Welcome to Baltimore,
a city with a rich cultural heritage and a dynamic creative spirit. This is a place where people dream big. We celebrate who we are, where we’ve come from, and who we aspire to be through the arts, history and our diverse ethnic traditions. This powerful and profoundly creative spirit is uniquely our own.

In Baltimore, you can feel this creative energy in our world-class cultural attractions, sporting venues, and historic sites as well as in our shops, markets and restaurants. This also includes the city’s many museums, galleries, theaters and monuments dedicated to our distinctive heritage. Enjoy festivals and events that bring our citizens, tourists and different communities together throughout the year.

*Dream Baltimore* is a guide to help you experience Baltimore’s cultural identity. Celebrate and explore the legends and legacies that are the backbone of our historic city. We want you to be inspired by the dreamers that are fueling Baltimore’s creative spirit today.

Whatever your pleasure, there is truly something for everyone. So enjoy your time in Baltimore. Stroll our streets, delight in the sights and sounds of our neighborhoods, and be welcomed by the people who make this city great.

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Photo: Exterior of the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture
In Baltimore, we dream big. Throughout our city’s history, countless visionaries have called Baltimore home. Legends like Frederick Douglass and Thurgood Marshall pressed beyond boundaries to make their dreams come alive. Artists like Billie Holiday and Cab Calloway changed the world of music forever.

Today, Baltimore is brimming with creative energy and dreams made real: local artists, musicians and entrepreneurs carry on the city’s legacy of creativity and innovation. Baltimore’s unique blend of grit, elegance and charm makes our town a popular destination for travelers across the globe. There is something for everyone, from eclectic restaurants to world-class venues for culture, sports and the arts. We invite you to share our stories, see your own dreams anew and be inspired by the legends we treasure.
The Arts

Art is an expression of culture, vision and soul. It captures who we are and who we hope to be. Artists tell stories, and through their eyes we see ourselves. They speak of love and laughter, sorrow and loss, hope and possibility — experiences shared by every human being across race, culture and nationality. Art connects us to our humanity.

In Baltimore, the arts shine. Baltimore is home to a dynamic creative community. Works by fresh, new voices are featured year-round at local gallery spaces. At the American Visionary Art Museum in Federal Hill, art is a celebration of the innovative and the eclectic, while the James E. Lewis Museum at Morgan State University invites a global perspective with contemporary art from around the world.

The permanent collections at the Baltimore Museum of Art and The Walters Art Museum house art from every era, including ancient artifacts from Africa and the Americas — and admission is always free.

Baltimore’s performing arts scene is a vibrant mix of music, dance and theater. Center Stage, Everyman Theatre, Chesapeake Shakespeare Company, Arena Players, Creative Alliance and the Hippodrome feature live performances year-round. For a hip vibe and local flavor, visit Station North Arts & Entertainment District, home to art galleries, theaters and Open Walls Baltimore (OWB). The OWB project invites street artists from around the world to paint murals on outdoor spaces in Station North. On the city’s east and west sides respectively, two havens for local artists are emerging: the Highlandtown Arts & Entertainment District (known as “ha!”), and the Bromo Tower Arts & Entertainment District.

History


At Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, see the view that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the poem that would become “The Star-Spangled Banner.” In Baltimore, you’ll find history all around you.

Visit baltimore.org for more information about history and the arts in Baltimore.
Attractons

Baltimore boasts some of the nation's most exciting attractions. From the National Aquarium and the Maryland Science Center to our many cultural attractions, you’ll find shows, special exhibitions and activities that spark your imagination.

Babe Ruth Birthplace Museum
216 Emory Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
410-727-1539
www.baberuthmuseum.org

Born in Baltimore in 1895 and beloved by baseball fans around the globe, Babe Ruth is an American legend. Visit Babe's birthplace at 216 Emory Street. The museum features exhibits and programs that every baseball fan will enjoy.

Baltimore Museum of Industry
1415 Key Highway
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
410-727-4808
www.thebmi.org

In the 1800s, Baltimore was one of the busiest ports in the United States. See a replica of an early dock, and walk through the original 1865 Platt Oyster Cannery. Learn about the roles played by Baltimoreans of every background in Baltimore's first industries, including canning, printing, metalworking and garment-making.

Carroll Mansion
800 E. Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
410-605-2964
www.carrollmuseum.org

Take a guided tour of Carroll Mansion, the winter residence of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Maryland senator and signer of the Declaration of Independence. The Carroll Mansion offers a unique look at Baltimore history, as well as art exhibits, programs and lectures.

Enoch Pratt Free Library
Central Library
400 Cathedral Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-396-5430
www.prattlibrary.org

Browse through books, attend lectures and workshops and find fun family activities at the Enoch Pratt Free Library. With nearly two million books, pamphlets and tapes, the library is one of Baltimore’s best-known treasures.

Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine
2400 E. Fort Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
410-962-4290
www.nps.gov/fomc

Experience ranger-led talks and informative historical exhibits at one of the nation’s most beloved historical sites. Learn little-known facts about African-American military history, and take in the view that inspired Francis Scott Key's “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Fort McHenry also holds a special Juneteenth celebration each year, recognizing the end of slavery in the United States.

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum
901 W. Pratt Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21223
410-752-2490
www.borail.org

If you’re a history buff, don’t miss the B&O Railroad Museum, known as the birthplace of American railroading. Discover how people of all backgrounds played a part in America’s railway history. Learn what popular American brand was created by an African-American dining car attendant on the B&O.

Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory & Botanic Gardens
Druid Hill Park
3100 Swann Drive
Baltimore, Maryland 21217
410-396-0008
www.rawlingsconservatory.org

Named for one of the most influential African-American lawmakers in Maryland history, the conservatory features colorful flowers and plants year-round. Visit the 1888 Palm House, the Orchid Room, Mediterranean House, Tropical House and Desert House.

