



Places to visit for a day or a weekend...

Baltimore

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Why You Should Go

Baltimore is the largest city in Maryland. It is known as “a city of neighborhoods” because there are hundreds of identified districts to explore. Many of these, such as Fell’s Point, Federal Hill, and Mount Vernon Place, are famous historic districts. Baltimore is also the city with the most public monuments in the entire country.

The Inner Harbor

Baltimore’s Inner Harbor is a historic seaport that is considered the heart of Baltimore. Here you can walk the 7-mile brick Waterfront Promenade around the harbor. The Inner Harbor includes many popular shops and boutiques and delicious seafood restaurants. Other attractions to visit in the Inner Harbor are the American Visionary Art Museum, The Maryland Science Center, Port Discovery Children’s Museum, Ripley’s Believe It or Not, the Baltimore Museum of Industry, and the National Aquarium.

National Aquarium

The National Aquarium is conveniently located in the Inner Harbor of Baltimore. It holds more than 2,200,000 gallons (8,300,000 liters) of water and is home to 750 species of marine life! Here you can visit exhibits including Animal Planet Australia, Blacktip Reef, Shark Alley, the Amazon River Forest, and the 4D Immersion Theater. You will also be supporting a good cause because the National Aquarium is dedicated to conservation of the aquatic habitats they exhibit.

USS Constellation

You will also find the *USS Constellation* tied up along the dock in the Inner Harbor. She is the last sail-only warship designed and built by the U.S. Navy and the only Civil War-era ship still afloat. She is now a museum ship which you can board to experience what life was like for sailors during the Civil War. You can even spend a night on board the ship, sleeping in a hammock below deck!

Fort McHenry

Fort McHenry is a famous fort known especially for its defense during the War of 1812. One battle fought here is described by Francis Scott Key in the US National Anthem. Visit this fort to see the place that inspired his famous words: “Oh say does that star spangled banner yet wave, O’er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.” It is also a wonderful place for a picnic with its waterfront lawns and beautiful view of the Baltimore skyline.

Fell’s Point

Fell’s Point is a historic waterfront neighborhood just east of the Inner Harbor. It has a long

maritime history and is a great place to visit to experience the atmosphere of an American seafaring town. It has many shops, antique stores, restaurants, coffee bars, music stores, a municipal market house, and over 120 bars! Fell's Point also holds a three-day Privateer Festival each year.

Oriole Park at Camden Yards

Oriole Park is a Major League Baseball ballpark and is home to the Baltimore Orioles. It is only a few blocks west of the Inner Harbor, and is a great place to see a baseball game.

The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of African American History and Culture

At this museum, you will see exhibits, musical performances, films, kids' workshops, and lectures that emphasize Maryland African-American history and culture. Permanent exhibits include The "Strength of the Mind, Things Hold, Lines Connect" and "Building Maryland, Building America." You can also stop for lunch in the museum's soul food café.

B&O Railroad Museum

If you are interested in trains and railroads, this is a wonderful place to visit and explore exhibits of historic railroad equipment. Here you will find the largest collection of 19th-century locomotives in the U.S. It is also the site of the first regular railroad passenger service in the U.S. and the site where the first telegraph message was sent to in 1844. The message read, "What hath God wrought?" If you visit on a Wednesday through Sunday during April through December, you can take a train ride on the most historic mile of railroad track in the country.

Getting There. Baltimore is an easy drive from the Washington, D.C. area. You can travel from English Now! to Baltimore in about an hour. You can also travel to Baltimore on the MARC train or by bus.

Where to Stay. There are many chain hotels in Baltimore. One favorite of travelers is Hampton Inn Suites; rooms with two double beds usually cost around \$150/night and include breakfast. These hotels have pools too.

For More Information. Please let Paul or Kirstie know if you are traveling to Baltimore. We would love to hear about your plans, and we would love to hear how your trip goes, after you return, so that we can share what you learn with other students.