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YOUR  
CHOICE

OFFICIAL PASSPORT

**MIDDLESEX**  
COUNTY • NJ

THIS PASSPORT BELONGS TO:

### Did you know you live in one of the most diverse counties in the nation?

This **Tour20** passport is your chance to explore a world of culture without ever leaving Middlesex County. We're challenging you to complete 20 activities of your choice. Step outside your comfort zone and try something new, something outside of your personal, family culture. The best way to cultivate community is by embracing our diversity.

Carry this passport book with you throughout the year and document your journey along the way.

For a full list of guidelines, visit:  
[DiscoverMiddlesex.com/Tour20](https://DiscoverMiddlesex.com/Tour20)



## START YOUR TOUR

- 1 SELECT YOUR ACTIVITY.** We have ideas to help you, but be creative. Are you going to your friend's Hindu wedding ceremony? Or a neighbor's Bar Mitzvah? That counts in the "Your Choice" category!
- 2 FILL OUT THE BOOK** with notes as you complete each activity. Each activity can only count for one culture. Each culture can only be counted once. For instance, if you dine at a Thai Japanese fusion restaurant, you must decide if this activity counts for Thai or Japanese (not both!)
- 3 COMPLETE 20 ACTIVITIES** (at least 4 per category) and this passport book is your ticket to an exclusive event with the Arts Institute of Middlesex County. (PS: For the die-hard adventurers, there are bonus activity pages in the back!)
- 4 SUBMIT PROOF** of participation at:  
[DiscoverMiddlesex.com/Tour20](https://DiscoverMiddlesex.com/Tour20)
- 5** What are you waiting for? **IT'S GO TIME!**

*Share your photos!*

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# DINING



**Calling all foodies!** Food is one of the best ways you can experience different cultures. And here in Middlesex County, you'll find a wide variety of cultural cuisine. Edison's Oak Tree Road is home to nearly 60 Indian and Pakistani restaurants within a one-mile radius alone.

## DINING IDEAS

**Dining Out?** Check out the Middlesex County Restaurant Guide – featuring over 500 restaurants, representing countries from all over the world.




**Dining In?** The Arts Institute of Middlesex County has partnered with local chefs to explore the ways in which food, culture, and family histories intersect. Check out this page for printable recipes, interviews with our featured chefs, and more.



### DINING ACTIVITY #1

Date:	Place:
Culture Experienced:	
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### DINING ACTIVITY #2

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### DINING ACTIVITY #3

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### DINING ACTIVITY #4

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# MUSIC



**You don't need to understand the lyrics to enjoy a good song.**

Music transcends language, and in Middlesex County, it's everywhere. Check out a local concert, a cultural festival, jazz show, or Music-in-the-Park to experience something new. Your ears will thank you later!

## MUSIC IDEAS

- Music-in-the-Park
- Hub City Sounds Festival
- Local Cultural Festivals
- Jazz Shows
- Concerts
- Rutgers Mason Gross School of the Arts

### MUSIC ACTIVITY #1

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### MUSIC ACTIVITY #2

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### MUSIC ACTIVITY #3

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Culture Experienced:	
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### MUSIC ACTIVITY #4

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# ARTS & HISTORY



**By being in one of the nation's most diverse populations, you have a unique chance to immerse yourself in arts, culture and history.**

Whether you're interested in seeing an outdoor performance, visiting East Jersey Old Town Village, going on a self-guided arts or history tour, there's something for everyone.

## ARTS & HISTORY IDEAS

- East Jersey Old Town Village
- Thomas Edison Memorial Tower
- New Brunswick Performing Arts Center
- Liberty Base Ball Team
- Art-in-the-Park
- Plays-in-the-Park
- Open Archaeology Dig
- Carteret Performing Arts Center
- New Brunswick Heart Festival
- Dushahra Indo-American Festival
- State Theatre New Jersey
- Avenel Performing Arts Center

### ARTS & HISTORY ACTIVITY #1

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### ARTS & HISTORY ACTIVITY #2

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### ARTS & HISTORY ACTIVITY #3

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### ARTS & HISTORY ACTIVITY #4

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# SHOPPING



*Ooh la la*

*Ooh la la*

We all have our favorite stores, but there's something fun about visiting new shops and finding things you didn't even know you needed.

Visit a specialty store that represents one of the many different cultures in the County. Purchases are not required, but respectful, open minds are.

## SHOPPING IDEAS

- Mercado Esperanza: a showcase for local vendors and a fun family event in the style of a Latin American plaza
- Sari shop
- Specialty jewelry stores
- Cultural gift shops
- International markets or groceries



