

A VISITOR'S GUIDE TO BALTIMORE, MARYLAND



BALTIMORE

The city is named after the founding proprietor of the Maryland Colony, Lord Baltimore in the Irish House of Lords. Baltimore himself took his title from Baltimore in County Longford in Ireland, which is the English transliteration of the Irish language Baile an Tí Mór, or "Townland of the big house". Baltimore became the second leading port of entry for immigrants to the United States during the 1800s.

Baltimore's nickname is Charm City because of the great people who live here. The best way to experience it is by exploring the folksy neighborhoods. From light rail to water taxis, there are plenty of options for getting around. While temperatures are rarely extreme, it's wise to check the weather before stepping out. No matter the season, there is always something to do here, hon. From the thrills of the Preakness Stakes to the creative charm of Artscape, Bawlmer is extraordinary.

Baltimore is among the more enjoyable stops on the east coast, and its closely knit neighborhoods and historic quarters provide an engaging backdrop to many diverse attractions, especially those along its celebrated waterfront, like the Inner Harbor's National Aquarium, the Pier 6 Concert Pavilion, and the Power Plant entertainment complex. The city also boasts top-rated museums, like the Walters Art Museum and the child-oriented, interactive Port Discovery, which covers everything from fine arts through black history to urban archeology.

NOTABLES FROM BALTIMORE

Athletes	Brady Anderson (MLB), Carmelo Anthony (NBA), Juan Dixon (NBA), Rudy Gay (NBA), Michael Phelps (Olympic gold medal swimmer), Babe Ruth (MLB), and B.J. Surhoff (MLB).
Entertainment	Tori Amos (musician), John Astin (The Addams Family), Eubie Blake (musician), Toni Braxton (singer), David Byrne (The Talking Heads), Cab Calloway (jazz singer/bandleader), DMX (rapper), Charles S. Dutton (actor), Anna Faris (actress), David Hasselhoff (actor), Billie Holliday (singer), Greg Kihn (musician), Barry Levinson (director), Mario (singer), Mo'Nique (actress/comedienne), Edward Norton (actor), Ric Ocasek (The Cars), Nicole Ari Parker (actress), Robin Quivers (The Howard Stern Show), Howard Rollins (actor), Jada Pinkett Smith (actor), Tupac Shakur (rapper/actor), John Waters (filmmaker), and Frank Zappa (musician).
Historical	Benjamin Banneker (mathematician / astronomer), Frederick Douglass (abolitionist), Francis Scott Key (Star Spangled Banner), and Thurgood Marshall (the first Black Supreme Court justice).
Writers	Tom Clancy, Edgar Allan Poe, Upton Sinclair, and Anne Tyler.

FILMED IN & AROUND BALTIMORE

A Dirty Shame	Dave	Homicide: Life on the Street	Rocket Science	Gentleman
Absolute Power	Dead Man's Curve	Ladder 49	Runaway Bride	The Invasion
Ace of Cakes	Desperate Living	Liberty	Satisfaction	The Meteor Man
Along Came a Spider	Detention	Liberty Heights	Serial Mom	The Replacements
America's Most Wanted	Die Hard With A Vengeance	Live Free or Die Hard	Shooter	The Service
And Justice For All	Diner	Major League II	Shot in the Heart	The Sum of All Fears
Avalon	Divine Trash	Maxum Xul	Silent Fall	The Weekend It Lives
Beauty Shop	Enemy of the State	Men	Sleepless in Seattle	The Wire
Bedroom Window	First Invasion: War of 1812	Men Don't Leave	Something the Lord	The Young Americans
Beloved	For Richer or Poorer	Mosquito Coast	Made	There's Something About Mary
Blair Witch Project	Goods and Generals	My One and Only	Species 2	Tin Men
Book of Shadows:Blair Witch	Guarding Tess	On the Block	Step Up	Tuck Everlasting
Boy of Pigs	Hairspray	Pecker	Step Up 2: The Streets	Twelve Monkeys
Boys	He Said She Said	Pelican Brief	Sum Of All Fears	Violets Are Blue
Bumper	He's Just Not That Into You	Pink Flamingos	Syriana	Washington Square
Cecil B. Demented	Head of State	Polyester	That Night	While You Were Out
Clara's Heart	Her Alibi	Random Hearts	The Accidental Tourist	XXX State of the Union
Cry Baby	Home for the Holidays	Red Dragon	The Corner	
	Homicide	Roc	The Distinguished	
	Homicide: Life Everlasting			

