

ZARIYA Retreat –

Muslim Singles Cape May Weekend Vacation

Friday, May 7th thru Sunday, May 9th 2004

Zariya Retreats will be inviting a group of 40 MUSLIM SINGLES, 20 men, and 20 women to its Cape May Retreat for Friday, May 7th thru Sunday, May 9th 2004. This will be an ideal way for single Muslims too meet and build strong friendships and long lasting relationships.

Victorian Cape May City, the "Nation's Oldest Seashore Resort," has been welcoming visitors for more than a century. With over 600 authentically restored and preserved Victorian structures, the city is a National Historic Landmark site and has achieved national recognition as one of the best Bed & Breakfast Inn resorts in the country.

The ambiance of Victorian architecture, intricate gingerbread trim, old-time gaslights, cozy rocking chairs and colorful stained glass will sweep you up into the magic and romance of this one-of-a-kind Victorian Resort. Fishing, sight seeing, whale watching, kite flying, and sailing are a few of the outdoor activities available on a Cape May vacation.

We will all be broken up into 10 teams of 4 people in each team. The teams will be paired up to form groups. We will rotate the groups throughout the vacation. This will give everyone the opportunity get to know each other and develop long lasting friendships and relationships.

FRIDAY, MAY 7TH 2004

**3.30 – 6.30 pm
CHECK INTO
THE GRAND
HOTEL –** see last page for address and directions

Registration will start at 3.30 pm. Once you arrive, and have checked into your rooms, you will make your way to the lobby and register at the Zariya counter. You have the opportunity to socialize and network with all the other guests.

The Oceanfront Grand Hotel of Victorian Cape May, locate right on the sandy beaches of the Jersey Shore, is the largest Resort and Convention Center along the Jersey Cape dedicated to recreating the grandeur of a by-gone era, yet perfectly at ease with providing all modern comforts and conveniences, is the perfect place to dance, dine, relax, swim and sun in a somewhat of a Victorian environment.



**7.30pm
STAIRWAY TO
THE STARS (1 ½
hour guided
evening tour) (2
trolleys)**

Rotate Groups
We will see Cape May's clear night sky ablaze with stars as you climb the Cape May Lighthouse 199 steps of the lighthouse during the Stairway to the Stars tour. Gaze in wonder to an unparalleled panoramic view of the Jersey Cape in the moonlight with this rare and unique — not to mention romantic — tour. The tour will be a good icebreaker, and you can use this opportunity to socialize with people at a much more casual level.
The tour begins with a trolley ride from Cape May to Cape May Point featuring an entertaining narrated tour.



**BBQ DINNER AT
THE TWININGS
TEAROOM on
the grounds of
the Physick
Estate**




Rotate Groups
Hopefully the trip to the lighthouse would have built you appetite, and we will make our way to the Twinings Tearoom, which, ironically is also known for its BBQs. We hear that their fresh Salmon and Swordfish steaks are finger lickin' good! (the dinner is usually prepared from the afternoon catch).

Expect traditional service in the elegant manner typical of the Victorians.

After dinner, we will head back to the hotel to get a good night's rest. Midnight walks on the moonlit beach are recommended for the late-nighters.




SATURDAY, MAY 8TH 2004

<p>8.30am BREAKFAST at the GRAND HOTEL</p>	<p>*Rotate Groups*</p> <p>We would like to get an early morning start on Saturday, with breakfast at the hotel. A wide variety will be available, including Omelets Made to Order, French Toast, Fresh Belgian Waffles, Creamed Chip Beef, Fruit Salad, Breakfast Meats, Hot & Cold Cereals, Breads, and Juices, Pastries & Much More! Served *Daily 8am to 12pm. Known to be "Simply The <u>BEST</u> Breakfast In Cape May!" We will just have to see it for ourselves</p>	
<p>8.45am EAST WEST – TROLLEY TOUR</p>	<p>*Rotate Groups*</p> <p>We will board the 'old time trolley' and an guide will give a narrated tour of the historic east and west sides of Victorian Cape May. The narration will include information on the history of our city, its architectural styles and its folklore.</p> <p><i>- A man walking down Washington Street on a cold windy day in February stopped me – I was the only one he could stop – and asked, "what is there to see in Cape May and what is Cape May about?" I answered without hesitation. "Victorian architecture. Victorian life. Cape May is about a community preserving the remnants of a life gone by so it will not be forgotten" – Susan Fisher</i></p>	
<p>10 am Whale & Dolphin Watching</p>	<p>*Rotate Groups*</p> <p>We will board the Cape May Whale Watcher, the largest Whale Watcher in southern New Jersey. This will be a two hour narrated cruise, leaving the inland waterway and heading out into the Atlantic Ocean through the Cape May Canal. Cruising along the shoreline, Capt. Stewart will point out important landmarks and hopefully we will be entertained by pods of dolphins that make these waters their home. As we approach the southernmost tip of New Jersey, we will pass the Cape May Lighthouse built in 1859 (which we saw the previous night).</p> <p>Upon entering the Delaware Bay, Higbee Beach State Park, a part of the New Jersey Wildlife Preserve, that boasts the oldest sand dunes in south Jersey, is on the starboard side. Re-entering the Canal, which is part of the 1500-mile inter-coastal waterway, we will head back to the Miss Chris Marina.</p>	

