



# Baltimore – LGBT Style

Baltimore is a world-renowned gay-friendly travel destination. Known for being an eclectic mix of distinct districts, with a beautiful harbor, this mid-Atlantic metropolis may well be the best kept LGBT secret. For gay travelers, Baltimore offers an array of experiences and a vibrant community. From the Inner Harbor to Federal Hill, Mount Vernon to Hampden, discover a mix of culture, dining, shopping and entertainment that offers something for everyone.

Mount Vernon, the heart of Baltimore's gay community, is a vibrant abundance of artistic expression that includes art museums, theaters, and performing groups. The neighborhood serves as the cultural home to the **Walters Art Museum, Charles Theatre, CENTER STAGE** and **Peabody Institute**. Channel your inner foodie with some of Baltimore's creative chefs and luscious fine dining spots such as **City Café, The Brewer's Art** and **Gertrude's**.

The city's spanning Station North Arts & Entertainment District features new hip theaters, intimate galleries and funky fusion restaurants just a few short blocks from Mount Vernon. Highlights include **Tapas Teatro, Station North Arts Café Gallery, Windup Space Bar, The Strand Theatre, Metro Gallery** and the **Maryland Institute College of Art**.

Discover why Baltimoreans John Waters, Barry Levinson and David Simon have long enjoyed hugely successful Hollywood careers working with material from their "backyards."

## Annual Events

- ★ **Creative Alliance's Charm City LGBT Film Festival** (May) – Creative Alliance's Charm City LGBT Film Festival Committee has meticulously selected six award winning films that have premiered at the most renowned national and international LGBT film festivals, including Sundance, Berlin, and Tribeca film festivals, among others
- ★ **Honfest** (June) – a unique celebration of all things "Bawlmer"
- ★ **Baltimore Pride Festival** (July) – Maryland's largest LGBT annual event
- ★ **Artscape** (July) – The region's premier celebration of the arts features continuous musical performances, visual arts exhibitions, film, opera, dance, fashion, theater and more
- ★ **Baltimore Black Pride** (October) – Pride celebration for members of the African American LGBT community
- ★ **Outoberfest** (October) – The GLBT Community Center of Baltimore hosts an open house for National Coming Out Day, including local vendors and live entertainment

## What to Do

- ★ Head to "The Avenue" along 36th Street in Hampden, and you'll find **Café Hon** – which epitomizes Waters' kitschy Baltimore
- ★ **Woodberry Kitchen** – the area's most popular upscale farm-to-table restaurant
- ★ Visit diva Divine's larger-than-life statue at the **American Visionary Art Museum**
- ★ Baltimore's Harbor East and Little Italy neighborhoods offers chic shopping, nightlife and dining options including **Pazo, Ouzo Bay, Fleet Street Kitchen, Aldo's** and **Da Mimmo's**

## Nightlife

- ★ **Club 1722** – trendy, after-hours weekend club
- ★ **Grand Central** – Gay and lesbian entertainment complex with hi-tech dance floor
- ★ **The Hippo** – Hi-tech dance club, video bar and saloon under one roof
- ★ **Leon's** – Baltimore's oldest gay bar known for its happy hours and Bear crowd
- ★ **Club Charles** – 1940s cocktail bar and lounge
- ★ **ZiascoZ Lounge** – A lesbian-owned neighborhood bar with dancing, karaoke and female mixologists.
- ★ **Club Bunns** – This fun club caters largely to the African-American community and plays the latest hip-hop hits.

## Where to Stay

Baltimore is home to several LGBT friendly, TAG-Approved accommodations – including intimate bed-and-breakfasts such as the **Inn at 2920** and **Scarborough Fair B&B** to historical waterfront hotels including the **Hyatt Regency** and **Royal Sonesta**, and boutiques like the **Hotel Monaco**. Find a complete list and more at [www.baltimore.org](http://www.baltimore.org)

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