

Little Mikey: *Atlantic City and Salt Water Taffy*

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I like some weekends when my parents take me to the boardwalk in Atlantic City!

We stay in a tall condominium a block from the boardwalk. Our room is a big suite.

You can breathe the air by the ocean. It's wonderful!

Atlantic City's historical museum is north on the boardwalk. It's wonderful.
You can look inside at all the interesting things, including Mr. Peanut. It's free.

The Historical Museum shows a great video called 'Broadway Ballyhoo: The Magic of Atlantic City' which will tell you all about the history of Atlantic City.

Here I am riding the go carts at Schiff's Central Pier Speedway.

There's a great miniature golf course across from Boardwalk Hall! It's fun to play.

There's great food to eat on the Atlantic City boardwalk, like Philly cheese steaks, cheese fries, stromboli, chicken-on-a-stick, chili dogs and hot wings.....

.....gyros, Buffalo wings, Italian hoagies, sausage and peppers, and salads.

There's a lot of cold drinks on the boardwalk, including milkshakes, juices and yogurts...

.....slushies, fresh squeezed yellow lemonade, pink lemonade, and iced tea.

There's a lot of nosh food on the boardwalk too. Sometimes I like to munch on chicken wings, curly fries, cheese pretzels, gummy candies, licorice, chocolates and toffees.

Men push people back and forth on the boardwalk in these funny push cars on wheels.

Lots of people walk in both directions on the boardwalk.

People sit on the boardwalk benches eating ice cream and funnel cake.

Navy blue cabanas dot the Atlantic City beach as a sailboat passes.

Lots of people sun themselves on the beach and look out at the water.

I like to eat Italian ices and cotton candy when I walk on the boardwalk.....

.....and calzone and a candy apple.

I like to eat pizza at one of the boardwalk stands.....

.....and play interesting games in the boardwalk amusement arcades.

I like watching the people walking back and forth on the boardwalk.....

.....and listening to the boardwalk musicians, like the trumpeter and the saxophonist.

This boardwalk restaurant has a Latin American guitarist and native dancers.

I like seeing the outdoor displays at Ripley's, including a man going up and down a rope.

Two old men play a chess game on a boardwalk table.

The New Jersey Korean War Memorial is located where Park Place meets the boardwalk. It commemorates 191,000 New Jerseyans who served in the war.

There's a really cool diner on the boardwalk where my family and I like to eat.

The boardwalk has sports stores, jewelry stores, shoe stores, 99 cent stores.....

stores with oriental rugs and art and porcelain.....

stores with perfumes, watches, cosmetics, gold, silver, and handbags.....

and lots of stores with tourist stuff that says 'Atlantic City' on it.

My favorite is a weird store that sells baby green iguanas and hand-painted hermit crabs.

This store has a huge old caged iguana named Jimbo-who's not for sale-that draws staring crowds of curious people at his cage on the boardwalk watching him move.

Tourists fish from the Atlantic city charter boats.

I also like to eat at a unique restaurant on the boardwalk with incredible huge fish tanks, and animal robots that move, including a tiger, a giraffe, and gorillas. It's different.

The hotels on the boardwalk have beautiful architecture.....and a lot of flashing lights!

Mom and Dad took my brother and I to see Lucy the Elephant.

My family and I ate at the Flemish Knife and Fork Restaurant, an Atlantic City tradition.

There's a lot of seafood on the Atlantic City menus, like Red Snapper, Yellowfish Tuna, King Salmon, Lobster tail, Flounder, clams, mussels, and shrimp. It's really good.

Atlantic City has a nice aquarium for children in historic Gardner's Basin. You could see sea bass, sea stars, sea turtles and real sharks up close!

When I walk the Atlantic City Boardwalk, in my mind, it's like the monopoly game has come to life.

Sometimes I run on the boardwalk with other kids, it feels great.....

.....to look at the Atlantic City skyline and listen to the hip hop music.....