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<p>12.30 pm LOBSTER HOUSE</p>	<p>*Rotate Groups*</p> <p>Hoping that the water cruise has built our appetite, we will have Lunch at the Lobster House Restaurant located on the commercial fishing docks of Cape May's harbor. This favorite eating-place offers a great view of the harbor.</p> <p>The Lobster House offers a large and varied menu serving the freshest Seafood available from our own fleet of boats. Everything served is a product of our kitchen and made fresh.</p> <p>Dine in one of the picturesque dining rooms overlooking the harbor. The perfect place to meet with your friends and family..</p>	
<p>Afternoon thru Evening</p>	<p>We will have the afternoon to ourselves, and this will be a great time for us to further build on the friendships that have started. You can sit on the sandy beaches outside the Hotel, and enjoy the surf, with others. You also have the option of taking a trip to Cape May's Washington Mall.</p>	
<p>7.30 am ELAINE'S DINNER THEATER</p>	<p>For an excellent dinner and a preliminary to good fun 'Road To Shangri-La' will lead you on a madcap trip to the fabled lost valley of the Half Moon. Hidden deep within the Himalayas lies a secret place where life is prolonged and wisdom and wonder abound. But, there is a dark force which threatens this idyllic paradise! Join our heroes, Jack and Buster as they bungle their way to adventure and romance. A romantic comedy, musical adventure reminiscent of the Bob Hope / Bing Crosby road shows.</p>	

SUNDAY MAY 9TH 2004

<p>5.30 am Watching the Sun Rise (Optional), Followed by Breakfast (for all)</p>	<p>For the early bird, we will have a group assemble at the beach to watch the heavenly sun rise irresistible to enthusiasts who want to hear the crashing of the waves, the smell of the salt air and the scenery of the seashore.</p>	
<p>7.30 am Cycling through Cape May (Optional)</p>	<p>Bicycle paths are an integral part of the landscape in many of the communities of Cape May County. Cape May County Park in Cape May Court House offers several paved and gravel roadways encircling the perimeter of the park. Dirt trails through the park's wooded terrain provide a rustic pathway for experienced riders ready for the challenge.</p>	
<p>11.30 am Checkout and Farewells</p>	<p>All good things must come to an end, and so does our mini vacation. But we hope to have made long lasting friendships, which will develop in fruitful relationships.</p>	

The total cost of the retreat is **\$384 per person**, which includes 2 nights, 2 breakfasts, lunch, 2 dinners, show, tours, taxes, gratuities and over-see service, except for the cycling tour.

In order to build stronger friendships (and make the trip more affordable) we will have 2 men or 2 women to a room.

If you would like to attend this gathering, please send an email to Events@zariya.org providing us with your name and phone number. Please indicate "Grand Canyon" in the subject line of your email.

Your registration and payment MUST be received before Sunday, April 4th 2004.

Unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate anyone after the last day.

Grand Hotel :
1045 Beach Avenue
Cape May, NJ 08204

(800) 257-8550

FROM PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Leaving the airport, follow the signs to I-95 North and the Walt Whitman Bridge. Exit I-95 North on the Walt Whitman Bridge/South Jersey exit. There is a \$3.00 toll collected coming from New Jersey, but no toll collected when entering New Jersey from Pennsylvania.

After crossing the bridge, stay in the left lane. You are on Route 42 (North-South Freeway). Follow to the **Atlantic City Expressway** – approximately 8 miles. Go east on the Expressway. You will go through a single toll of \$2.00. Exit 7S, the **Garden State Parkway** south. The Parkway has two \$.35 cent tolls between the Expressway and Cape May. The Parkway ends at Cape May. Continue straight through one traffic light and over a large overpass and small canal bridge into the City of Cape May.

You are on Lafayette Street. Continue to the first traffic light (Madison Avenue); turn left and continue straight to the beach. At the “T” intersection (Beach Avenue), turn left. *The Grand Hotel of Cape May* is down the block on the left; the Atlantic Ocean is on the right.

ATLANTIC CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Follow signs on the exit road to the **Atlantic City Expressway** East (towards Atlantic City). Stay on the Expressway to Exit 7S, the **Garden State Parkway**. Follow the Parkway to the end, just outside the City of Cape May. Follow above directions to *The Grand Hotel of Cape May*.

NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: New Jersey Turnpike south to Woodbridge. Transfer at Woodbridge onto the Garden State Parkway to Exit 0. Follow above directions to *The Grand Hotel of Cape May*.

FROM PHILADELPHIA (87 miles): Walt Whitman Bridge to Route 42 South to the **Atlantic City Expressway** to Exit 7-S, the **Garden State Parkway** south. Follow the Parkway to the end, Exit 0. Continue straight through one traffic light and over a large overpass and small canal bridge into the City of Cape May. Follow above directions to *The Grand Hotel of Cape May*.

FROM NEW YORK (169 miles): The **New Jersey Turnpike (I-95 South)** to the **Garden State Parkway** south to Exit 0. Follow above directions to *The Grand Hotel of Cape May*.

FROM QUEBEC: Route 40 to Route 15 to Interstate 87 (New York thruway) to **Garden State Parkway** south to Exit 0. Follow above directions to *The Grand Hotel of Cape May*.

FROM WASHINGTON, DC (186 miles): I-95 North to Delaware Memorial Bridge then follow directions below.

Cape May-Lewes Ferry from the terminal in Lewes, Delaware to Cape May Ferry Terminal. Follow Route 109 (Sandman Blvd.) and signs to Cape May/Wildwood to the concrete overpass and canal bridge into the City of Cape May. Follow above directions to *The Grand Hotel of Cape May*.

Delaware Memorial Bridge (just south of Wilmington): Follow Route 40 East to Route 55 South to Route 347 South; pick up the **Garden State Parkway** south for four (4) miles to Exit 0. Follow above directions to *The Grand Hotel of Cape May*.