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TRAVEL WITH OCC TO SEE SPECTACULAR SIGHTS AND SHOWS

TOMS RIVER – **Travel with Ocean County College** on exciting springtime day trips open to all ages (children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian). Prices include motor coach transportation, trip leader, driver's gratuity, tours/activities as noted, and lunch or dinner as noted, unless otherwise specified. Seating is limited.

For tickets or more information, call 732-255-0404.

Buses leave promptly from Parking Lot #2, OCC Main Campus, College Drive, Toms River, NJ. (OCC also offers a pick-up in Jackson. Call for information.) Please arrive at least 15 minutes before departure time. Return times are approximate and subject to change due to traffic and weather conditions. Food and drink are not permitted on the bus. A lavatory is available on all buses.

“Passport to the World’s Flowers”: Philadelphia Flower Show: After an elegant lunch on the *Moshulu*, celebrate spring at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Enjoy ten acres of great gardens, inspirational landscapes, and fabulous shopping. Free lectures and presentations are offered, including flower arranging and cooking demonstrations. There will be time at the end of the day to visit the Reading Terminal Market. **Lunch:** At *Moshulu*, for a unique waterfront dining experience on the world’s largest four-masted historic sailing ship, located at Penn’s Landing. **Date:** Thursday, March 4. **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. **Cost:** Cost: \$139.

Eastern State Penitentiary Tour: The Eastern State Penitentiary, which functioned from 1829 to 1971 and where more than 75,000 men and women served time, is considered one of America’s most historic prisons. A guide will lead you through the kitchen, dining hall, exercise yard, hospital, death row, and the cells of infamous inmates. **Lunch:** Jack’s Firehouse, a nationally acclaimed dining destination located in an historic firehouse across from the penitentiary. **Date:** Wednesday, March 10. **Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Cost:** Cost: \$109.

“Paris in Philly”: The Rodin Museum & The Philadelphia Museum of Art, featuring “Picasso and the School of Paris”: See the Rodin Museum’s collection of masterpieces, including “The Thinker,” then visit the Philadelphia Museum of Art. After lunch, take an audio tour of the special exhibit, “Picasso and the School of Paris,” which provides an opportunity to reconsider the cross-fertilization of ideas that took place in Paris during one of the most experimental and creative periods in Western art. **Lunch:** The Balcony Café. **Date:** Tuesday, March 16. **Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Cost:** Cost: \$139.

Sight and Sound Theater's "Joseph": Don't miss the Sight and Sound Theater's new musical production, "Joseph," with a cast of 45 professional adult and child actors, dozens of live animals, and several amazing dream sequences. The larger-than-life staging includes a spectacular Egyptian palace scene spanning 300 feet and wrapping around three sides of the audience! The performance also features 20 original songs. There will be time to purchase a light snack prior to the 1:00 p.m. performance, and dinner after the show. **Dinner:** Family Style at The Hershey Farm Restaurant. **Date:** Tuesday, March 23. **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Cost:** Cost: \$159.

Tour of New York City Cathedrals: Enjoy a guided tour of Saint John the Divine, the largest cathedral in the world. In the cathedral's nave and serene chapels, you will discover soaring stonework and brilliant stained glass windows and experience the myths, mysteries and spirit of this exuberant place during an inspiring tour. After an elegant dining experience, you will have the opportunity to tour St. Patrick's Cathedral on 5th Avenue, the largest Gothic-style Catholic Cathedral in the United States. **Lunch:** Five-course Royal Tea Luncheon at Lady Mendl's Tea Salon. **Date:** Thursday, March 25. **Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Cost:** Cost: \$159.

Drumthwacket & Princeton Tour: Discover Drumthwacket, the official residence of the Governor of New Jersey. A guide will take you through the front hall, dining room, parlor, music room, library, and governor's study on the first floor. Then, walk over to Olden House, the original farmhouse on the Drumthwacket estate, built in 1759 and located at the front of the property. Tour the farmhouse and have an opportunity to visit the gift shop. There will be time to stroll the beautiful Italianate gardens before boarding the bus for a short drive to the Alchemist & Barrister Pub in the heart of Princeton, followed by a two-hour guided walk around downtown Princeton and the prestigious Princeton University campus. **Lunch:** Alchemist & Barrister Pub. **Date:** Wednesday, April 7. **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Cost:** Cost: \$119.

A Slice of Brooklyn Tour: See Brooklyn through the eyes of a true "Brooklyn-ite," with a 4½-hour tour narrated by a native Brooklyn resident, who will point out historical spots, famous movie locations, and other landmarks. There will be two stops for pizza: Neapolitan style at Grimaldi's and Sicilian at L&B Spumoni Gardens, along with dessert. During your tour, you will also learn about some of the things that have made Brooklyn famous, including the Brooklyn Bridge, Coney Island, Keyspan Park, and Trump Village. **Lunch:** Pizza at Grimaldo's and L&B Spumoni Gardens. **Date:** Tuesday, April 13. **Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Cost:** Cost: \$129.

Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island Tours: Catch a ferry from Liberty State Park to visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. The guided tour will take you outside the lower promenade and inside the monument lobby to see the original torch and the Statue of Liberty exhibit, then to the pedestal observation platform to view the interior framework through a new glass ceiling portal. Learn about the Statue's design, history, and architecture. Please note: this tour does not include access to the crown. During your visit to Ellis Island, participate in an audio tour of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum.

Lunch: On your own at the cafés on the Island, or bring a brown bag lunch. **Date:** Sunday, April 18. **Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Cost:** Cost: \$89.