Historic Ships in Baltimore
Pier 1 at the Inner Harbor
301 E. Pratt Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
410-539-1797
www.historicships.org

Launched in 1797, the USS Constellation was pivotal in the fight against the transatlantic slave trade. During Black History Month, weekend tours on this U.S. Navy ship tell the story of “Black Sailors in Navy Blue.” Historic Ships also operates the USS Torsk submarine, the Chesapeake lightship, the USCG Cutter Taney and the Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse.

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum
901 W. Pratt Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21223
410-752-2490
www.borail.org
In 1945, **Eubie Blake** married Marion Tyler, a 1920s showgirl in African-American musicals. Tyler’s grandfather was Hiram S. Thomas, proprietor of Moon’s Lake House, where potato chips were invented.

Leon Day Park
Trailhead 4 at Gwynns Falls Trail
1200 block of N. Franklintown Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21216
www.gwynnsfallstrail.org/trail_info.cfm

Leon Day Park is one of eight parks connected by the Gwynns Falls Trail, Baltimore’s 15-mile hiking and biking trail. The park was named for Leon Day, the 12th player from the Negro Leagues to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Maryland Science Center
601 Light Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
410-685-5225
www.mdsci.org

For kids and grown-ups alike, the Maryland Science Center is filled with magic and discovery. At the Science Center’s Davis Planetarium, the majesty of the universe is on display. The Science Center also features exciting films at the IMAX Theater and breathtaking views at the Crosby Ramsey Memorial Observatory.

Maryland Historical Society
201 W. Monument Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-685-3750
www.mdhs.org

Home of the original manuscript of “The Star-Spangled Banner,” Maryland’s oldest cultural institution features journals, maps, artifacts and historical documents. See a time line of immigration and industry in Maryland, and tributes to African-American artists, activists and leaders.

Maryland Zoo in Baltimore
1876 Mansion House Drive
Baltimore, Maryland 21217
410-396-7102
www.marylandzoo.org

Rhinoceroses and zebras and bears—oh my! Experience the zoo’s exciting new African Penguin Exhibit and see amazing creatures from around the world. Kids can feed a giraffe, ride a camel, see colorful birds and visit the Maryland Wilderness farmyard.

National Aquarium
501 E. Pratt Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
410-576-3800
www.aqua.org

For more than 30 years, the National Aquarium in Baltimore has dazzled visitors from all over the world. Each year more than one million visitors come with family and friends to see more than 17,000 kinds of birds, fish, reptiles and mammals. The aquarium also hosts cultural events throughout the year.

Port Discovery Children’s Museum
35 Market Place
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
410-727-8120
www.portdiscovery.org

At Port Discovery, lively, year-round programming teaches kids about culture and history in a fun way, from the “I Have a Dream” Weekend in January (which celebrates the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.) to the Hispanic Heritage Celebration in September.

Sports Legends Museum at Camden Yards
301 W. Camden Street (next to Oriole Park)
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-727-1539
www.baberuthmuseum.com

Featuring exciting displays of sports history, storytelling and memorabilia, the Sports Legends Museum has in-depth exhibits about baseball’s Negro League, along with information about all of Baltimore’s sports teams, from college-level to the pros.

The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House
844 E. Pratt Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
410-837-1793
www.FLAGhouse.org

Enjoy exhibits, guided tours and programs at Baltimore’s Star-Spangled Banner Flag House, a stop on the Baltimore Heritage Walk. Learn about flag maker Mary Pickersgill and young Grace Wisher, the African-American girl who worked for Pickersgill when she sewed the famous flag that inspired America’s national anthem.

Top of the World Observation Level
World Trade Center
401 E. Pratt Street, 27th Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
410-837-VIEW
www.viewbaltimore.org

Learn about Baltimore’s heritage as a “City of Neighborhoods.” Find out how immigrants established their own neighborhoods in years past, and how today’s immigrants from around the world are contributing to new neighborhoods in Baltimore.
Billie Holiday crooned with Count Basie and made melodies with Artie Shaw. Her haunting vocal style defined the late 1930s and changed jazz forever. Holiday told stories of love and loss – and gave voice to the African-American experience.

*How is her spirit alive in you?*
EXPLORE BALTIMORE’S HISTORIC, HIP, FUN-FILLED NEIGHBORHOODS

The centerpiece of downtown Baltimore is the world-famous Inner Harbor, a vibrant and beautiful waterfront.

A few steps from the buzz of the Inner Harbor is Little Italy, known for fresh, authentic Italian cuisine. Just east of downtown lies Canton. At the heart of this waterfront neighborhood is a quaint and lively village square rimmed with eclectic restaurants, pubs and shops. Nearby is Patterson Park, once the country’s largest urban park. The park is home to the Pagoda, the iconic 60-foot structure that was renovated and reopened in 2002. The Highlandtown

Arts & Entertainment District (also known as ha!) is home to the innovative Creative Alliance, and encompasses Highlandtown, Patterson Park and portions of Canton and Greektown.

The best view of the Inner Harbor and downtown skyline is found on Federal Hill, which played a role in the War of 1812 as citizens watched the “bombs bursting in air” over Fort McHenry, and in the Civil War, as batteries perched upon the hill aimed at the divided city below. In addition to history, this popular neighborhood offers everything from sushi and locally brewed beers to fine dining.

Fell’s Point is a spirited waterfront community in perpetual celebration of Baltimore’s nautical roots. Explore unique shops on Thames Street and Broadway. Chesapeake Bay cuisine is at its best here, whether you crave oysters on the half shell at a local pub or upscale seafood at a charming restaurant.

A short walk from the Inner Harbor, trendy Harbor East beckons with its growing list of shopping and dining options. An upscale movie theater, spa and health club, as well as a supermarket round out the Harbor East experience. Whether you want to grab a taco between shops or linger over an elegant five-course meal at one of America’s top-rated restaurants, you’ll find that Baltimore’s newest destination is also one of its finest.

