



BIRDING IN THE DELAWARE BAY

Mon., May 12 – Tues., May 13, 2025

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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

Monday, May 12

- 7:00 a.m. Departure from the Mayflower Hotel, with a pickup stop at New Carrollton East Side Kiss and Ride at approximate 7:30 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m. **Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge**
- 12:15 p.m. Boxed lunch on site in Bombay Hook
Menu: **Curried Turkey Sandwich** with roasted turkey salad with currants, celery, walnuts, and carrots in a light curry dressing on ciabatta bread. Assorted fruit salad, French herb potato salad & brownie or cookie.
- 2:30 p.m. **DuPont Nature Center**
- 5:00 p.m. Depart for the **Hampton Inn Milford** for your overnight stay
- 7:00 p.m. Depart hotel for 7:15 p.m. dinner at Mama Maria Restaurant
Menu: House salad, Choice of Entrée: 1) **Rollatini di Melanzane:** Thin-sliced eggplant baked and stuffed with ricotta cheese, tomato sauce and mozzarella with choice of spaghetti, linguine, angel hair, or penne; 2) **Chicken Piccata:** Tender chicken breast with a buttery lemon-caper sauce with choice of spaghetti, linguine, angel hair, or penne; 3) **Traditional Lasagna:** Homemade traditional meat lasagna; Side of salad and fresh baked rolls; Homemade tiramisu & Pepsi, Tea, Lemonade, or Coffee.
- 9:00 p.m. Following dinner, travel by bus to Slaughter Beach to see the **Horseshoe Crabs** at moonrise
- 10:00 p.m. Approximate return to the hotel



Tuesday, May 13

Breakfast served at the hotel (6 a.m. – 10 a.m.)

Optional sunrise walk

9:30 a.m. Departure from the hotel

Potential stops for today could include:

Broadkill Beach
Slaughter Beach
Prime Hook
Port Mahon
Pickering Beach
Kitts Hummock
Cape Henlopen

12:30 p.m. Lunch at Striper Bites, Lewes, DE
Menu: Choice of Entrée: 1) **Blackened Mahi Club:** Lettuce, tomato, bacon, Caesar dressing, ciabatta bread, with choice of side, 2) **Bistro Burger:** Hand-pattied Creekstone blend, bacon jam, house spread, white cheddar, arugula, everything brioche bun with choice of side, or 3) **Striper Bites Signature Salad:** Fresh greens, artichoke hearts, marinated olives, toasted pine nuts, cucumbers, red onion, tomato, Italian vinaigrette, blue cheese crumbles, with or without grilled chicken; Petite Key Lime Pie; Water, Iced Tea or Soda.

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 East Side Kiss and Ride at approximately 7:00 p.m.