Cherry Blossoms, Cathedrals, Choirs, and Lunch in Newark: Tour Newark and be surprised! A guide will lead you downtown to see the college/university complex, magnificent architecture, new developments, old churches, and great public art. You will travel through Branch Brook Park, enjoying over 3,000 cherry trees in bloom, be led through the Forest Hill Historic District to the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the fifth largest cathedral in North America. After a buffet lunch, you will have the opportunity to relax and enjoy a mini-concert by Newark's Finest Ambassadors from the Newark Boys' Chorus School. **Lunch:** Buffet Lunch at the Newark Club on the 22nd floor of one of Newark's office towers. **Date:** Thursday, April 22. **Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Cost:** Cost: \$109.

A True Philadelphia Experience: Philadelphia Mural Tour: Enjoy an hour bus tour of the City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program to see some of the more than 2,800 murals in the world's largest outdoor art gallery. Learn how the murals are made and hear the inspiring stories about how they transformed communities. Then, experience what Philadelphia is famous for – cheesesteaks! – at the famous Pat's King of Steaks. After lunch, there will be time to visit Reading Terminal Market for Amish baked goods, meat markets, fish markets, produce, and more. **Lunch:** Pat's King of Steaks. **Date:** Wednesday, May 5. **Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Cost:** Cost: \$99.

Central Park Tour: See Central Park as never before! Manhattan's collective backyard is actually the largest man-made work of art in the city. Designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux as a place of spiritual uplift, today, New Yorkers use the park for much more. Stops may include: the Sheep Meadow, Belvedere Castle, the Lake, the Ramble, Bow Bridge, Seneca Village, the Carousel, Balto, and Alice in Wonderland. Your guide will provide background information and historical insight into the conception and construction of the park, as well as point out some of its most photogenic sites. Please note that the tour entails a lot of walking. **Lunch:** Waldorf-Astoria. **Date:** Thursday, May 13. **Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. **Cost:** Cost: \$159.

“Take Me Out To The Ball Game!” Yankee Stadium Tour: Experience the legend of Yankees baseball by taking the ultimate behind-the-scenes tour of the new Yankee Stadium. See Monument Park, the New York Yankees Museum, and the dugout. Pass through the batting cages and the Yankees clubhouse area before ending the tour in the Great Hall near the team store. **Lunch:** Mickey Mantle's Restaurant. **Date:** Tuesday, May 18. **Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Cost:** Cost: \$119.

“Marvel and Wonder”: **Baltimore Inner Harbor & National Aquarium:** Explore the world famous National Aquarium, full of mystery and marvel! Admission includes the exhibit “Our Ocean Planet,” the new Dolphin Show, and the “Shallow Seas” 4-D Immersion Theater, which brings you closer to the sights and sounds of the action. You will also have the opportunity to be mystified by the new “Jellies Invasion” and “Animal Planet Australia,” in addition to many other exciting exhibits. The Inner Harbor has

more to offer including shops, museums, restaurants, Maryland Science Center, and the *USS Constellation*. Inner Harbor maps will be provided on the bus. **Lunch:** On your own at one of the many indoor and outdoor restaurants, eateries, and cafés. **Date:** Tuesday, May 25. **Time:** 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Cost:** Cost: \$109.

Experience Brandywine Valley: Nemours Mansion Tour: After a stop at the DuPont Country Club for lunch at Legends, re-board the bus for a short drive to Nemours Mansion. Originally constructed in 1910, the mansion is one of the grandest buildings ever constructed in Delaware and includes the largest formal French garden in North America. See more than seventy rooms spread over five floors and occupying nearly 47,000 square feet, fully one acre under one roof. Nemours Mansion's unique furnishings include rare French 18th century furniture, and there is a stunning collection of great art. Enjoy a two-hour guided tour as well as time to explore the magnificent gardens on your own. **Lunch:** At Legends, at the DuPont Country Club. **Date:** Tuesday, June 1. **Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Cost:** Cost: \$109.

“Tell the American Story”: East Side Tenement Museum & Shopping on Orchard Street: The Tenement Museum tells the story of immigrants fleeing old world homes in search of better futures. A costumed interpreter portraying a 14-year-old Sephardic-Jewish immigrant will guide you on a 1 ½-hour interactive tour, followed by lunch at Katz's Deli, an immigrant-established delicatessen from 1888. After lunch, which includes a true New York deli sandwich, there will be time to shop and explore Orchard Street and the Lower East Side Business Improvement District. **Lunch:** Katz's Deli. **Date:** Thursday, June 10. **Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Cost:** Cost: \$129.

Grounds for Sculpture: Take the opportunity to step outside and escape into fine art at the Grounds for Sculpture, a unique 35-acre public outdoor sculpture park dedicated to promoting an understanding of and appreciation for contemporary sculpture for all people. The sculptures are surrounded by beautiful landscaping, including a lake and water garden. A guide will walk you through the grounds, explaining the sculptures, art, and history. Enjoy lunch on the grounds at Rat's Restaurant, named for a character in *The Wind in the Willows*, where you will enjoy cosmopolitan home-cooking and a magical dining ambiance. **Lunch:** Rat's Restaurant. **Date:** Tuesday, June 15. **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Cost:** Cost: \$109.

Longwood Gardens Tour: Begin the day with a journey to the unique, award-winning Mendenhall Inn for a dining experience that includes lovely views of gardens and sumptuous selections of country French and New American cuisines. After lunch, board the bus for a short ride to Longwood Gardens, known as the world's premier horticultural showplace. Explore over 1,000 acres, with 20 indoor and 20 outdoor gardens, majestic trees, opulent architecture, and exquisite flowers, and enjoy the extraordinary fountains and water gardens. You will be given an easy-to-follow guide map, allowing you to go at your own pace. **Lunch:** Mendenhall Inn. **Date:** Tuesday, June 29. **Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. **Cost:** Cost: \$119.