

Day One

Begin your historical voyage at Fort Miles Historical Area located in oceanfront Cape Henlopen State Park. During WWII, Fort Miles provided protection for the Delaware River which was a critical coastal trading route for Wilmington, DE, and surrounding areas. Now, a part of the National Register of Historic Places, the Fort is popular with history buffs, veterans, and families. Enjoy guided tours by uniformed interpreters or climb a concrete spotting tower offering scenic vistas of the seascape and surrounding areas!

Experience salt air, sunny weather, and serenity in Rehoboth Beach, **DE**. Visitors and residents retreat and vacation to the "Nation's Summer Capital" each year. Founded in 1873, Rehoboth Beach has been making memories for millions since its early days as a religious destination. This landmark location makes the perfect starting point for exploring this historic Delaware jewel. Be sure to visit the Rehoboth Beach Museum, housed in the town's former Ice House.

Take a stroll with the dignitaries on Governor's Walk in Milton, DE. Located in the heart of this riverside community, Governor's Walk honors the five local residents who served as state governors (four Delaware - one Wyoming). It also introduces the interested traveler to the rich history and architectural treasures of this former center of shipbuilding and maritime commerce. After completing your walk, visit the Milton Museum or stop for ice cream at King's, which is located in one of the oldest commercial structures in the state.

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Day Two

The first stop is a visit to the symbolic heart of Delaware – **The Green in Historic Dover, DE**.

Established by William Penn in 1683. The Green is the seat of county government and center for community life in Colonial days. This location gained importance in 1777 when state government was moved to Dover from New Castle. The most historically significant that took place at The Green was the ratification of the U.S. Constitution at the Golden Fleece Tavern on December 7, 1787, making Delaware the first state to approve the new frame of government. There are many historic structures you must visit in historic Dover, most notably, the Old State House, home of Delaware's legislature

from its completion in 1791 until 1933 and more.

Rejoice and discover history at

Barratt's Chapel in Frederica, DE!

Constructed in 1780, this simple
but stately brick house of worship
is recognized as "The Cradle of
American Methodism." History
states that Thomas Coke and
Francis Asbury met in 1784 to plan
for the establishment of the
Methodist Church as an independent denomination. Faithfully
preserved, this historic edifice
looks much as it did over two
centuries ago.

Next, celebrate the history of the small town life at the **Smyrna Museum Complex** in Smyrna, DE.
Owned and operated by the **Duck Creek Historical Society**, this

complex consists of two historic buildings. The oldest, known as "The Plank House," is a small frame structure that is representative of early 18th century architecture in rural Delaware. It stands behind the impressive Georgian brick structure known as "The Barracks." Constructed in the 1790s, this former home includes furnishings dating from the Early Federal to Late Victorian eras. The State of Delaware's first Draft Lottery was held here in 1863 during the dark days of the Civil War. While in town, take the time to check out the restored Old Town Hall and Opera House. Constructed in 1869, such luminaries as Frederick Douglass and perennial presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan

Day Three

Visit the beautiful Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church, a national landmark, in Wilmington, DE. Erected in 1698-99, this site provides the perfect starting point for learning about the Swedish colonists who established Delaware's first permanent European settlement in 1638. Take a tour of the church and its adjoining burial ground and circa 1690 **Hendrickson House**. A short distance away is the Kalmar Nyckel Shipyard where you can visit the **New Sweden Centre** to learn more about these pioneering settlers. If you are lucky and she isn't sailing the high seas you might see the beautiful Kalmar

Nyckel, a replica of the ship of the same name which landed the first settlers of New Sweden nearby at present day **Fort Christina Park**.

Next, travel to **Fort Delaware** - a top group travel destination in Delaware! Fort Delaware was originally built to protect the ports of Wilmington and Philadelphia, dating back to 1859. Enjoy the ½-mile ferry ride from Delaware City to Pea Patch Island as you arrive to experience a day of hands-on history! Help the blacksmith hammer out new parts for a cannon and be on hand when the 8-inch Columbiad gun fires a live gunpowder charge! At Fort

Delaware, you will experiences a replica of Pea Patch Island as it appeared in 1864 and artifacts from the Island's past.

once occupied the stage.

All aboard! Last stop is the Wilmington & Western Railroad

in Wilmington, DE! Delaware's historic Red Clay Valley provides the scenic backdrop for this fun and educational historical experience. Established in 1867 to provide freight and passenger service to the local area, the Wilmington and Western is a living link to the days when Delaware's economic fortunes were tied to the many rail lines which crisscrossed the state.