



BIRDING IN THE DELAWARE BAY Wed., May 22 – Thurs., May 23, 2024

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NOTE: Due to the nature of 'nature', this itinerary will be somewhat flexible depending on best birding sites during our 2-day visit

Wednesday, May 22

7:00 a.m. Departure from the Mayflower Hotel, with a pickup stop at New Carrollton at approximate 7:30am

9:30 a.m. **Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge**

12:15 p.m. Boxed lunch on site in Bombay Hook

Menu: Grilled Chicken, Roasted Tomatoes with Pesto & Basil Sauce on Ciabatta; Served with Herbed Potato Salad; Fresh Mixed Fruit; Cookie or Brownie. Bottled Water. Vegetarian meal provided to those requested.

1:00 p.m. Depart Bombay Hook with possible stops at Kitts Hummock and Pickering

3:00 p.m. **Dupont Nature Center**

5:00 p.m. Check in at the **Hampton Inn Milford** for your overnight stay

7:00 p.m. Depart for dinner at Benvenuto Restaurant

Menu: Caesar Salad, Choice of Entrée: 1) CHICKEN SALTIMBOCA Tender chicken breast, baby spinach, prosciutto, mozzarella and provolone finished in a creamy marsala wine sauce, buttery whipped potatoes & vegetable of the evening, 2) SHRIMP & SAUSAGE BUCATINI, Lightly blackened shrimp, sweet Italian sausage, calabrian pepper cream, blistered tomatoes, baby spinach, toasted pine nuts, 3) HONEY-CASHEW ROASTED SALMON Buttery whipped potatoes, warm summer corn salad, or 4) SUMMERGNOCCHI Fresh potato gnocchi, sautéed with fresh corn, sweet peas, pearl onion, red bell pepper and finished in a creamy white wine sauce; Chef Choice Panacotta & Non-Alcoholic Beverage.

9:00 p.m. Depart from dinner for evening beach excursions to view the **Horseshoe Crabs**



Thursday, May 23

Optional Sunrise Excursion to Bennett's Pier (exact timing TBD on tour)

Clear skies – leave hotel by 5:20am

Overcast skies – leave hotel by 6am

Excursion will return to the hotel around 7:45am

Breakfast served at the hotel (6am – 10am)

10:00 a.m. Approximate departure from the hotel

Lunch at a local restaurant

Potential stops could include:

Broadkill Beach

Slaughter Beach

Prime Hook

Port Mahon

Pickering Beach

Kitts Hummock

Cape Henlopen

4:00 p.m. Depart for Washington DC

7:30 p.m. Arrival at the Mayflower Hotel, with a drop off at the New Carrollton Kiss and Ride at approximately 6:30pm