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Top 10 Small Towns to Visit in the Mid-Atlantic—Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

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Nestled against the Atlantic Ocean, Rehoboth Beach has been dubbed the “Nation’s Summer Capital” due to the many politicians and D.C. bigwigs who summer in the resort. Indeed, President Joe Biden has a home within bicycling distance of downtown.

Families flock here for the boardwalk attractions, including Funland, an amusement park, and all the requisite fare, such as Kohr Bros. Frozen Custard and Thrasher’s French Fries — served with vinegar, never ketchup.



Share a beautifully plated sushi roll at Cultured Pearl./VisitDelaware.com

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the visitors' center is in an old train station.

Foodies come for the high-end restaurants, such as the iconic Back Porch Café — which opened in 1974 — the Blue Moon, The Cultured Pearl and the newer La Fable, a French bistro. There's a good reason why Rehoboth is the heart of the "culinary coast." Meanwhile, the LGBTQ community travels to Rehoboth for inclusiveness, mainly due to CAMP Rehoboth, a service organization.

Founded in 1873 as a Methodist summer retreat, Rehoboth has kept its quaint vibe partly because of height restrictions. Only a handful of structures climb over four stories, including the Henlopen Hotel and Star of the Sea, which offer beachfront accommodations.

Rehoboth Avenue's main drag, Rehoboth Avenue, is punctuated by the Rehoboth Beach Museum on one end and the ocean on the other. Long ago, the train chugged right down the avenue toward the boardwalk, and



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Between the canal drawbridge and the sea, there are independently owned boutiques, spas and restaurants. Don't-miss establishments include Browseabout Books, where the president is a frequent customer. No matter the season, customers can't resist The Christmas Shop.

On the boardwalk, Funland has been a staple since the 1960s. Grotto Pizza first opened in 1963. The restaurant, which is known for the signature swirl of pizza sauce, has several downtown sites and recently purchased the old Dolle's site. (The caramel corn and taffy shop moved several doors down to Ibach's Candy by the Sea, its sister store.) By summer, the giant Dolle's sign looming over the boardwalk might be gone or moved. Best snap your photo in front of it while you can.



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For a unique beach experience, head to the Rehoboth side of Cape Henlopen State Park. (There is a fee.) Spread your towel in the shadow of the fire towers that were part of Fort Miles, a World War II Army base. On the Lewes side, an impressive visit is the Fort Miles Museum in an old bunker. A nearby tower is open for those willing to trek the steps.

The Rehoboth end of the park also has bragging rights to Gordons Pond and the award-winning trail that winds through flora and fauna. The Junction and Breakwater Trail links Lewes and Rehoboth and continues toward Georgetown.

Come evening, dodge the strollers and teens on the boardwalk. Dine in a happening spot like Salt Air, Lupo Italian Kitchen, the Henlopen Oyster House or its sister restaurant, The Blue Hen. Or sink karaoke at The Purple Parrot and catch a drag show. No one will bat an eye at your choice.



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A graphic with a background of a town street. The text "TOP 10 SMALL TOWNS" is written in large, stylized, yellow-outlined letters. Below it, "TO VISIT IN THE MID-ATLANTIC" is written in smaller, black, sans-serif letters. At the bottom, the word "Recreation" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

These are the Top 10 Small Towns to Visit in the Mid-Atlantic