As you continue on your way out to Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, you’ll pass through Locust Point, a charming neighborhood that is home to Under Armour’s global headquarters in Tide Point. Since 1868, when the first immigration station opened in Locust Point, immigration has been an important part of its history. Locust Point also offers a great view of the Domino sugar plant and its massive neon sign, an iconic feature of the Baltimore skyline.

No neighborhood says “Bawlmer” quite like Hampden, a 19th-century mill town that has evolved into the epicenter of hipster Baltimore kitsch. Along 36th Street, you’ll find dozens of unique shops, cafés and restaurants.
Next door to Baltimore’s stadiums and lively sports scene is historic Pigtown. Each year, residents gather for the annual Pigtown Festival, featuring live music, food and kids’ activities and most notably, the Running of the Pigs, an area tradition.

Just north of downtown rests the city’s cultural heart, Mount Vernon. What were once grand mansions belonging to Baltimore’s 19th-century industrialists are now museums, galleries, shops and restaurants. Explore Nubian and Egyptian art at The Walters Art Museum, then stroll across the street to see the spiraling heights and ornamental ironwork of the Peabody Library’s grand cathedral of books. The Maryland Historical Society – one of the jewels of the Mount Vernon Cultural District – features special exhibitions, and is also the home of the original draft of our national anthem.

As you head north along Charles Street past Mount Vernon you will land in the Station North Arts & Entertainment District. Just steps from Amtrak’s Penn Station, the neighborhood is undergoing a transformation, as new arts groups, galleries and restaurants occupy its storefronts.

On Pennsylvania Avenue, Cab Calloway, Louis Armstrong, Billie Holiday, Nat King Cole and other world-renowned African-American entertainers performed at venues like the Royal Theatre. Today a monument marks the site where the theater once stood. Nearby, on Baltimore’s west side is Bromo Tower Arts & Entertainment District. There, theatergoers can catch Broadway’s finest touring productions at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center at the Hippodrome Theatre, and the Everyman Theatre. Find out more about Baltimore’s neighborhoods at www.baltimore.org.
**Heritage Museums**

**Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Park**
1417 Thames Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21231
410-685-0295
www.douglassmyers.org

Learn about African-American maritime history at this national heritage site. The museums, galleries and interactive learning centers tell the story of Frederick Douglass and Isaac Myers, as well as the founding of the Chesapeake Marine Railway and Dry Dock Company, America’s first African American-owned shipyard.

**The Jewish Museum of Maryland**
15 Lloyd Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
410-732-6400
www.jewishmuseummd.org

The Jewish Museum has the largest single collection of regional Jewish Americana in the United States. The “Voices of Lombard Street” exhibit explores immigrant Jewish life in the 1900s and the multicultural community that lived and worked together in Jonestown, a historic Baltimore neighborhood.

**Maryland Women’s Heritage Center**
39 W. Lexington Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
443-708-2442
www.mdwomensheritagecenter.org

View Maryland history from a different perspective. Through exhibits, special events and a women’s history archive, the Women’s Heritage Center celebrates the achievements of women from diverse cultural backgrounds.

**Mount Clare Museum House, Carroll Park**
1500 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
410-837-3262
www.mountclare.org

Mount Clare is a part of the Network to Freedom and Civil War trails. The museum features 18th- and 19th-century Baltimore slave trade exhibits and authentic manumission documents.

**The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum**
1601-03 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21213
410-563-3404
www.greatblacksinwax.org

Little-known facts and famous figures in African-American history are on display at The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum. Well-known for its moving exhibit on the Middle Passage, the museum highlights the stories that make up the African-American experience.

**Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture**
830 E. Pratt Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
443-263-1800
www.rflewismuseum.org

The story of the African-American journey in the United States is one of the most compelling, complicated and inspiring stories in American history. The museum tells this story through documents, art and artifacts.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Baltimore-born poet, orator and abolitionist **FRANCES E.W. HARPER** was one of the first African-Americans to have a novel published in the United States. Her works included poetry, short stories, and novels.
Historic Sites and Monuments

Taking a walk in Fell’s Point or exploring Mount Vernon? Relaxing for a while at the Inner Harbor? Take a closer look around you — and underfoot — for the statues and monuments that dot Baltimore’s streets and corners. Our monuments pay tribute to the leaders and everyday people who played a part in history, at home and abroad.

**Battle Monument**  
*N. Calvert Street between Fayette and Lexington Streets*  
Baltimore played an important role in the War of 1812. The monument honors those who died in the Battle of Baltimore and the Battle of North Point.

**Billie Holiday Statue and Royal Theater Marquis Monument**  
*1300 Pennsylvania Avenue*  
In the “roaring 20s,” Baltimore’s Pennsylvania Avenue was home to the Royal Theatre, where jazz greats like Billie Holiday performed. A bronze statue of Lady Day stands less than a block from the historic Royal Theatre.

The courage of everyday people is at the heart of American history.

**Black Soldiers Statue at the War Memorial Plaza**  
*Corner of Holiday and Fayette Streets in front of City Hall*  
A tribute to African-American soldiers from every American conflict, this nine-foot bronze statue designed by Morgan State University professor James E. Lewis honors the African-American military experience.

**Bromo Seltzer Arts Tower**  
*21 S. Eutaw Street*  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201  
www.bromoseltzertower.com  
A Baltimore landmark since 1911, the Bromo Seltzer Tower was once the tallest building in Baltimore. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the 15-story building has been transformed into studio spaces for visual and literary artists. The building is open to the public during monthly open houses.

**Frederick Douglass Marker**  
*Intersection of Aliceanna and S. Durham Streets in Fell’s Point*  
This marker in Fell’s Point Square pays homage to orator, author and newspaper publisher Frederick Douglass, one of the nation’s greatest activists and abolitionists.

**Frederick Douglass Statue**  
*Morgan State University, Holmes Hall*  
1700 E. Cold Spring Lane  
Baltimore, Maryland 21251  
This statue of Frederick Douglass stands in front of Holmes Hall at Morgan State. It is the university’s most widely recognized architectural landmark.

