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### **For the first time in a decade, Maryland beach trippers have a new guidebook to help narrow their options in Ocean City.**

*Ocean City: A Guide to Maryland's Seaside Resort* (**Channel Lake, Inc.**, \$13.95) brings travelers the independent, opinionated voice of a fellow Ocean City enthusiast.

The book reveals where to shop, eat, play, and stay – and what to avoid – for vacationers looking for a pampered, upscale getaway and also for those who prefer an old-fashioned ocean vacation. The book, a new entry in the *Tourist Town Guides* series, is the only up-to-date, independent guidebook to Maryland's seaside resort.

Much is new in Ocean City, so the timing of this book is excellent. Some long-time Ocean City vacationers worry that new development in this densely built beach town is wiping out some of its funky, old-fashioned charm. However, the new *Ocean City* guide reminds vacationers that some of the town's multi-million-dollar residences are located next to a dinosaur-themed mini-golf course. Most of Ocean City's finest, newest restaurants are in strip malls. The contrasts between the sublime and the ridiculous are everywhere.

Author Kim Kash writes about food, health, and the environment. She is particularly interested in the local foods movement, and is the co-founder of the Greenbelt Farmers Market. She was born and raised in Greenbelt, Maryland, and lived for several years in California. Living on the west coast gave her a deeper appreciation for the seasons and the weathered charm of the mid-Atlantic states.

*Ocean City: A Guide to Maryland's Seaside Resort* is distributed by Midpoint Trade Books. It is available from Ingram, Baker & Taylor, and at all fine bookstores. The retail price is \$13.95. For more information, contact Midpoint or visit the website <http://www.touristtown.com>.

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*Ocean City: A Guide to Maryland's Seaside Resort (Tourist Town Guides)* by Kim Kash. 5 ½ in x 8 ½ in. 160 pages, including full index. ISBN 978-0-9767064-6-5. \$13.95 USD. Hi-res photos are available at <http://www.touristtown.com/media>.

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