



# BALTIMORE TRAVEL TIPS

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## RESTAURANTS

Recommended by a Local | Award-winning

### Walking Distance (<15min walk)

1. **Charleston** (*Southern*) | <https://charlestonrestaurant.com/> |
  - **Highlight:** Fine dining, southern flavors with French influence
  - James Beard Nominee, James Beard Nominee 2023, 2024 Outstanding Hospitality, 2024 Restaurant and Chef Semifinalist, Outstanding Chef – Cindy Wolf
2. **The Bygone** (*Rotisserie grill/Bar*) | <https://www.thebygonerestaurant.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Spectacular panoramic rooftop views of the city!
3. **Azumi** (*Contemporary Japanese*) | <https://azumirestaurant.com/baltimore/>
  - **Highlight:** Features high-end sushi and a chic atmosphere
4. **Cinghiale** (*Italian*) | <https://www.cgeno.com/>
  - **Highlight:** House-made pasta and extensive wine selection.
5. **Lebanese Taverna** (*Eastern Mediterranean*) | <https://www.lebanesetaverna.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Traditional mezze platters and fresh pita.
6. **Ouzo Bay** (*Greek*) | <https://www.ouzobay.com/baltimore/>
  - **Highlight:** Fresh Mediterranean seafood and stylish cocktails.
7. **Tagliata** (*Italian Chophouse*) | <https://www.tagliatarestaurant.com/>
  - **Highlight:** House-made pasta and premium steaks.
8. **The Oceanaire Seafood Room** (*Seafood*) | <https://www.theoceanaire.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Focuses on fresh, sustainable seafood dishes.
9. **Abbey Burger Bistro** (*Burgers*) | <https://www.abbeyburger.com/copy-of-federal-hill-1> |
  - **Highlight:** Unique proteins like elk and bison.
10. **Miss Shirley's Cafe** (*Southern-inspired breakfast/brunch*) | <https://www.missshirleys.com/> |
  - **Highlight:** Creative pancakes and award-winning crab cakes.
11. **Pitango Gelato** (*Gelato*) | <https://www.pitangogelato.com/locations/> |
  - **Highlight:** Organic Italian gelato.
12. **Kippo Ramen** (*Ramen*) | <https://www.kipporamen.com/> |
  - **Highlight:** Known for rich broths and authentic ramen bowls.
13. **Ekiben** (*Asian Fusion*) | <https://ekibenbaltimore.com/> |
  - **Highlight:** Famous for flavorful steamed buns.
  - James Beard 2023 Best Chef Mid Atlantic – Steve Chu; Restaurant & Chef Semifinalist

### Short Drive (10-15 mins drive or long walk)

14. **The Prime Rib** (*Steakhouse*) | <https://theprimeribs.com/> |
  - **Highlight:** Classic fine dining with a retro ambiance
15. **The Bun Shop** (*Pastry cafe*) | <https://the-bun-shop.restaurants-world.com/menu> |
  - **Highlight:** Unique, globally inspired buns.
16. **The Helmand** (*Afghan*) | <http://helmand.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Known for its pumpkin appetizer, Kaddo Borwani
17. **Faidley's Seafood** (*Seafood*) | <https://www.faidleyscrabcakes.com/> |
  - **Highlight:** Famous for its award-winning "JUMBO LUMP" crab cakes.
18. **Magdalena Restaurant** (*Maryland-inspired fine dining*) | <https://www.theivybaltimore.com/dine/magdalena>
  - **Highlight:** Elevated interpretations of Maryland classics

