

North to South



Three Day Tour



Day One

Begin your historical Delaware journey at **Auburn Heights Preserve**. Delaware's newest state park offers guests the extraordinary opportunity to ride in a steam-powered car! The **Marshall Steam Museum** is home to the world's largest collection of Stanley Steamer automobiles including toy trains and rides on the 1/8 sized steamers of the Auburn Valley Railroad.

Next, venture to the **Everett Theatre** located in charming Middletown, DE. This newly

restored entertainment destination is the cultural center of Delaware's fastest growing community. History comes to life via concerts, recitals, plays, and movies – shown on a projector that was obtained in 1942!

Take a journey back in time and discover the **New Castle Historic District** in New Castle, DE. Founded by Dutch settlers in the 1650s, the historical significance of this riverside neighborhood was recognized in 1967 when its historic district was selected as a

National Landmark. While the list of noteworthy sites here is seemingly endless, highly recommended stops include the **Old New Castle Courthouse**, seat of Delaware's colonial and state government until 1777, the Delaware Historical Society's **Read House and Gardens**, and the three museums operated by the New Castle Historical Society- **Amstel House, Dutch House, and Old Library Museum**.

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“No one was either Tory or Whig; it was either dependence or independence.”

Caesar Rodney

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Day Two

Begin your day enjoying a cup of coffee while overlooking the Mispillion River in **Downtown Milford, DE**. This picturesque community literally brims with historical ambiance and is the only town to share both Kent and Sussex County bragging rights! Milford includes three **National Register of Historic Places Historic Districts**, the **Milford Museum** situated in a former Post Office, the landmark **Parson Thorne Mansion**, and the recently restored **Vinyard Shipyard**. With its mix of new businesses, galleries, and community theater in the town's historic central business area, Milford has tons to offer!

Venture to the grounds of **Dover Air Force Base** and visit the **Air Mobility Command Museum** - the only institution in the country dedicated to airlift and air refueling history. The facility was established in 1986 in historic Hangar 1301, a World War II era site for the top secret development of rocket weaponry that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Aircraft tours are often conducted by retired military personnel with first-hand knowledge of the craft and their uses. Don't miss out on a first class presidential tour of Air Force One!

Celebrate music at the **Johnson Victrola Museum** in Dover, DE. A tribute to Delaware native E. R. Johnson, this attraction documents his accomplishments as a recording industry pioneer, inventor, and successful businessman in the 20th century. Johnson launched the Victor Talking Machine Company in 1901. His efforts contributed to the exploding popularity of recorded sound and gave rise to the careers of some of the world's most famous recording artists. Exhibits include phonographs, recordings, and other artifacts related to the recording industry and Mr. Johnson's legacy.

Day Three

Discover and learn about the importance of Delaware's natural and agricultural history at **Abbott's Mill Nature Center** in Milford, DE! Operated by the Delaware Nature Society, The celebrated attraction at the Nature Center is historic Abbott's Mill. The mill is located in the 313 acre **Milford Millponds Nature Preserve** and is one of the few remaining water-powered mills in the state of Delaware. In addition to touring the mill and its adjoining Nature Center, visitors can experience the site's extensive walking trails, tour the mill and Nature Center, and participate in popular public programs.

Experience the excitement and drama of the **Indian River Lifesaving Station Museum!** Learn about the heroic men that risked their lives in order to prevent shipwrecks and rescue those in peril along the coastlines of the Delaware Beaches. Originally constructed in 1876 for use by the United States Lifesaving Service, the Station and Museum are situated on the Delaware Seashore State Park Beach and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Enjoy a nostalgic trip back in time as you tour the actual Station where the heroes prepared for duty.

Lastly, visit the first town in the first state!! The **De Vries Monument** in Lewes, DE, marks the site of the first European settlement in Delaware. This simple stone designates the location of a Dutch fort established on the banks of Lewes Creek in 1631. The stone is situated near the waterway's outlet to Delaware Bay on historic Pilottown Road. While the settlement was not permanent, its existence was used to justify the standing of Delaware as an independent colony when English courts denied a claim of ownership by Maryland proprietor Lord Baltimore in the 1680s.