**Holocaust Memorial and Statue**  
*Gay and Lombard Streets*  
Between 1933 and 1945, Europe witnessed one of its greatest tragedies. More than six million Jewish people were murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust. This monument pays tribute to the lives lost.

**José Martí Monument**  
*Intersection of Broadway and Fayette Streets in Fell’s Point*  
This East Baltimore monument celebrates the life of Cuban national hero José Martí. A poet and writer, Martí was one of the leaders of Cuban independence from Spain.

**Joshua Johnson Marker**  
*Corner of N. Charles and Baltimore Streets*  
Baltimore celebrates the 18th-century artist Joshua Johnson with this marker. Recognized as the first nationally acclaimed African-American artist in the U.S., Johnson painted portraits of Baltimore’s most affluent families.

**Leon Day Way**  
*Oriole Park at Camden Yards*  
The Eutaw Street entrance of Camden Yards was renamed to honor Leon Day, the 12th player from the Negro Leagues to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

**McKim Free School Marker**  
*(at The McKim Center)*  
1120 E. Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
410-276-5519  
www.mckimcenter.org  
McKim’s roots date back to the early 19th century as the city’s first free school, and one of the first in the nation. Today, McKim is a community center offering year-round programs for seniors and young people.
in the spirit of THURGOOD MARSHALL

Honor your vision. Stay on the path. The future is waiting.

In a world ruled by ignorance and fear, Thurgood Marshall held fast to a vision of integrity and equality. The nation’s first African-American Supreme Court justice made an indelible mark on American history. *How is his spirit alive in you?*
Mother Mary Lange Monument
George Street, off Pennsylvania Avenue
Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange founded the first order of African-American nuns in the history of the Catholic Church. This monument honors a great Baltimorean who served her community by working with children and young people.

Mother Seton House
St. Mary’s Spiritual Center and Historic Site
600 N. Paca Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-523-3443
www.stmarysspiritualcenter.org
This historic site is the birthplace of the very first African-American Catholic community and the first African-American Catholic Lay Society of the Holy Family. Mother Mary Lange founded the first community for women of color in the United States, the Oblate Sisters of Providence.

National Katyn Memorial Foundation
President Street at Aliceanna Street
www.katynbaltimore.com
The Katyn Memorial honors the memory of thousands of Polish prisoners who resisted Communist rule in Poland and died at the hands of Stalin’s secret police.

Oriole Park at Camden Yards
33 W. Camden Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
www.orioles.com
In 2012, the Orioles unveiled bronze statues of six Hall of Famers including African-American baseball legends Frank Robinson and Eddie Murray.

Simon Bolivar Monument
Intersection of St. Paul and Charles Streets in Guilford
A gift from the Venezuelan government to the city of Baltimore, this monument honors the Venezuelan military leader known as “The Liberator.” Bolivar led revolutions against Spanish rule in several South American countries.

Thurgood Marshall Statue
Corner of Pratt and Sharp Streets
As the nation’s first African-American Supreme Court justice, Baltimore’s own Thurgood Marshall had a lasting impact on civil rights and human rights for all Americans.

Wall of Pride
Carey and Cumberland Streets
Malcolm X, Sojourner Truth, Paul Robeson and Langston Hughes are some of the heroes memorialized in this urban mural.

Jazz great CAB CALLOWAY’S high-energy performances featured a dance step called “The Buzz.” Captured on film in the 1930s, the move was a clear forerunner of Michael Jackson’s “moonwalk.”

Learn more about Baltimore’s history at baltimore.org.

Tours
The Baltimore Visitor Center is the perfect starting point and a great resource for planning your time in Baltimore. Buy tickets for tours and attractions. Pick up maps and travel guides. See the city in a new way through “The Baltimore Experience,” an immersive adventure in the center’s theater that highlights the city’s history and culture. The Visitor Center is located on the west shore of the Baltimore Inner Harbor promenade. Contact the Visitor Center at 1-877-BALTIMORE, or visit baltimore.org for more information.

Scheduled Public Tours
Baltimore Ghost Tours
Departs from sidewalk outside of Maxi Sidebar at 731 S. Broadway near the Fell’s Point Square
410-357-1186 (voicemail)
info@baltimoreghosttours.com
www.baltimoreghosttours.com
Experience a fun twist on Baltimore’s history. Learn about the connections between Baltimore’s most famous neighborhoods and the history of immigration into the city. Get a taste of a bygone time in Charm City.
Baltimore Heritage Walk
Baltimore Inner Harbor Visitor Center
401 Light Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
410-878-6411
www.explorebaltimore.org

Follow the city’s oldest urban trail. The Heritage Walk includes The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture and the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House Museum. Tours depart from the Baltimore Visitor Center at the Inner Harbor and are offered from spring to late autumn.

Baltimore Trolley Tour
410-254-TOUR
www.baltimoretrolleytour.com

See Baltimore from the comfort of a climate-controlled trolley. Relive the quaint history of Fell’s Point, a national historic district, and discover the best places to find unique treasures. Enjoy the charm of Baltimore’s picturesque architectural beauty through its best-known neighborhoods. The tour departs from the Baltimore Visitor Center at the Inner Harbor.

Fort McHenry Boat Tour
Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine
2400 E. Fort Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
410-962-4290 x850
www.friendsoffortmchenry.org

Learn about the Battle of Baltimore and the War of 1812. See Fort McHenry from the water and sail the same route as Francis Scott Key, the writer of “The Star-Spangled Banner.” The tour is offered seasonally.

Henrietta Lacks Legacy Group
201 Main Street
Turner Station, Maryland 21222
410-340-4888

Henrietta Lacks lived in Turner Station at the time of her death in 1951. Two days after her death, a lab attendant at Johns Hopkins Hospital discovered that the cells from her body were still growing. The “HeLa” cells went on to transform modern medicine and were instrumental in the development of the polio vaccine.