19. **Blacksauce Kitchen** (*Comfort Food*) | <https://www.blacksaucekitchen.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Known for its biscuits, crispy eggplant, and braised lamb.
20. **Dylan's Oyster Cellar** (*Seafood*) | <https://dylansoyster.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Fresh oysters and seafood platters
21. **Mera Kitchen Collective** (*Middle Eastern, African, Latin*) | <https://www.mera.kitchen/>
  - **Highlight:** Community-driven dining with vegan options.
22. **Chiyo Sushi** (*Sushi*). | <https://www.chiyosushi.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Known for fresh, high-quality sushi.
23. **Pure Raw Juice** (*Juices/Smoothies*) | <https://www.purerawjuice.com/federal-hill> | 🍷
  - **Highlight:** Fresh, organic juices and smoothies.
24. **MI and Yu Noodle Bar** (*Asian Fusion/Ramen*) | <https://miandyunoodlebar.com/> | 🍷
  - **Highlight:** Inventive ramen options.
25. **The Local Fry** (*Global Fries*) | <https://www.thelocalfry.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Unique fries with global-inspired toppings.
26. **The Urban Oyster** (*Seafood*) | <https://www.theurbanoyster.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Baltimore-inspired seafood dishes in a casual setting.
27. **La Comptoir du Vin** (*European Bistro*) | <https://www.comptoirbaltimore.com/>
  - **Highlight:** French-inspired, casual yet refined dining.
28. **Chachi's** (*Comfort Food*) | <https://www.chachisbaltimore.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Creative takes on traditional comfort food.
29. **Restaurante Tio Pepe** (*Spanish & Mediterranean*) | <https://www.tiopepe.us/>
  - **Highlight:** Known for classic Spanish dishes and tapas
30. **Johnny Rad's Pizzeria Tavern** (*Pizza*) | <https://johnnyrads.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Popular spot for unique pizza creations.
31. **Peter's Inn** (*American Bistro*) | <http://petersinn.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Farm-to-table in an intimate setting of a former dive bar.
32. **Keystone Korner** (*retro refined Americana cuisine*) / <https://www.keystonekornerbaltimore.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Live world-class jazz
33. **Ellie's Tavern**: <https://elliestavernbmore.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Great food and drinks located in Baltimore's Canton neighborhood

## Medium Drive (20-30 mins drive)

34. **Clavel Mezcaleria** (*Mexican*) | <https://barclavel.com/> | 🍷
  - **Highlight:** Award-winning mezcal cocktails.
  - James Beard Nominee 2024 Outstanding Bar, Restaurant and Chef - Carlos Raba nominee; 2022 Restaurant and Chef Semifinalist - Carlos Raba
35. **Alma Cocina Latina** (*Venezuelan*) | <https://www.almacocinalatina.com/> | 🍷
  - **Highlight:** James Beard Award-winning chef
  - James Beard 2024 Best Chef Mid Atlantic – David Zamudio; Restaurant & Chef Semifinalist
36. **Foraged. a hyper-seasonal eatery** (*Seasonal/local*) | <https://www.foragedeatery.com/> | 🍷
  - **Highlight:** Focus on hyper-local ingredients.
  - James Beard 2023 Best Chef Mid Atlantic – Chris Amendola; Restaurant & Chef Semifinalist
37. **La Cuchara** (*Basque*) | <https://www.lacucharabaltimore.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Wood-fired Basque-inspired dishes
38. **The Food Market (Upscale Comfort Food)** - <https://www.the-food-market.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Modern take on classic comfort dishes
39. **Petit Louis Bistro** (*French*) | <https://petitlouis.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Cozy Bistro serving classic French cuisine.
40. **Maggie's Farm** (*Local Comfort Food*) | <https://www.maggiesfarmmd.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Maryland-inspired comfort food.
41. **Cookhouse** (*Modern American*) | <https://cookhousecafebar.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Seasonal, farm-to-table dishes.
42. **The Corner Pantry** (*British Café*) | <https://www.corner-pantry.com/>

- **Highlight:** Known for savory pies and British specialties.
- 43. **Café Campli** (*Italian-inspired from Abruzzo*) | <https://www.cafecampli.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Authentic regional Italian dishes.
- 44. **Ethel's Creole Kitchen** (*Creole*) | <https://www.ethelscreolekitchen.com/>
  - **Highlight:** New Orleans meets Baltimore in bold flavors.
- 45. **Little Donna's** (*Modern American*) | <https://www.littledonnas.com/>
  - **Highlight:** Casual comfort food with seasonal twists.

References:

1. Baltimore Magazine Guide (<https://www.baltimoremagazine.com/directory/restaurant/neighborhood/harbor-east/>)
2. Baltimore's 38 Essential Restaurants – Updated 1/7/2025 (<https://dc.eater.com/maps/best-bars-restaurants-bakeries-baltimore-dining-guide-38> )
3. Local SAHM Fam Recommendations

## SPEAKEASIES

WC Harlan (walking distance from Clavel)  
 400 W 23rd St, Baltimore, MD 21211-3205  
<https://www.facebook.com/wcharlan>

The Elk Room (Harbor East area)  
 1010 Fleet St, Baltimore, MD 21202  
<https://www.theelkroom.com/>