INNER HARBOR

Distinct in function and form, Baltimoreans and visitors alike enjoy Baltimore's Inner Harbor and the surrounding neighborhoods that offer a variety of fine dining, cultural experiences and exciting nightlife. The Inner Harbor is a historic seaport, tourist attraction, and iconic landmark of the City of Baltimore, Maryland. The Inner Harbor itself is actually the end of the Northwest Branch of the Patapsco River and includes any water west of a line drawn between the National Aquarium in Baltimore and the Rusty Scupper restaurant. The term "Inner Harbor" is used not just for the water but for the surrounding area of the city, with approximate street boundaries of President Street, Lombard Street, Light Street, and Key Highway. It is within walking distance of Oriole Park at Camden Yards and M&T Bank Stadium and has a water taxi that connects the Inner Harbor to Fells Point, Canton, and Fort McHenry.

BALTIMORE WORLD TRADE CENTER

Located in the Inner Harbor, the Baltimore World Trade Center is the world's tallest equilateral five-sided building (the five-sided JPMorgan Chase Tower in Houston, Texas is taller, but has unequal sides). Its observation deck, called "Top of the World," is open to the public during daytime hours. You can see the entire Baltimore Inner Harbor "at your feet" below, historic Federal Hill Park to the south and the World Port of Baltimore's "outer harbor" to the southeast. The landmark tower also houses the headquarters of the Maryland Port Administration as well as hosting office space to numerous companies and several state agencies.



THE NATIONAL AQUARIUM IN BALTIMORE

Opened in 1981, the National Aquarium in Baltimore is world-famous and undoubtedly Maryland's leading tourist attraction. Whether you're an educator, a student or simply a visitor wanting to glance at the magnificent exhibits, the National Aquarium in Baltimore in Inner Harbor has a lot to offer.

Housing more than 11,000 creatures, the National Aquarium in Baltimore exhibits a variety of species in their naturalistic habitats. You'll find animals such as stingrays, sharks, sea turtles, bullfrogs, phytoplankton, monkeys, sloths, iguanas, and puffins. The list is perpetual so you have to check the exhibits out for yourself. You can also catch an up-close view of dolphins as they leap and tumble with the National Aquarium in Baltimore trainers in the live-action Dolphin Show.

MARYLAND SCIENCE CENTER

Serving more than half a million visitors per year, the Maryland Science Center has been one of the Inner Harbor's main attractions since 1976. Entertaining and educational to the young and old alike, it is undoubtedly one of the city's most exciting places to visit. With hands-on exhibits and spectacular displays in the wonderful world of science and technology, the Maryland Science Center is a great way to gain hands on experience and first-hand knowledge.

At the Maryland Science Center you'll find three floors of demonstrations to exercise your imagination and challenge your mind. See exciting combustible reactions, eye-boggling optical illusions and find out about lasers. Hands-on exhibits include a voyage through the human body and learning about how microbes work for us. With a larger than life, five-story 3D IMAX Movie Theater, complete with surround sound and stadium seating, the objects seem to leap off the screen, looking real enough to touch and making you feel like you're IN the movie. The Davis Planetarium features programs to explore the sky and discover space exploration at its finest.



BALTIMORE ORIOLES

The Orioles, more affectionately known as 'the Birds' or 'the O's' to the city's serious fans, are Baltimore's MLB team, playing in the Eastern Division of the American League. The Baltimore Orioles play ball in Oriole Park at Camden Yards, a natural grass ball park finished in 1992 and named for the original Oriole Park lost to fire back in the 1940's.

The city of Baltimore has a rich baseball history and has been home to one baseball team or another for over 125 years. The first record of baseball in Baltimore is in 1882, when Harry Vonderhorst sponsored a Baltimore team in the American Association of baseball clubs. In 1894, the Baltimore Orioles won their first professional baseball championship and in 1903 the team moved to New York and eventually became today's New York Yankees.