Immigration Tour
Fell’s Point Visitor Center
1724 Thames Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21231
410-675-6750
www.fellsptoint.us

Baltimore was second only to Ellis Island as a port of immigration. Many of the waterfront neighborhoods have retained their strong ethnic identities. Explore immigration sites and hear stories of exodus and assimilation into a new culture and country. The tour is presented jointly by the Baltimore Immigration Project and the Preservation Society.

Mount Vernon Cultural Walk
Baltimore Inner Harbor Visitor Center
401 Light Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
410-878-6411
www.explorebaltimore.org

The Mount Vernon Cultural Walk explores architecture, historic sites and museums along the Charles Street National Scenic Byway. The walk also highlights shops and restaurants. Tours depart from the Baltimore Visitor Center at the Inner Harbor and are offered from spring to late autumn.
Pennsylvania Avenue Heritage Trail
Baltimore Inner Harbor Visitor Center
401 Light Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
410-878-6411
www.explorebaltimore.org

Learn about Baltimore's Black Renaissance in the 1920s and '30s, and see the past come alive. Markers paying tribute to civil rights leaders, artists and musicians dot the trail. Each historic African-American church along the path has a story to tell. Download the trail map for a self-guided tour, or call to book the tour with a guide.

Spirit Cruises Baltimore
866-312-2469
www.spiritcruises.com/baltimore

Enjoy lunch and dinner cruises on the Spirit of Baltimore or sail to historic sites on the Seadog Speedboat Tour. Friday through Sunday, enjoy a 75-minute sightseeing tour on the newly renovated Inner Harbor Spirit, and explore Baltimore's greatest attractions.

Watermark Cruises
Light Street between Baltimore Visitor Center and Maryland Science Center
410-268-7601
www.watermarkcruises.com

From mid-April to late October, Watermark offers daily Baltimore Harbor Cruises. The narrated boat ride features Inner Harbor attractions such as Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine and the Key Bridge. From family-friendly cruises to Friday evening cocktail cruises, see the city from the water. All cruises depart from the Baltimore Finger Piers at the Baltimore Inner Harbor.

Guide Services

African-American Cultural Tours
10 E. Lee Street, Suite 707
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
Contact Alice Torriente
443-540-0945

Learn about Maryland's role in the Underground Railroad on this African-American history tour. Step-on tours are provided and individual and group reservations are welcome throughout the year.

Baltimore Rent-A-Tour
1340-A S. Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
410-464-7994
www.rentatour.com

Coming to Baltimore with a group? Organize a customized tour based on your interests. With more than 30 years of destination management experience, Baltimore Rent-A-Tour offers a wide range of services for convention, corporation and group travel. African-American history tours are standard offerings.

BBH Tours
P.O. Box 3014
Baltimore, Maryland 21229
443-983-7974

Explore Baltimore’s rich African-American heritage with BBH Tours. BBH offers cultural heritage tours, historical tours, and shopping and sightseeing tours. BBH books hotels, cruises, transportation and entertainment for convention and family reunion clients.

Greenspring Tours, Inc.
P.O. Box 358
Timonium, Maryland 21094
410-561-1119 (local)
800-447-5081 (toll free)
www.greenspringtours.com

See stops on the Underground Railroad and the neighborhood where Frederick Douglass lived and worked. Learn about key figures in African-American history and leaders in modern-day African-American life.

Renaissance Productions and Tours
P.O. Box 2402
Baltimore, Maryland 21203
410-728-3837
www.renaissanceproductions.biz

Specializing in African-American tours, Renaissance offers customized tours for your group, or designed year-round tours such as the Black Landmarks Tour. Learn about Baltimore’s African-American history and heritage.

Planning Your Event

Planning a family reunion, conference or convention? For a range of free services, visit baltimore.org or call 1-877-BALTIMORE. Ask about our motorcoach services, tours, event-planning guides and resources.
Art Museums and Galleries

Calling all art lovers! Breathtaking sculpture, vibrant paintings, historic architecture and unforgettable stories – Baltimore’s art scene is not to be missed. Museums and galleries are easy to find. The arts are alive in Baltimore.

American Visionary Art Museum
800 Key Highway
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
410-244-1900
www.avam.org

AVAM, the official, national museum for self-taught, intuitive artistry, is a Baltimore treasure. AVAM has a history of exciting, community-based, intercultural programming. From thought-provoking modern art exhibits to performance art, poetry and dance, AVAM is Baltimore’s center for cutting-edge creativity.

The Baltimore Museum of Art
10 Art Museum Drive
Baltimore, Maryland 21218
443-573-1700
www.artbma.org

The Baltimore Museum of Art is one of Baltimore’s cultural crown jewels. The museum has 90,000 works of art. In 1939, the BMA was home to one the first exhibitions of African-American art in the country. Its multi-year renovation, in celebration of the museum’s 100th anniversary, includes a new Contemporary Wing and the re-opening of its African and Asian art galleries.

Crystal Moll Gallery
1030 S. Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
410-952-2843
www.crystalmoll.com

A blend of impressionism and realism, Moll’s paintings capture the magic of Baltimore, the eastern shore of Maryland and beyond, with traditional oil painting infused with a unique sense of color.

Galerie Myrtis
2224 N. Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21218
410-235-3711
www.galeriemyrtis.net

A contemporary fine art gallery near the Station North Arts & Entertainment District, Galerie Myrtis presents the works of visual artists, from painters and sculptors to photographers and visual artists. The gallery also hosts artist’s talks, workshops and lectures.

American Visionary Art Museum
800 Key Highway
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
410-244-1900
www.avam.org

AVAM, the official, national museum for self-taught, intuitive artistry, is a Baltimore treasure. AVAM has a history of exciting, community-based, intercultural programming. From thought-provoking modern art exhibits to performance art, poetry and dance, AVAM is Baltimore’s center for cutting-edge creativity.