.....to watch the seagulls flying overhead and listen to their cries.....

.....and close my eyes and smell the sweet Atlantic City air. Feels good.

Circus type games you can play on the boardwalk include: squirt the target, the blockbuster baseball toss, the basketball shoot, dart toss at the balloons, and paintball.

I won a big orange and white stuffed fish in the baseball toss. His name is 'Nemo'.

People and children ride bicycles, bicycles built for two, and scooters on the boardwalk.

A clown juggles pins while riding a unicycle.

Another clown makes balloon dogs and dinosaurs.

A man plays his string bass on the boardwalk, and passersby put dollar bills into his case.

People enjoy horse rides near the boardwalk.

My brother and I drink from our bottles of cold water on the boardwalk.

Sometimes I ride my tricycle on the boardwalk. It's fun.

Shoppers enjoy The Walk shopping area. There are a lot of stores here too.

My family and I enjoy an exciting concert at Boardwalk Hall.

My brother and I watch a nature movie at the Atlantic City Imax movie theatre.

I love to walk with the crowds of people who love it here.....

.....and eat a hamburger and French fries at my favorite Irish restaurant.

A salsa music group with conga players entertains the crowds in The Quarter at the Trop.

Yachts pull into the dock at the Senator Frank S. Farley State Marina.

A moving New Orleans jazz band in purple costumes plays Dixieland music in the Showboat buffet. The chef dances. Everyone smiles.

A television game show is being filmed inside one of the hotels.

Riding the little bus in Atlantic City.....

to the Abescon Light Tower.

It's cool to climb the tower stairs.....

and look at the view from on top.

Sometimes I just like to sit in the sand on the Atlantic City beach and play.....

.....or just look up at the sky and think to myself.

They have these silly water massage machines in the massage places on the Atlantic City Boardwalk. You have to try one for fifteen minutes. It feels nice.

Teenagers on skateboards wearing sunglasses cruise the Atlantic City Boardwalk.

I like walking with the crowds of people who love it here, soaking the sunshine and enjoying the day.

Shoppers jam The Pier at Caesars. Interesting place!

Every hour on the hour, The Pier has a free water and light show. I watch it from Pier's second floor at night, it's beautiful. The waters cascade up and down in many shapes.

I like all of the clothing shops on the boardwalk with all the pretty tee-shirts.

Psychics with crystal balls and tarot cards read your palm and tell your future for a dollar. I don't know if what they say is true.

Five fighter jets fly in formation over the boardwalk.

Tourists flock to the tourist shops on the boardwalk and buy all of the little trinkets.

There's an interesting antiques shop on the boardwalk with a lot of old and valuable stuff.

My brother Harold and I watch the Atlantic City Surf play a baseball game at Sandcastle Stadium.

Most of all, I like eating Atlantic City Salt Water Taffy on the boardwalk.

I Love all the little taffies. They taste wonderful!

Salt water taffy comes in many different colors and flavors.

There is vanilla, chocolate, peanut butter, strawberry, and banana taffy.....

.....and blueberry, orange, peach, root beer, sour grape and candy apple taffy.....

.....and licorice, sour lemon, passion fruit orange, and pina colada taffy.....

.....and lemon, lime, mango tangerine, molasses and sour cherry taffy.....

.....and mimosa, peppermint, spearmint, teaberry and sour green apple taffy.....

My favorite taffy flavors are cookie dough, sour lemon, and watermelon.

The silliest flavors are peppermint patty, mocha latte, and peanut butter and jelly.

The sweetest flavors are peaches and cream, and the mango orange smoothie.

I eat my taffy all day while I walk the boardwalk. That's why I come.

I eat my taffy on the boardwalk benches too.

I play with it on the bed of our hotel room.

Atlantic City salt water taffies are the greatest! I smile while I eat them in the boardwalk sunshine.

It's fun to be a salt water taffy kid in Atlantic City!