens he’s said to lurk. It’s an incredible, woody wilderness with a surprising array of habitats and other species, too!

Voyage to Barnegat Light on Long Beach Island. At Viking Village, browse boutiques and watch scallop boats and longliners in the harbor. Visit Barnegat Lighthouse, or relax on the beach.

Tonight, dinner’s at Kubel’s, where Bourdain reminisced about family time “down the Shore.” The menu’s diverse, but try the steamed garlic clams, New England clam chowder and fried clam strips.
DAY 2

Atlantic City Deals Out Nostalgia

Four historic Atlantic City hotspots scored a slot. Feast at whichever satisfies your cravings, here in the East Coast's entertainment and gaming capital.

Tony's Baltimore Grill dishes up delish Italian and old-school décor. It's a late-night hit, but open 24/7—pepperoni pizza breakfast, perhaps? Stroll the famous Boardwalk and pick up AC's first souvenir at James Original Salt Water Taffy, popular from the 1880s.

Sample the daily oyster selection at Dock's Oyster House, opened in 1897, or the steak-and-seafood menu and robust wine list at upscale Knife & Fork Inn.

Get your fill of this entire quartet by staying longer in oceanside accommodations. Indulge in shopping, the beach, attractions, spas and, of course, casinos, clubs and bars and live shows and events.

There's Even More To Devour

Riverside Delights in Camden

Begin with breakfast at Tony & Ruth's Steaks, a community favorite doling out lip-smacking sandwiches and platters—open for lunch, too.

Cruise over to the Camden Waterfront on the Delaware River. Attractions include the Camden Children's Garden, promising playful gardens, a train and carousel and more.

At Adventure Aquarium, wave hello to 15,000+ aquatic species, like sharks, hippos and penguins. Explore Battleship New Jersey, America's most decorated battleship, now an interactive museum. Also in Camden, discover several Black Heritage stops.

When Bourdain said, “The best cheesesteak in the area might well come from New Jersey,” he meant Donkey's Place. Make next-door neighbor Philly envious by biting into one topped with fried onions and cherry peppers, on a poppy seed roll.

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