In September of 1953, the St. Louis Browns moved to Baltimore after several dismal seasons and a drop in game attendance. Renamed the Baltimore Orioles, after the black and orange state bird of Maryland, the team didn't perform much better but the O's definitely attracted Baltimore baseball fans.

Things began looking up for the Birds in the late 50's and by 1961 fans were rewarded with seeing Jim Gentile set 11 team records and their Baltimore Orioles finish the season 95-67-1.

Just four years later Frank Robinson joined the Orioles and in 1966 they won their first World Series, defeating the Los Angeles Dodgers in a 4-game sweep. Bitter defeat came in 1969 when the favored Oriole shockingly lost the World Series to the Mets.

Babe Ruth	Baltimore's Sultan of Swing, George Herman Ruth, Jr. was born in Baltimore. Growing up in adversity, playing baseball in school at St. Mary's led him on his path to becoming a great American hero. He was recruited by Jack Dunn, the Baltimore Orioles (then a minor league Red Sox team) owner and manager, when he was just 19 years old. When folks began referring to him as "Jack's newest Babe" the nickname stuck. Babe Ruth played with the Baltimore Orioles for just five short months before the Major League Boston Red Sox purchased his contract.
Cal Ripken	His jersey, the one worn in his final game, is already in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY there and so is the lineup card from his 2,130th consecutive game. That game tied Lou Gehrig's previous record for the most consecutive games played. Nicknamed "Iron Man," Calvin Edward Ripken, Jr. went on to play in 2,632 straight games in Major League Baseball. Born in Havre de Grace, Maryland, he spent his entire career with the Baltimore Orioles.
Awards	Three World Series Championships (1966, 1970 and 1983). Seven American League Pennants (1944, 1966, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1979 and 1983). Eight Eastern Division Titles (1969, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1974, 1979, 1983 and 1997).
Hall Of Fame	Luis Aparicio, Roger Bresnahan, Reggie Jackson, Joe Kelley, George Kell, Joe McGinnity, Eddie Murray, Jim Palmer, Robin Roberts, Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson, Hoyt Wilhelm, and Cal Ripken.



BALTIMORE RAVENS

The Ravens, Baltimore's NFL football team, are in the North Division of the AFC. The Baltimore Ravens play in the state-of-the-art M&T Bank Stadium located at the south point of Camden Yards. Easily accessible from Route 95, it has a splendid view of the Baltimore skyline, sports the latest in video big screens in each end zone and is within walking distance of the Inner Harbor.

In 1996, when Art Modell moved the Browns from Cleveland to Baltimore, the city embraced NFL football once again and the Baltimore Ravens were born. Although the Browns' name remained in Cleveland, the players moved to Baltimore to become the Baltimore Ravens as an unusual expansion team. Bringing pro football back to Baltimore in 1996, after a 13-year void, the exciting style of the Baltimore Ravens has invigorated the city and captivated football fans in Baltimore and the surrounding region. In 2001, the Baltimore Ravens defeated the New York Giants, 34-7 to win Super Bowl XXXV, with Baltimore's Ray Lewis named the Super Bowl MVP.

Baltimore's first pro football team was the Baltimore Colts. The name was chosen as a result of a fan contest. Honoring the tradition of horse racing and breeding in Baltimore's horse country, the name became so connected to the city that fans were upset when the Irsay family would not relinquish the name to Baltimore. The Baltimore Colts moved to become the Indianapolis Colts.

The blue and white Baltimore Colts played at Memorial Stadium from 1953 to 1983, with famous coaches like Don Shula from 1963 to 1969, two time winner of the Coach of the Year award, and Ted Marchibroda from 1975 to 1979, Coach of the Year Award in 1975. Arguably one of the most famous quarterbacks in the history of football, Johnny Unitas, played for the Baltimore Colts from 1956 to 1972. Other hall-of-famers from the Baltimore Colts include Raymond Berry, Artie Donovan, Ted Hendricks, John Mackey, Gino Marchetti, Lenny Moore, Jim Parker and Joe Perry. Weeb Ewbank and Don Shula are also inductees into the National Football Hall of Fame.

