

# Welcome to Baltimore!

## Interesting Things to See & Do

### Museums

- National Aquarium - [www.aqua.org](http://www.aqua.org)
- American Visionary Art Museum - [www.avam.org](http://www.avam.org)
- Baltimore Museum of Industry - [thebmi.org](http://thebmi.org)
- Maryland Science Center - [www.mdsci.org](http://www.mdsci.org)
- Walters Art Museum - [www.thewalters.org](http://www.thewalters.org)
- Baltimore Museum of Art - [www.artbma.org](http://www.artbma.org)
- B&O Railroad Museum - [www.borail.org](http://www.borail.org)

More interesting things to do:

[www.atlasobscura.com/things-to-do/baltimore-maryland/](http://www.atlasobscura.com/things-to-do/baltimore-maryland/)

## Fun Historical Facts

- Baltimore is home to the first monument dedicated to George Washington, located at 699 North Charles Street and Mount Vernon Place, complete with 227 marble steps you can climb for a great view of the city.
- The B&O Railroad was the first North American railroad to open for public service on January 7, 1830. You can ride the first mile of the track at the B&O Railroad Museum.
- The Baltimore Museum of Art holds the world's largest collection of Matisse paintings.
- The first telegraph line in the world was established between Washington D.C. and Baltimore in 1844.
- In Baltimore in 1884, Ottmar Mergenthaler invented the first mechanical typesetting machine, later named the Linotype, which could set complete lines of type, or slugs. Linotypes were very loud in operation, so it was common for deaf people to be hired to operate them because they were not bothered by the high noise level.



### Monday, 2/23/20 Submersive Productions show “See Also”

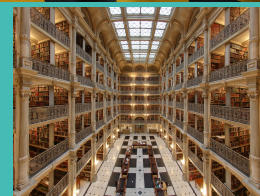


Photo: Matthew Petroff

If you're not attending the Magic Show on

Monday, NISO Plus attendees may attend a free immersive theater experience about the future of libraries at the George Peabody Library, renowned as one of the most beautiful libraries in the world. For more information, visit: [submersiveproductions.com](http://submersiveproductions.com)

The show begins at 7 pm on February 24, and will last approximately 45 minutes. The address is: 17 E Mt Vernon Place. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the performance. Entry is free for NISO Plus Attendees. Space is limited. RSVP to [nisohq@niso.org](mailto:nisohq@niso.org).



After Ellis Island, Baltimore's Fell's Point neighborhood served as the second-largest point of entry for immigrants to the U.S.



## Places to Eat

- Restaurante Tio Pepe - Spanish and Mediterranean cuisine - \$\$\$ - 101 East Franklin St
- Petit Louis Bistro - French fare and wine - \$\$\$ - 4800 Roland Ave
- The Helmand - Afghani cuisine - \$\$ - 806 North Charles St
- Bar Vasquez - upscale Brazilian - \$\$\$ - 600 East Pratt St
- RA Sushi Bar Restaurant - Japanese fusion, sushi - \$\$ - 1390 Lancaster St
- Ida B's Table - Soul food with style - \$\$ - 235 Holiday St
- Thames Street Oyster House - Seafood - \$\$ - 1728 Thames St.
- Papermoon Diner - Eclectic Diner - \$\$ - 227 W 29th St
- Owl Bar - American, Pizza - \$\$ - 1 E. Chase St
- B&O Brasserie - American, Fusion - \$\$ - 2 N. Charles St.
- Isabella's Brick Oven Pizza - \$ - Pizza, Italian - 221 S High St
- Ryleigh's Oyster Bar - Oysters, Seafood - \$\$ - 36 E. Cross St.



## Crab Cakes



Photo: Steven Depolo

The Chesapeake Bay has a worldwide reputation for crabs. Crab cakes in Maryland are unlike any others. If you want a real one, be prepared, it won't come cheap—if it is cheap, it won't be made right! Here are some of the area's best:

- Koco's Pub - \$\$ - 4301 Harford Rd
- Faidleys Seafood - \$\$ 203 N. Paca St (in Lexington Market)
- Nicks Cross St. Market Seafood - \$ - 1065 S. Charles St (in Cross St. Market)
- Gertrudes Chesapeake Kitchen - \$\$\$ - 1 Art Museum Drive (in Baltimore Museum of Art)

## Famous Baltimoreans

- Thurgood Marshall was the first African-American Supreme Court Justice serving from October 1967 until October 1991.
- Billie Holiday, renowned American Jazz singer, began her legendary musical career with Benny Goodman in 1933.
- Emily Post, American poet and socialite, began her career as a writer for the society columns and travelogues of pre-World War I Europe.
- Michael Phelps, the world famous Olympic swimmer, has won 28 gold medals and made his debut to the U.S. team at age 15.
- George Herman "Babe" Ruth Jr. was born on February 6, 1895. He started playing minor league for the Baltimore Orioles in 1914, but was soon transferred to the Boston Red Sox. The rest, as they say, is history.

### Edger Allen Poe & Baltimore

Edger Allen Poe was a writer and a poet best known for his tales of mystery and the macabre. Poe lived in Baltimore several times during his life. He died at the age of 40 on October 7, 1849, allegedly after leaving the Horse You Came In On Saloon (1626 Thames St) in Fells Point. His grave is located at 519 West Fayette Street.



### Who Was Lord Baltimore?

In total, there were six Barons Baltimore, all members of the Calvert family from 1580 - 1771. They were (in order): George, Cecilius, Charles, Benedict, Charles V, and Frederick. Baron Baltimore is a now extinct title in the Peerage of Ireland. Cecilius was the original namesake of the City of Baltimore and Baltimore County.