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This Month:

The Jersey Shore

Sick of silly car games and sing-alongs while traveling to one of New Jersey's many splendid beach destinations? Then take the bus! (Bus games are much more fun!) Let's learn more about the Jersey Shore.

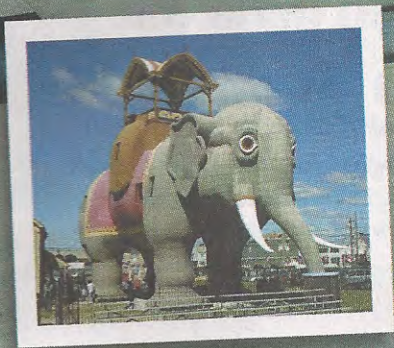
Over the years, the occasionally star-studded beach town of Spring Lake has been a great filming location for movies—Woody Allen filmed *Stardust Memories* there in 1980. But Atlantic City was the setting chosen for an episode of television's *Seinfeld*, in which comedian Jerry Seinfeld

mistakenly kills the doves Miss Rhode Island uses in her magic act for The Miss America Pageant. Oops! Incidentally, the first Miss America Pageant took place in Atlantic City in 1921. AC hosted the event until 2005 when it moved to Las Vegas.

Turtle crossing signs will greet you in Sea Isle City, Avalon and Stone Harbor from June to July when female Diamondback turtles move from the salt marshes to lay eggs on higher ground. No wonder Sarah the Turtle is the official mascot of Sea Isle City! The town even has an annual festival named in her honor.

While most of the New Jersey coast is eroding, the healthy shorelines of the Wildwoods are actually growing up to 100 feet every year! Guess that's why Wildwood has some of the widest beaches around with plenty of room to sunbathe, build sandcastles or chase down your umbrella when a big gust of wind launches it skyward!

There's actually a town called Jersey Shore. Trying to figure out which exit you'll have to take to get there? Don't bother. You won't find Jersey Shore on a New Jersey map—it's located in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania! Fun fact: If you're ever in Jersey Shore, guess what the best thing for you to do would be? Pack up and head to the *real* Jersey Shore!



HELLO, LUCY!

Everyone knows that all of the street names in Monopoly are derived from actual Atlantic City avenues. Marvin Gardens, located in nearby Margate, is the one exception. Speaking of Margate, did you know that it's the home of the world's largest elephant? The giant pachyderm is named **LUCY**; she's a six-story elephant-shaped building designed in 1881 with wood and tin sheeting by James V. Lafferty. The beloved structure has had several incarnations in its lifetime, including as a restaurant, business office, tavern and cottage.

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