Peter Mott House, Lawnside

Explore New Jersey's Black Heritage Along the Delaware River

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For four centuries, the Black community in New Jersey has been shaping our history and culture. Today, we can cherish and learn from some of our nation's most remarkable pioneers by visiting destinations honoring our unique Black heritage. **Discover more about this compelling theme as you travel across the state, to noteworthy locations like those by the Delaware River featured below.**

DAY 1

Rochester's Barbeque and Grill, Lawnside

Lawnside's Legacy as a "Free Haven"

Journey to Lawnside, steeped in history as New Jersey's most significant and largest Black community. On land purchased by abolitionists in 1840, it became the first incorporated, self-governing Black municipality north of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Tour the **Peter Mott House**, once owned by a free Black farmer and pastor who operated an Underground Railroad station in this home.

Reflect at **Mount Peace Cemetery**, formed in 1890 for Black citizens excluded from "whites-only" cemeteries. Buried here were enslaved people, freed Black people and many war veterans.

In Historic Lawnside Village, savor a tantalizing, homestyle meal at family-owned **Rochester's Barbeque and Grill**.

Community Spirit in Camden

Macedonia African Methodist Episcopal Church, Camden

Visit a historical spiritual and civic center of Camden, once a stop on the Underground Railroad—**Macedonia African Methodist Episcopal Church**. Established in 1832, it's the oldest Black church in Camden, situated in the city's earliest Black settlement, the Fettersville neighborhood.

Nearby, stop at Ferry Avenue and Charles Street, where **Butler Cemetery** was founded as a resting place for Black individuals, including local US Colored Troops veterans of the Civil War.

Shop **LaUnique African American Bookstore & Cultural Arts Center**, specializing in titles by Black authors, art, artifacts, clothing, jewelry and events. Dine at **Corinne's Place**, a local favorite dishing up soul food classics.

Burlington County, "Cradle of Emancipation"

Historic Burlington Antiques & Art Emporium, Burlington

Embark on the self-guided **African-American history tour** of Burlington County, a destination with outstanding Black historical presence and a number of sites, especially in the city of Burlington itself. Many of the 16 stops are linked to the Underground Railroad.

Among them, you'll find the historically all-Black settlement of Timbuctoo and the Oliver Cromwell House, home of the decorated Black soldier who fought under George Washington in the American Revolution and was by his side during the famous crossing of the Delaware River.

Mix in some shopping, like browsing vintage treasures at **Historic Burlington Antiques and Art Emporium**.

There's Even More to See and Do
Extend your stay and add these on:

Riverside Attractions Await
These distinctive destinations promise bonus experiences that appeal to all ages. Major highlights of Camden, for example, include the **Battleship New Jersey** and **Adventure Aquarium**.

Make Yourself at Home
Stay overnight in inviting and convenient accommodations, while traveling around the places noted above. Located just across from Philadelphia, this area provides an array of options to suit your style, needs and budget.

Get Info
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