## MARYLAND CRABS: Where to Go and How to Eat them

- "A Guide to Maryland Crabs": <https://baltimore.org/guides/crabs-guide/>
- "The Essential Crab House Guide": [https://www.baltimoremagazine.com/section/fooddrink/the-25-best-crab-houses-in-baltimore/?\\_hstc=95087171.a5531651a132262dd89d92e52f15aec0.1590364800241.1590364800242.1590364800243.1&\\_hssc=95087171.1.1590364800244&\\_hsfp=3320847746](https://www.baltimoremagazine.com/section/fooddrink/the-25-best-crab-houses-in-baltimore/?_hstc=95087171.a5531651a132262dd89d92e52f15aec0.1590364800241.1590364800242.1590364800243.1&_hssc=95087171.1.1590364800244&_hsfp=3320847746)
- "Your Stop-by-Stop Guide to Maryland's Best Blue Crabs" <https://www.foodandwine.com/maryland-blue-crab-8550480>

## ACTIVITIES

### Go for a walk

- **Self-Guided Walking Tours to Explore Baltimore**
- [https://www.gpsmycity.com/gps-tour-guides/baltimore-1287.html#google\\_vignette](https://www.gpsmycity.com/gps-tour-guides/baltimore-1287.html#google_vignette)

Self-Guided Walking Tours to Explore Baltimore, Maryland

Follow these 5 expert-designed self-guided walking tours to explore Baltimore, Maryland on foot at your own pace. You can also create your own self-guided walk to visit the city attractions which interest you the most.

**How it works:** Download the app "GPSmyCity: Walks in 1K+ Cities" from [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) to your mobile phone or tablet. Each walk comes with a detailed tour map as well as photos and background information for the featured attractions. The app's navigation functions guide you from one attraction to the next. The app works offline, so no data plan is needed when traveling abroad.

Download The GPSmyCity App



## Book a tour

- **Through the Hotel:**  
[https://activities.marriott.com/north\\_america/usa/maryland/baltimore/hotels/baltimore\\_marriott\\_waterfront-BWIWF](https://activities.marriott.com/north_america/usa/maryland/baltimore/hotels/baltimore_marriott_waterfront-BWIWF)
- **Through TripAdvisor:**
  - o **Baltimore's Historical Sightseeing Tour**, By I Love Baltimore Personal Tours
  - o **Fells Point Food Tour in Baltimore**, By Charm City Food Tour

## TOP SIGHTS IN BALTIMORE

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### In the Harbor

- Maryland Science Center <https://www.mdsci.org/>
- National Aquarium <https://aqua.org/>
- American Visionary Arts Museum <https://www.avam.org/about-us>
- Water Taxi <https://www.baltimorewatertaxi.com/>
- Harbor Cruise

### Adventure out of the Harbor

- Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture <https://www.lewismuseum.org/>
- Frederick Douglas-Isaac Myers Maritime Park <https://livingclassrooms.org/programs/fdimmp/>
- The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum <https://www.greatblacksinwax.org/>
- Baltimore Museum of Art <https://artbma.org/>
- Walters Art Museum <https://thewalters.org/>

## JUST IN TIME: Events from March 1-9

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- **The Lion King** (3/1 & 3/2 2025) – Baltimore Theater <https://www.baltimore-theater.com/shows/hippodrome-performing-arts-center/the-lion-king>
- **Baltimore Soundstage** <https://www.baltimoresoundstage.com/events/the-plot-in-you-north-america-2025/> - multiple music events 3/4 to 3/9/2025
- **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Fan Fest** (2/28 to 3/2/2025) – CIAA is the oldest historically Black athletic conference in the United States and weekend includes multiple activities including a battle of the bands, step show, and many more... <https://baltimore.org/event/ciaa-fan-fest-2023/#:~:text=The%20CIAA%20Fan%20Fest%2C%20is,part%20of%20CIAA%20Tournament%20Week.>
- **Creative Alliance** <https://creativealliance.org/events/month/2025-03/>
  - o Exhibition – Gathered Perspectives: Resident Artist Exhibition (1/31 to 3/8/2025)
  - o Shake out your sillies, Kerplunk Family Art Drop In, B'more Yoyo Club (3/1/2025)
  - o Belly Dance with Naimah Dances (3/6/2025)
  - o Paolo Angeli musical performance (3/9/2025)

- **Studio Gallery Events: AITC Quarterly Art Show, Artist Reception (3/8/2025)** <https://www.aitc-mag.com/quarterlyartshow>