C. Grimaldis Gallery
523 N. Charles Street, #1
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-539-1080
www.cgrimaldisgallery.com

Opened in 1977, the C. Grimaldis Gallery is Baltimore’s oldest contemporary art gallery, and an important venue in the region. The gallery specializes in post-World War II American and European art with an emphasis on contemporary sculpture.

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Through branches and briers, Harriet Tubman crossed the marsh in a log canoe. Driven by a dream, she risked life and limb to help others find freedom. *How is her spirit alive in you?*
In Baltimore, we celebrate creativity and the arts in every nook and neighborhood. Find out more about Baltimore’s galleries and art scene at baltimore.org.

George Peabody Library  
17 E. Mount Vernon Place  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
443-840-9385  
www.peabodyevents.library.jhu.edu

In 1878, the George Peabody Library opened to the public. Stunning architecture, including five tiers of cast-iron balconies, makes the library a must-see stop for visitors. A recent million-dollar renovation has restored the structure to its original majesty, and helps to preserve the library’s historic collection of 300,000 volumes.

Maryland Art Place  
218 W. Saratoga Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201  
410-962-8565  
www.mdartplace.org

MAP creates a dynamic environment for artists to engage the public by nurturing and promoting new ideas. MAP has served as a critical resource for contemporary art in the Mid-Atlantic region since 1981.

The Metro Gallery  
1700 N. Charles Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201  
themetrogallery.net

The Metro Gallery is a multipurpose performance space, art gallery, and bar in the Station North Arts & Entertainment District. In operation since 2007, the Metro Gallery curates art shows with a focus on emerging artists. The Metro Gallery is also the home of the Videopolis film festival, an annual independent showcase of feature-length and short works and multimedia video installations.

Mark Cottman Gallery  
1014 S. Charles Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21230  
443-872-0943  
www.markcottmangallery.com

This Federal Hill art gallery features the work of Mark Cottman. The Baltimore native is a self-taught, award-winning painter. His paintings are characterized by vibrant color, humor and emotion. An African-American artist, his work also includes portraits of African-American legends and scenes from everyday life.

Open Walls Baltimore  
Station North Arts & Entertainment District  
www.openwallsbaltimore.com

Located in the Station North Arts & Entertainment District, Open Walls Baltimore (OWB) is a street art project inviting the finest and most widely recognized street artists from around the world to create murals throughout Station North.

The James E. Lewis Museum of Art  
Morgan State University  
Carl J. Murphy Center for Fine Arts  
2201 Argonne Drive  
Baltimore, Maryland 21251  
443-885-3030  
www.museum.morgan.edu

Located in the Carl J. Murphy Fine Arts Center, Morgan State University’s fine arts museum features a multicultural collection of more than 4,000 works from emerging and established artists.

Robert McClintock Studio & Gallery  
1809 Thames Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21231  
410-814-2800  
www.robertmcclintock.com

Located in the heart of Fell’s Point, McClintock’s gallery features his unique work which combines photography and digital painting, including the popular “Baltimore Seen” collection.

Sub-Basement Artist Studios  
118 N. Howard Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201  
410-659-6950  
www.subbasementartiststudios.com

Get a taste of local, contemporary fine art at Sub-Basement Artist Studios. Each month, the studio features a new exhibition in the areas of large-scale painting, sculpture, mixed media artworks and photography.

The Walters Art Museum  
600 N. Charles Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201  
410-547-9000  
www.thewalters.org

The Walters is one of the Mount Vernon Cultural District’s most exciting destinations. The collection is a celebration of world art, including artifacts from ancient Egypt and Nubia. The museum also has one of the world’s most impressive collections of rare books and manuscripts.

Watermark Art Gallery  
100 S. Charles Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201  
410-547-0452  
www.watermarkartgallery.com

Experience the vision and creativity of local artists. Watermark features landscapes and seascapes, as well as impressionist and abstract works. The gallery hosts poetry readings and artists’ gatherings on the third Sunday of each month.

Art captures the astonishing beauty of everyday life.
The Grammy award-winning BSO has been a Baltimore treasure for more than 90 years. The BSO also has youth orchestras and special programs for children and families.

**Center Stage**
700 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
410-986-4000
www.centerstage.org

One of Baltimore’s favorite theater spaces, Center Stage features productions from playwrights of all cultures, from celebrated African-American playwright August Wilson to Chilean-American playwright Ariel Dorfman.

**Creative Alliance at The Patterson**
3134 Eastern Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21224
410-276-1651
www.creativealliance.org

East Baltimore’s Creative Alliance is a gathering place for artists of all backgrounds and cultures. From art and dance to theater, performance and film, the Creative Alliance inspires and energizes audiences. African American, Latino and Native American cultures are celebrated in year-round programming.

**Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center**
847 N. Howard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-225-3130
www.eubieblake.org

Named for Baltimore-born jazz legend Eubie Blake, this West Baltimore cultural center features galleries, live music and arts programs. The institute offers summer programs for kids in dance, music, painting and more. Local poets gather for “open mic” nights on the last Thursday of every month.

**Everyman Theatre**
315 W. Fayette Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-752-2208
www.everymantheatre.org

Named for its mission, Everyman Theatre was founded in 1990 to offer audiences a high-quality, professional theater-going experience at prices that everyone can afford. Everyman presents comedies and dramas that express the complexity of the human experience.

**Fells Point Corner Theatre**
251 S. Ann Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21117
410-276-7837
www.fpct.org

Located in a historic brick firehouse, this community theater has been a staple in Fells Point since 1987. Their first season opened with a production by playwright Sam Shepard. Today, the theater continues its legacy of performing arts with a diverse variety of classic and contemporary works.

**Hippodrome Theatre at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center**
12 N. Eutaw Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
800-982-2787
www.france-merrickpac.com

The Hippodrome is Broadway’s home away from home, featuring year-round performances of Tony Award-winning plays and musicals. The historic theater made its debut in 1914, presenting vaudeville performances and motion pictures. In 2004, after a $63 million renovation, the Hippodrome reopened with national fanfare.

