Black Heritage Trip Itineraries

The Black community in New Jersey has long been shaping our history and culture, contributing accomplishments now woven into the fabric of our state, country and world. Now, you can retrace the footsteps of pioneering famous figures and everyday citizens, right here. Journey through the centuries and to great destinations across the map by following our three-day Black Heritage Trip Itineraries in New Jersey’s Southern, Delaware River, Central and Northern regions.

Discover an array of extraordinary people, places and events, such as Harriet Tubman and Underground Railroad stations, a Civil Rights Garden, a once-segregated Atlantic City beach, renowned Black entertainers and athletes, historic towns and sites, and thought-provoking museums and cultural centers.

Along the way, enrich your trips with delicious cuisine, excellent shopping and must-do activities that also provide opportunities to support Black-owned, independent businesses.

Simply follow our four 3-day Black Heritage Trip Itineraries. Read summaries of each below and on the reverse side, and access more details and all itinerary downloads at VisitNJ.org/Black-Heritage.

**Southern New Jersey**

Explore Cape May's legacy as a hub for the Underground Railroad and abolitionist activity, amid its Victorian splendor. Check out treasures and traditions in Atlantic City, the East Coast seaside gaming and resort capital. Head to Newtonville and Folsom for bonus museum, BBQ and wine time.

Travel to **Lawside**: On land purchased by abolitionists in 1840, it was the first incorporated, self-governing Black municipality north of the Mason-Dixon Line. Stops in **Camden** and **Burlington County** reveal prominent Black historical presence and links to the Underground Railroad.

*Highlights: Peter Mott House, Mount Peace Cemetery, Macedonia African Methodist Episcopal Church, Butler Cemetery, Burlington County African-American history tour*

Head to **Red Bank** and **Middletown** for rich history and a lively music and arts scene. Vibrant **New Brunswick** promises superb art and culture. See **Somerville**, where the iconic Paul Robeson grew up. Play golf in **Scotch Plains**, at the first Black-owned golf and country club in the US, then wine and dine in **Plainfield**.

*Highlights: Count Basie Center for the Arts, T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center, Moses D. Heath Farm, Crossroads Theatre Company, St. Thomas AME Zion Church, Scotch Hills Country Club*

Trek intriguing museum collections and a variety of offerings and events in **Newark**, **Jersey City** and **Tenafly**. Visit **Little Ferry** and **Morristown** for groundbreaking landmarks created for Black residents in the 1800s. Nearby, sample tasty craft beer at Black-owned breweries in **Montclair**, **Hackensack** and **Orange**.


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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!

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