

Baltimore History and Weekend Getaways

History of Baltimore

Baltimore, named after Lord Baltimore the founding proprietor of the Maryland Colony, is the largest city and cultural center of the U.S. state of Maryland. The city is located in central Maryland along the tidal portion of the Patapsco River, an arm of the Chesapeake Bay. Founded in 1729, Baltimore is a major U.S. seaport and is situated closer to major Midwestern markets than any other major seaport on the East Coast.

Baltimore's Inner Harbor was once the second leading port of entry for immigrants to the United States and a major manufacturing center. The harbor is now home to the Harborplace, a shopping, entertainment, and tourist center, and the National Aquarium in Baltimore. After a decline in manufacturing industries, Baltimore shifted to a service sector-oriented economy. Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Hospital are now the city's largest employers.

Weekend Trips from Baltimore

To make the most out of your travel to Baltimore, we have put together some recommendations for day trips out of the city to a few beautiful Maryland locations. This link will take you to a list of the Top 15 Maryland Attractions, <http://dc.about.com/od/touristattractions/tp/MarylandAttractions.htm>, and below we describe some of our favorites.

Annapolis, Maryland

[Annapolis City Dock](#)



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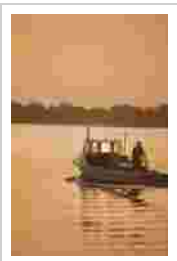
Enjoy shopping, dining, museums and the beautiful scenery of the state capital of Maryland and the sailing capital of America. Take a sightseeing cruise or walking tour and learn about the history of this beautiful seaport. Annapolis is the home of the United States Naval Academy and St. John's College, the third oldest institution of higher education in the United States.

Annapolis, an easy day trip from Baltimore, is located in Anne Arundel County, approximately 26 miles from Baltimore's Inner Harbor. The city boasts more 18th century buildings than anywhere else in the United States, including the homes of all four Maryland signers of the Declaration of Independence.

<http://www.visitannapolis.org/index.aspx>

Eastern Shore, Maryland

[Eastern Shore](#)



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The "Eastern Shore," the eastern side of the Chesapeake Bay, is Maryland's most popular attraction. The region is characterized by historic towns, beaches and beautiful natural areas. Visit Chestertown, St. Michaels, Cambridge, Ocean City or Assateague Island. The Eastern Shore is a beautiful, delightful area to tour during cooler months. <http://www.easternshorevisitor.com/>

Chesapeake City, Maryland

Chesapeake City is a charming Eastern Shore small town located at the northern end and is known for its unique views of ocean-going vessels. The historic area sits just south of the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal, a 14-mile canal that dates back to 1829. Visitors enjoy art galleries, antique shopping, outdoor concerts, boat tours, horse farm tours and seasonal events. There are several fine restaurants and bed & breakfasts nearby. The C&D Canal Museum provides a glimpse of the history of the canal. <http://icity.net/maryland/chesapeake-city-maryland/>

Deep Creek Lake - Garrett County, Maryland

Beautiful mountains, rivers and lakes offer a wide selection of activities from active outdoor adventures to just plain relaxing. Enjoy hiking, bicycling, picnicking, boating, fishing, camping, swimming, and horseback riding in warmer weather and skiing, snowboarding, snowtubing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling during the winter months. <http://www.visitdeepcreek.com/>

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Tour the Gettysburg National Military Park on horseback or Segway. Experience the restored Cyclorama Painting. Walk in the steps of President Abraham Lincoln. Remember those who gave all in Gettysburg at the Soldiers' National Cemetery. Tour the homes and town of the citizens of 1863 Gettysburg.

Gettysburg visitors will also enjoy theater productions, concerts, wineries, and nature trails. For you golfers, be sure to pack your golf clubs, as you will be sure to enjoy the breathtaking and award-winning courses.

Check the link below for events and activities taking place during your stay in Baltimore.

<http://www.gettysburg.travel/visitor/index.asp>