



## TRIP ITINERARY

# Trace New Jersey's Black Heritage in Northern New Jersey



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. **Examine this fascinating theme more closely, in locations around the state, such as those in Northern New Jersey featured below.**

## DAY 1



Akwaaba Gallery, Newark

## Cultural Connections in Newark

Newark, a multicultural metropolis, celebrates Black heritage with an array of offerings and events.

Trek the **Arts of Global Africa Gallery** at Newark Museum of Art, a collection of masks and figural sculpture, textiles and dress, pottery, jewelry, furniture, photography and paintings.

Infuse your day with superb shopping and dining, and support Black-owned businesses at the same time.

Browse books written by and about people of African descent at **Source of Knowledge Bookstore**, eclectic art at **Akwaaba Gallery**, and bags, shoes, jewelry, dresses, art and African fabrics at **Rosina's African Fashion**.

Savor **The Weekend Spot's** RicoSoul cuisine, blending Puerto Rican and soul food homestyle cooking, plus other local treats at **Blueberry Cafe Juicebar and Vegan Grille** or **Saalam Ice Cream Parlor**.

## DAY 2



Carolyn's Soul Food, Jersey City

## Jersey City's Cosmopolitan Treasures

Just across the Hudson River from Ellis Island and Manhattan, Jersey City reflects its Black heritage amid the flavors and influences of the multicultural populations that call it home.

Among its riches, discover the Afro-American Historical Society Museum, devoted to the research, collection, preservation and exhibition of African-American history and culture.

Enrich your experience with delicious dishes and fabulous finds. Favorite, Black-owned dining establishments include Harry's Daughter, Freetown Road Restaurant, Cherry's Lounge, The Grind Coffee Shop, Carolyn's Soul Food, Light Rail Cafe and Larsen's Diner.

Peruse Pholk Beauty Lab for craft-batch vegan skincare products and Decarlos, a men's clothing boutique crafting stylish, custom and ready-to-wear suits.

## DAY 3



African Art Museum of the SMA Fathers, Tenafly

## Tour Tenafly, Little Ferry and/or Morristown

In Tenafly, marvel at the African Art Museum of the SMA Fathers and its captivating collections of sub-Saharan sculpture and painting, costumes, textiles and decorative arts, religion and folklore.

Visit Gethsemane Cemetery (Little Ferry), created in 1860 for Black citizens and significant for its role in New Jersey's early civil rights legislation and evidence of West African burial customs.

View panels listing those buried here, and reflect in the meditation areas. (Open by private appointment only.)

Alternatively, travel to historic Morristown. Here, you'll find the Bethel Church of Morristown, established in 1843 as Morris County's first Black church and once its only school for Black and Native American children.

## There's Even More to See and Do

Extend your stay and add these on:

### Three Cheers for Black-Owned Breweries

While you're in the area, check out New Jersey's Black-owned breweries, where local, one-of-a-kind, tasty craft beer goes hand in hand with a great time.

Raise a toast in the Montclair Brewery taproom or while enjoying live music in the outdoor beer garden (Montclair). Try inspired options—like beer slushies—at Hackensack Brewing Company (Hackensack), also offering an outdoor beer garden. Pull up a stool at Four City Brewing Company (Orange). Swing by for one of their events, which might include a reggae, comedy or painting night, or even a workout/beer tasting.



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## Explore NJ

Year-round, New Jersey offers an exciting array of attractions, outdoor adventures, accommodations, cuisine and events, all within easy access to New York City and Philadelphia. Visitors enjoy 130 miles of Atlantic Ocean coastline, state and national parks, American Revolution sites, rich arts and culture and 0% sales tax on clothing and footwear—and that's just the beginning!

