Bayshore Heritage: New Jersey Scenic Byway

These Scenic Byways are among eight statewide, where you can experience New Jersey’s authentic heart and soul—local communities promising open-air adventure, fascinating wildlife, historical treasures and endless natural beauty. **Voyage through the Bayshore Heritage Scenic Byway, also a National Scenic Byway, one of the most significant routes in the U.S.** Along splendid shoreline habitats, cross over rivers and tributaries and pass rolling farmland and historic villages, guided by our sample itinerary below. For full details, stops and directions, please visit NJScenicByways.com.

**DAY 1**

**Riveting Views in Pennsville and Hancock’s Bridge**

With a 122-mile main corridor and spurs adding 20 more miles, the Bayshore Heritage Scenic Byway presents lots of trip options. Embark on this journey from Pennsville in Salem County.

Hike the 2,800-acre **Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge** and see why the Delaware Bay wetlands are globally recognized as vital for migrating birds—plus, scope mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fish.

Wander through the **Fort Mott State Park** batteries, built for the Spanish-American War. Enjoy **Pennsville Custard Stand**, **Graystone Café**, **Famous Sgt. Bob Smoke BBQ and Grill** or **Sang Tong Thai**.

In Hancock’s Bridge, tour the **Hancock House**, site of a 1778 American Revolution attack by British troops on local militia.
**DAY 2**

Nautical Quest Around Cumberland County

Drift on to Cumberland County in the Southern Shore. Charter a fishing boat at Fortescue State Marina, or meander peaceful, nearby beaches, spotting mussels, horseshoe crabs, seashells and sea glass.

Another choice: Bayshore Center at Bivalve (Port Norris). There, watch oystermen at work, sail the 1928 schooner AJ Meerwald (New Jersey’s official tall ship), soak up the Delaware Bay Museum, and savor super-fresh seafood at The Oyster Cracker Café.

Navigate to Maurice River Township. Tour the quaint, still-active, 1849 East Point Lighthouse. In the evening, relax in Cape May, selecting from eclectic accommodations such as La Mer Beachfront Resort, Beauclaire’s Bed & Breakfast and Elaine’s boutique hotel with restaurant, bar and dinner theater.

**DAY 3**

Colorful, Coastal Cape May

Travel through time in Cape May County. Visit Historic Cold Spring Village, a re-created rural town, complete with restaurant, country store and more—even a brewery!

Or, stroll nature trails at Cape May Point State Park, and climb 199 steps inside the Cape May Lighthouse for an awe-inspiring panorama. Bring binoculars to Cape May Bird Observatory, a National Geographic World’s Best destination for birding.

Close by is the Cape May Historic District, flaunting Victorian flair. Board a themed Cape May MAC trolley tour to cruise its streets, which boast over 600 restored buildings, charming shops and delectable cuisine.

Discover the town’s Black heritage, including its legacy as an Underground Railroad hub, at sites like the Harriet Tubman Museum.

There’s Even More to See and Do

Extend your stay and add these on:

**Linger Longer in Local Spots**

This good-for-the-soul Scenic Byway boasts many towns and attractions, complemented by great shopping and dining.

Check out Salem. Indulge at Grandma’s Cafe (American, soul food) or Ella’s Mama Mia’s Family Restaurant (pizza, Italian) and stores ranging from New Age to totally vintage, like A Moment of Zen and Market Street Treasures and Antiques.

Brake for Bridgeton’s Cohanzick Zoo. Treat yourself to homegrown favorites, such as Century Bakery, Golden Pigeon Diner, Los Molcajetes (Mexican) and the Greater Bridgeton Amish Market.

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