Art is an expression of culture, vision and soul.
Modell Performing Arts Center at The Lyric
140 W. Mount Royal Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-900-1150
www.lyricoperahouse.com

From classical to country, concerts to comedy, superstars from every genre grace the stage at the historic Lyric Opera House. The Baltimore landmark celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1994.

Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University
1 E. Mount Vernon Place
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
410-234-4500
www.peabody.jhu.edu

Thrilling concerts and dazzling performances draw audiences to the Peabody Conservatory. The Peabody boasts a rich, 150-year history in Baltimore's cultural scene. Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Leonard Bernstein, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Igor Stravinsky are just a few of the icons who have visited and lectured here. Today, the Peabody is home to musicians and artists of all ages and nationalities.

Toby’s Dinner Theatre
5900 Symphony Woods Road
Columbia, Maryland 21044
410-995-1969
www.tobysdinnertheatre.com

Enjoy performances of beloved American plays and musicals like West Side Story, Aida and Fiddler on the Roof along with contemporary shows like Shrek. Toby’s features an extensive buffet and self-serve sundae bar.

Vagabond Players Inc.
806 S. Broadway
Baltimore, Maryland 21231
410-563-9135
www.vagabondplayers.org

Known as “America’s Oldest Little Theatre,” the Vagabond was founded in 1916. H.L. Mencken authored the Vagabond's first play, The Artist. Today, the Vagabond Players present local productions of national favorites.

The Windup Space
12 W. North Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-244-8855
www.thewindupspace.com

Located in the Station North Arts & Entertainment District, The Windup Space is an art gallery, performance space and bar. The popular meeting place features art exhibits, live music and events from improv to karaoke.

Learn more about the arts in Baltimore at baltimore.org.
Cultural Shops and Boutiques

From high-end imports to local art and one-of-a-kind antiques, Baltimore’s shops and boutiques have something for everyone. Fine dining and tasty, casual fare abound in Baltimore’s favorite neighborhoods including Mount Vernon, Fell’s Point and Federal Hill. Cross Street and Lexington Markets are abuzz with fresh seafood and delectable desserts. Explore another side of Baltimore in unique Hampden shops and elegant Harbor East boutiques.

A People United
516 N. Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-727-4471
www.apeopleunited.com

A People United sells clothing, jewelry and housewares made by artisans from Nepal. Founded with the goal to improve the economics, health and education of children through microenterprise, the shop has provided more than 1,000 scholarships for Nepali children.

Cross Street Market
On Cross Street between Charles and Light Streets

At Cross Street Market in Federal Hill, locals have shopped for produce, fresh meats and seafood since the market opened in the 1800s. Today, visitors and locals alike stop in for treats ranging from barbecue, seafood and sushi to fresh-baked bread and pastries.

Everyone’s Place African Cultural Center
1356 W North Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21217
410-728-0877
www.afrikanworldbooks.com

African and African-American history and culture are celebrated at Everyone’s Place, Baltimore’s best-known African American-owned bookstore. The store features books, fine art, clothing and gifts.

Expressions Cultural Center
222 N. Paca Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-783-0195

Located across from Baltimore’s Lexington Market, Expressions Cultural Center offers ethnic art, jewelry, fabric, books and a custom framing service.

The Gallery at Harborplace
Calvert and Pratt Streets
410-332-4192
www.harborplace.com

Find your favorite designer boutiques and specialty shops at The Gallery. This beautiful, five-story atrium features more than 50 shops and eateries. The Gallery is connected to the harbor by a sky walk, and underground parking is available.

Historic Savage Mill
8600 Foundry Street
Savage, Maryland 20763
1-800-788-6455
www.savagemill.com

A 20-minute drive from Baltimore’s city center, Historic Savage Mill offers a quaint and cozy mix of art, shopping and cuisine. The International Antiques & Home Design Center features fine and rare antiques.

Lexington Market
400 W. Lexington Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-685-6169
www.lexingtonmarket.com

Sample flavors from around the world. Baltimore’s oldest market features seafood and international cuisine, along with fresh-baked delights and homemade confections. Enjoy live music at the market every Friday and Saturday with bands performing jazz, reggae and more.

Mahogany Exchange/Out of Africa Gallery
111 W. Saratoga Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-752-5808

Get lost in a world of color and texture at Mahogany Exchange. The shop features African artwork, antique museum artifacts, furniture and textiles. The gallery also rents space for meetings and reunions.

MAJA
1744 Aliceanna Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21231
410-327-9499
www.majacollections.com

This Fell’s Point boutique features a unique, international collection of clothing, jewelry, artifacts, crafts and music.

Sankofa African World and Bazaar
2442 N. Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21218
410-366-0886
sankofafairtrade.com

Sankofa offers a taste of African culture with traditional and contemporary clothing, jewelry, handmade African carvings and crafts and a stunning collection of African tribal art.

Women’s Exchange
333 N. Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-685-4388
thewomens-exchange.org

This not-for-profit shop sells handmade products by women artisans of all backgrounds.

From elegant fashions to everyday style, from antiques to apparel, there is so much more to fill your shopping bag. Find out more at baltimore.org.
At a time when African Americans were banned from the majors, Leon Day joined a brotherhood of heroes in the Negro Leagues. Day took the game to new heights. How is his spirit alive in you?

Our dreams have no limits, our courage, no bounds. Time to play ball.

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Rooted in traditions that reach back through the centuries, religion combines the most transcendent aspects of human life: music, art, charity and our ideas about divinity. Baltimore’s religious venues are integral to our cultural identity.

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
408 N. Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-727-3564
www.americasfirstcathedral.org
A National Historic Landmark and National Shrine, the Baltimore Basilica was the first Roman Catholic Cathedral built in the United States.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
1300 Druid Hill Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21217
410-523-4273
www.bethel1.org
The oldest independent African-American institution in Baltimore, Bethel was founded when a group of African Americans led by Daniel Payne Coker walked out of a Methodist church because of racially segregated seating. Today, Bethel continues to have an impact on local and regional communities.