The Baltimore Colts made two super bowl appearances. They lost Super Bowl III in 1968 to the New York Jets but won Super Bowl V against the Dallas Cowboys in 1970. The Colts played their last game in Baltimore on December 18, 1983.

FORT MCHENRY

Located off I-95, just southeast of Baltimore's Inner Harbor, the star-shaped Fort McHenry was designed by a Frenchman named Jean Foncin and named after James McHenry who served as Secretary of War from 1796 to 1800 and supported construction of the new fort. A famous point of interest best known for its role in the Battle of Baltimore, Fort McHenry successfully staved off the British invasion of Baltimore by sea while the Battle of North Point was fought on land.

During the War of 1812, the brick fort defended the Baltimore harbor and stopped a British advance into the city. Surrounded by water on three sides and far enough from Baltimore to provide protection without endangering the city, it was the valiant defense of the fort by 1,000 Americans that inspired Francis Scott Key, a lawyer and amateur poet, to compose the *Star Spangled Banner*, originally entitled *Defense of Fort McHenry*.

Administered by the National Park Service in 1933, Fort McHenry is the only area of the National Park System to be designated both a National Monument and Historic Shrine. It is a tradition that when a new flag is designed for use by the United States, it is first flown over Fort McHenry, over the same ramparts referred to in the National Anthem. The first official flags with 49 stars, and with 50 stars, were flown over Fort McHenry, and remain there today.



DINING OUT

What makes Baltimore restaurant dining so enticing is the variety it has to offer. Baltimore's mix of regional culture and ethnic cuisines is spread out among the many different neighborhoods in the area. Once you've enjoyed the native seafood you find in Fells Point and the Inner Harbor, you might savor authentic Mexican cuisine in Federal Hill, make a stop in Mt. Vernon to tingle your taste buds with an Indian or Afghan meal, treat yourself to a Greek feast in Canton or satisfy your stomach with some good old American dishes in Hampden. Little Italy is the place to go for homemade pasta and Italian pizzerias.

AMERICAN

Capital Grille (Inner Harbor)	443-703-4064
Chameleon Café (Baltimore)	410-254-2376
Ruth's Chris (Inner Harbor)	410-230-0033
Miss Shirley's Café (Inner Harbor)	410-528-5373
Orchard's Landing (Towson)	410-823-5050
Morton's Steakhouse (Inner Harbor)	410-547-8255

ASIAN

Ixia (Mt. Vernon)	410-727-1800
Petit Louis Bistro (Baltimore)	410-366-9393
Edo Sushi (Inner Harbor)	410-843-9804
Geisha Sushi Bar (Inner Harbor)	410-843-9804

MEXICAN / SPANISH

Blue Agave (Baltimore)	410-576-3938
Nacho Mama's (Canton)	410-675-0898
Adela (Fell's Point)	410-534-6262
Tio Pepe (Mount Vernon)	410-539-4675

ITALIAN

Da Mimmo's (Little Italy)	410-727-6876
Aldo's (Little Italy)	410-727-0700
Sotto Sopra (Mt. Vernon)	410-625-0534
Sabatino's (Little Italy)	410-727-9414

SEAFOOD

Legal Seafood (Inner Harbor)	410-332-7360
McCormick & Schmick's (Inner Harbor)	410-234-1300
Orycki's Crab House (Fells Point)	410-732-6399
Phillip's Seafood (Inner Harbor)	410-685-6600
Bertha's Mussels (Baltimore)	410-327-5795
Rusty Scupper (Inner Harbor)	410-727-3678

FRENCH

Purple Orchard (Inner Harbor)	410-837-0080
Louisianan (Fells Point)	410-327-2610
Crepe Du Jour (Charles Village)	410-235-5400
Alizee (Charles Village)	410-235-5400

GREEK

Ikaros (Baltimore)	410-633-3750
Eastern House (Baltimore)	410-342-7117
Black Olive (Fells Point)	410-276-7141
Mezze (Fells Point)	410-563-7600

INDIAN

Ambassador Dining Room	410-366-1484
Akbar (Mt. Vernon)	410-539-0944
San Sushi (Thai)	410-825-0907
Indigma (Mount Vernon)	443-449-6483

