

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

THE WILD PONIES OF ASSATEAGUE ISLAND, OCEAN CITY

SUN-WED SEPT 13-16, 2026

Departures, as applic: Parma/Cleve.West, Middleburg Hts, Independence, Beachwood/Orange, Macedonia.



This tour to Maryland has a lot of interesting stops but one that stands out is our visit to “Assateague, home to the Wild Horses”. Assateague Island National Seashore is located not too far from our home for three nights, the Holiday Inn Oceanfront in Ocean City. The island has over 37 miles of beach and more than 300 wild ponies. These animals wander the beaches, inland pine forest, and salt marshes. Several theories about how the ponies arrived on the island have yet to be confirmed. One theorizes that a Spanish galleon with a cargo of horses sank and the horses swam to the island. Another idea has the wild horses being brought here by the early Colonial Settlers. The ponies have adapted well since their diet includes saltmarsh cordgrass, dune grass, bayberry twigs, & persimmons.

On Sunday, there will be several stops enroute and, upon our arrival, we will be greeted with a delicious dinner in Ocean City. The evening will be yours to enjoy this vacation destination. It's a blend of natural beauty and unique local culture making it a must-visit destination that satisfies so many different tastes of visitors. Peaceful retreats and nearly 10 miles of sandy beaches make it a prime spot for relaxing, swimming, surfing, and watching wildlife like the porpoise found from late winter through spring, particularly in offshore areas. While harbor porpoises are present, bottlenose dolphins are more commonly seen, and people often mistake the two or see other marine life.



Harrison's Harbor Watch Rest.

The next day, breakfast will be included, and you can enjoy it at your leisure. Mid-morning, about 10 AM, we will depart on an escorted tour of Assateague Island. This 37-mile long barrier island is famous for its beautiful beaches and abundant birds but, more famously known as “The Home of the Ponies that run wild”. Needless to say, don't miss the view of the famous Assateague Lighthouse. Step back in time as you enjoy lunch on your own in the historic town of Berlin, with time to browse quaint shops along Main Street. After a brief stop at the hotel to freshen-up, we will depart aboard the coach for Millville, Delaware, and the Dickens Dinner Theater, though this restaurant is subject to change.

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After dinner, we anticipate enjoying an upscale “Adult Magic Show” this evening before returning to our hotel.

Tuesday morning, enjoy a hearty breakfast at a *“Touch of Italy”* before departing with our Guide who will be taking the group to the O.C. Lifesaving Station Museum for a bit of Ocean City’s Past & Present. Then we will relax on an educational Eco-Cruise aboard *“The Explorer”* through Assawoman Bay! The “Bay” is more of a lagoon than what you might consider a “bay” and is located between Ocean City, Maryland and mainland Delmarva.

After our cruise, our group will depart for the DiscoverSea Shipwreck Museum & Seashell City. Opening in July of 1995 with the goal of recovering and preserving our maritime heritage, the museum boasts an impressive collection of over 10,000 artifacts ... with the other 80% of the collection constantly being rotated throughout museum exhibits around the world. We’ve set aside the afternoon to enjoy the Ocean City’ Boardwalk, which extends almost 2-1/2 miles.

At the time announced, we will depart for Harrison Harbor Watch, located on the inlet. This restaurant, with many great dishes including the seafood dishes it is known for, dates back to 1884 when a local farmer who raised beautiful horses and was a respected purveyor of peaches and other fruit, saw all the fresh seafood being brought in daily aboard the fishing boats and decided that he would like to offer these fresh, delicious items in a restaurant in that area. Our tour would not be the same if we did not treat you to dinner at this popular dining spot. After dinner, those interested can visit the Ocean Downs Casino for some gaming.

The next day we will be having a Farewell Breakfast before departing for home, with many pleasant memories of the area.

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Package includes 6 meals

\$1464 per person in a double

\$1449 per person in a triple

\$1434 per person in a quad

\$1706 per person in single

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