First Baptist Church
525 N. Caroline Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21205
410-675-2333
Founded in 1836 by ex-slave and lay minister Moses Clayton, First Baptist was Maryland’s first Black Baptist church. The church’s archives feature manuscripts, pictures, articles and memorabilia dating back to the 1830s.

Leadenhall Baptist Church
1021 Leadenhall Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
410-752-5191
www.leadenhallbc.org
Founded in 1873, Leadenhall is the second oldest Black church edifice in Baltimore, and home to one of the city’s largest African-American congregations.

Lovely Lane United Methodist Church and Museum
2200 St. Paul Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21218
410-889-1512
www.lovelylane.net
Designed by the famous architect Stanford White in 1884, Lovely Lane is on the National Register of Historic Places. Considered the “mother church” of American Methodism, it was the first meeting place for the denomination’s founders and their congregation.

The museum contains portraits, hymnals and memorabilia from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Orchard Street Church/Baltimore Urban League
512 Orchard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-523-8150
Founded by former slave Truman Pratt, the Orchard Street Church was known to be a safe house on the Underground Railroad. Today, the site is home to the Baltimore Urban League.

Saint Peter Claver Roman Catholic Church
1546 N. Fremont Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21217
410-669-0512
www.josephites.org/parish/md/spc
Founded in 1888 and home to the first parish in the world dedicated to St. Peter Claver, Apostle of the Slaves, this church runs one of the oldest private elementary schools for African Americans in the country.

Sharp Street United Methodist Church
Dolphin and Etting Streets
Baltimore, Maryland 21217
410-523-7200
www.sharpstreet.org
Established in 1787, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Sharp Street is home to Baltimore’s first African-American congregation. With ties to politics, civil rights and education, the church has a rich history. It served as the host church for early meetings of the NAACP, and housed the seminary school that would later become Morgan State University.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
1501 E. Oliver Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21213
410-727-3103
www.josephites.org/parish/md/sfx/
Founded in 1864, St. Francis is the oldest African-American Catholic church in the nation. The Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first religious order for women of African descent, founded St. Francis Academy for Women.

Union Baptist
1219 Druid Hill Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21217
410-523-6880
unionbaptistchurch.co (not dot “com”)
Founded in 1852, Union Baptist became a center for the civil rights struggle. Its pastor was also the founder of the Colored Convention, which evolved into today’s United Baptist Association.
Culinary Delights

Everyone knows that Baltimore just might be the crab cake capital of the world. But wait! There’s so much more to our culinary palate. Baltimore attracts some of the greatest chefs in the country. Our emerging culinary scene delights locals and visitors alike. From top-notch steakhouse fare and fresh seafood to eclectic and contemporary cuisine, you can always top off a great day in Baltimore with a spectacular meal.

Whether you’re dressed up for a night on the town or looking for good food in a family-friendly setting, there’s a place for every taste. If you’re spending a bit more time with us or visiting family and friends, Baltimore’s ethnic grocery stores are worth the visit. Visit the “Culinary” section of baltimore.org for a list of local Spanish tiendas and shops selling traditional Asian, European, African and Caribbean foods.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Morgan State University
1700 E. Cold Spring Lane
Baltimore, Maryland 21251
443-885-3333
www.morgan.edu

Home of the Murphy Fine Arts Center, the world-renowned Morgan State University Choir and WEAA, one of the region’s leading public radio stations, Morgan State University has expanded its areas of excellence to include culture, community and the arts. Founded in 1867 as a seminary school, the school has evolved into one of the nation’s most distinguished historically Black institutions.

Coppin State University
2500 W North Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21216
410-951-3000
www.coppin.edu

Coppin State College began in 1900 as a small training program for elementary school educators. Today, the university anchors the West Baltimore community and awards undergraduate and graduate degrees in liberal arts, the sciences, education, nursing, social work and criminal justice.

Sojourner-Douglass College
200 N. Central Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
410-276-0306
www.sdc.edu

Sojourner-Douglass College’s focus on education has had far-reaching benefits for African-American professionals. Founded in the 1970s, the school was one of the area’s first to build a curriculum specifically geared towards continuing education for working professionals.
Festivals and Events

Colorful costumes, creative crafts and live performances delight kids and grown-ups alike at Baltimore’s annual festivals. In January, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Parade travels down the Baltimore City boulevard named for the American civil rights leader. Summer brings the Latino Fest to Patterson Park and the African-American Festival to Camden Yards. The largest cultural festival on the East Coast, the African-American Festival welcomes more than 350,000 visitors to enjoy live music, cultural exhibits, vending booths and empowerment seminars. Art lovers arrive in Baltimore each summer for America’s largest free public arts festival, Artscape. The outdoor event presents an eclectic combination of the visual and performing arts, along with food and kids’ entertainment.

In the fall, the Cadillac Parade rolls down Pennsylvania Avenue in West Baltimore during the Pennsylvania Avenue Homecoming Weekend Festival. In addition to year-round events, Baltimore celebrates Black History Month (February) and Hispanic Heritage Month (mid-September to mid-October) with special events and programs each year.

Visit baltimore.org for more about Baltimore’s heritage celebrations and citywide events.

Around Maryland

Expansive, picturesque and filled with history, the state of Maryland is known for its warm people and verdant landscape. From sand and shore in Ocean City to streams and mountains in Cumberland, the state of Maryland is a place of physical beauty and cultural vitality. Museums, historic sites, shops, family-fun attractions, great restaurants, festivals and romantic getaways – in Maryland, there’s something for everyone.

In Maryland, stories of people from every background and culture are told in the state’s museums, parks and trails. The Harriet Tubman Museum and Educational Center on Maryland’s Eastern Shore celebrates the amazing woman who risked her life repeatedly to guide American slaves to freedom. This path to freedom is detailed along a 64-mile Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway. Find out more at the Maryland Office of Tourism Development.

Call 800-MDWELCOME or visit www.visitmaryland.org for itineraries, travel guides and special packages.