

Met-Ed Retirees Bus Trip
Camden Aquarium and Spirit of Philadelphia Lunch Cruise
Wednesday April 5, 2023

The Camden Adventure Aquarium had unique exhibits with over 15,000 aquatic animals, including the largest collection of sharks in the Northeast. The aquarium is located on the Camden Waterfront, a short ride through downtown Philadelphia and crossing the Delaware River on the Ben Franklin Bridge.

The aquarium also is the only one in the world to exhibit hippos, and one of only six facilities in the U.S. to have Little Blue penguins. We got to see the two female hippos, Genny and Button, up close as they swam effortlessly in the 60,000-gallon glass lined pool directly in front of us. The shark exhibit was viewed in two unique ways, over the top on Shark Bridge and underneath when you walk through the Shark Tunnel. The penguins were entertaining, along with viewing some of the most diverse aquatic animals in the world.

After a short drive back across the Ben Franklin Bridge to the Philadelphia side of the Delaware River, we pulled into Penn's Landing for the second part of our trip. The "Spirit of Philadelphia" was waiting to be boarded for a two-hour lunch cruise on the Delaware River. The lunch buffet was delicious, featuring a choice of all you can eat salmon, chicken, and pork, along with all the trimmings. We viewed the Philadelphia skyline and waterfront areas from either the enclosed deck where we dined or the outdoor top observation deck. We enjoyed the gorgeous weather as we cruised south to the Walt Whitman bridge and returned to Penn's Landing where our bus was waiting to take us back home.

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