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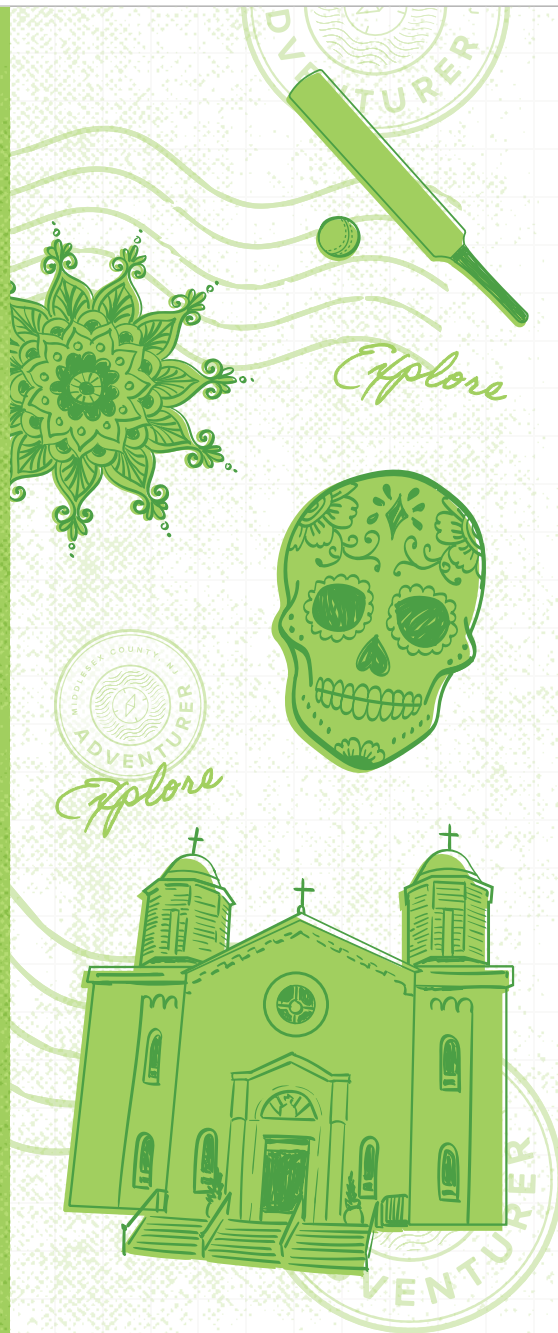


### SHOPPING ACTIVITY #4

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# YOUR CHOICE



**There are so many ways to learn about and experience different cultures.**

This section is meant to be more open-ended... a chance to choose your own adventure.

## YOUR CHOICE IDEAS

- Play or watch a sport from another country
- Watch a cultural or travel film
- Learn something new about a different culture
- Create art that represents a different culture
- Attend a traditional, cultural celebration (a wedding, quinceañera, bar mitzvah, etc.)
- Attend a lecture or educational program
- Read a book (attend our virtual Art & Story Time series every Wednesday at 4:30pm for a new reading and DIY craft)
- Learn a new language

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### YOUR CHOICE ACTIVITY #3

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### YOUR CHOICE ACTIVITY #4

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### EXTRA ACTIVITY #1

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### EXTRA ACTIVITY #3

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### EXTRA ACTIVITY #4

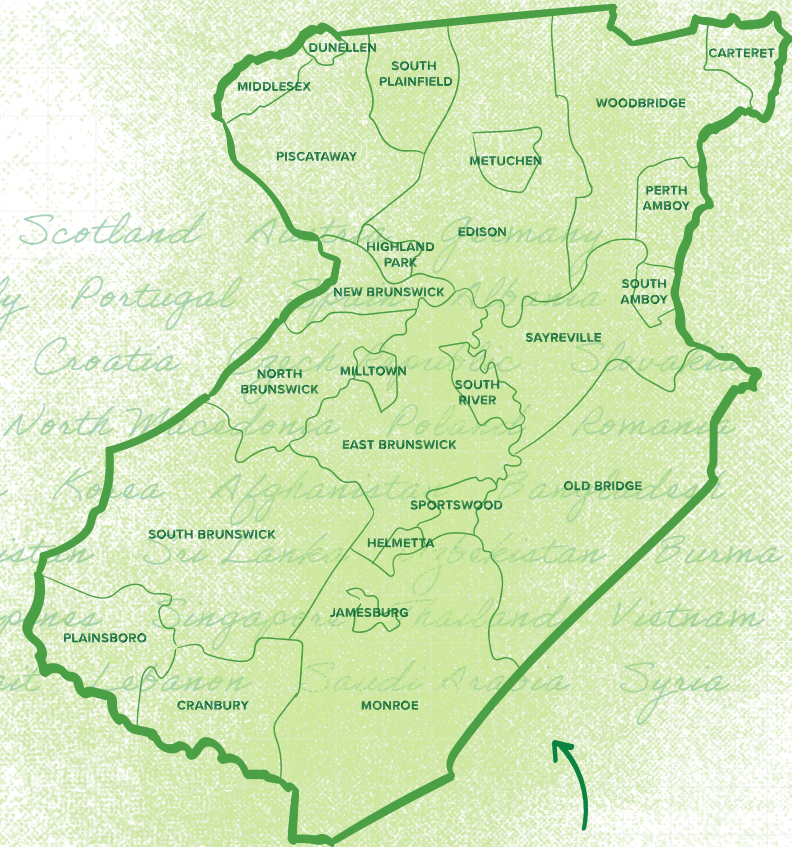
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## DISCOVER MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Across 25 municipalities, there are 40 languages spoken, with 863,000 residents representing nationalities from all over the world.



*Discover something new  
in Middlesex County!*



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## **YOU COMPLETED 20 ACTIVITIES!**

### **Thanks for participating in Tour20.**

This passport book is your ticket to an exclusive event with the Arts Institute of Middlesex County. To submit your proof of participation, scan the QR code below.



We'd love to hear more about your experience.  
Share your journey on social media.

**#Tour20**



**We hope you had fun and  
learned something new  
along the way – about  
yourself, different cultures,  
and your community.**

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*Share Tour20  
with friends!*

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