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You've got a long weekend in your sights and you're wondering where to go for the most fun and relaxation. You're almost spoilt for choice. How about a city varied as it is fun, like Atlantic City?

We'll explore what you can do, where you can stay and what you can eat in New Jersey's Atlantic coast.

What You're Going to Do

Throw caution to the wind and think fun. You can head down to the beach or hit the casinos. Maybe just take a walk along the famous boardwalk, relax and enjoy the fun atmosphere.

Hit up those slot machines and see if you can win back at least some of the money you've ploughed in. Then spend some coins trying out the rides on the Steel Pier.

You'll feel like you're indulging your inner child as you whizz around the big whee. Don't forget to pick up a stick of cotton candy that's bigger than your head.

Why not?

If you're looking to go a little more relaxing and you arrive when the weather is at its warmest then hitting the beach is a great option. Take a walk along the boardwalk.

Afterward, you can check out some of the great bars and restaurants on your route.

For ultimate relaxation why not book in for a spa treatment and <u>relax</u> at some of the finest spa hotels you'll find on the East Coast.

Where You're Going to Stay

You'll find plenty of options right on the boardwalk for places to stay but here are some places to consider. The Showboat Hotel can be found on the boardwalk and is more affordably priced.

There are the usual smattering of big-name hotels, so choose from the Hard Rock, Borgata or The Claridge if you're looking for those tried and tested favourites.

For travellers looking to spend a little less then why not try the Travelodge, a short drive from the airport and the central attractions.

You may need to either hire a car or book a taxi to get you from the hotel to the city centre but with free parking and good on-site facilities, it's a good choice for those on a budget.

If you're just looking for a comfortable bed for the night and the more basic facilities then the Red Carpet and Inn Suites are a good bet.

Cheap and near the main drag, you'll have a flatscreen TV, fridge and microwave in your room.

Where You're Going to Eat

When you're looking for a little bit of authentic AC culture then step into <u>Angelo's Fairmount Tavern</u>. This Italian restaurant was established in 1935 and has been run by three generations of the same family in all that time.

An interior that speaks of its history and fame and a menu that both reflects traditional Italian cooking and the hearty offerings of the nearby Atlantic.

You'll know you've eaten well when you try out this restaurant.

When you're looking for the biggest and best breakfasts and lunches you need to head to Gilchrist Restaurant. There are four locations but head down to the docks for the best atmosphere.

They're open from 6 am until 2 pm. Try the famous hotcakes or fill up on the hungry man combos for breakfast. For lunch, go for sandwiches, platters, soup or the impressively stacked burgers.

Breakfast, lunch or brunch this will keep you going until the sun starts to set.

Where to Start the Fun

For pre-dinner drinks grab a beer on the pier. Head to one of the famous boardwalk hotels for a drink with a view. Try the Continental and head down for Happy Hour between 4 pm to 6 pm, Sunday to Friday where you can grab a cocktail for \$5.

Whether you feel like relaxing on a beach or hitting the casinos and gaming machines hard, then Atlantic City is the place for you.

It may not have the weather of Vegas but it does have a fantastic amount of opportunities for fun, relaxation, eating and drinking.

The perfect getaway for a weekend of escapism, so pack a bag and enjoy your time in Atlantic City.

