

Things to do in Baltimore

Go to [Visit Baltimore](#) for information on attractions, dining, and shopping plus a local event calendar. Some of our favorites have been added below, with basic directions from the [Radisson Hotel Baltimore Downtown - Inner Harbor](#). For a downtown map, [click here](#). Also see [Baltimore Magazine](#) for more attractions and dining options.

Sights and Museums:

[American Visionary Art Museum](#) (12 blocks S; 800 Key Highway; 10-6 except closed on Monday)

[Babe Ruth Birthplace Museum](#) (two blocks from Camden Yards)

[Baltimore Civil War Museum at President St. Station](#) (about 7 blocks west; 601 President St.; Sat and Sun 10-4)

[Baltimore Museum of Art](#) (about 3 miles north; Wed–Sun 10-5)

[Baltimore Museum of Industry](#) (about 1.5 miles south; 1415 Key Highway; Tue-Sun 10-4; very interesting museum dealing with Baltimore companies and more)

[B&O Railroad Museum](#) (about 9 blocks west; 901 W. Pratt St; Mon-Sat 10-4; Sun 11-4)

[Eubie Blake Cultural Center](#) (7 blocks north; 847 N. Howard St; Wed-Fri 1-6 pm; Sat 11-3 and by appt Tues and Sun)

[Flag House](#) (about 8 blocks east; 844 East Pratt St.; Tue-Sat 10-4)

[Fort McHenry National Monument](#) (about 2.5 miles south; 9-5 daily)

[Hippodrome Theatre](#) (1914 vaudeville/movie palace, 3 blocks W)

[Inner Harbor](#) (about 3 blocks south; shops, restaurants, USS Constellation, USS Torsk submarine, occasionally other ships)

[Maryland Historical Society](#) (topped by giant Nipper, 12 blocks N)

[National Aquarium](#) - wonderful place and always crowded - good to book ahead (about 4 blocks south; 501 E. Pratt St; open every day but hours vary by season)

[Oriole Park at Camden Yards](#) (8 blocks SE)

[Poe House and Museum](#) (about 1 mile west; 203 N. Amity St; Thu-Sun 11-4; Poe's gravesite is also nearby)

[Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture](#) (12 blocks SE)

[The Walters Art Museum](#) (8 blocks N in Mt. Vernon; Wed–Sun 10-5; Thurs. until 9 p.m.)

Activities and Side Trips:

Inner Harbor Boat Tours (about 3 blocks south; various providers)

Interesting Nearby Neighborhoods - Little Italy, Fells Point, Mt. Vernon, Harbor East, Canton

Food:

There are many good restaurants in the Inner Harbor area - some more well-known ones can be found [here](#).

Little Italy: due east of the harbor, has many fine restaurants; a partial listing can be found [here](#).

Mt. Vernon: About 5 blocks north of the hotel there are several good restaurants in the 300 block of N. Charles St, and another 4 to 5 blocks north (800-900 blocks of N. Charles St.) there are many American and international restaurants (Aghan, Indian, Nepali, French Bistro).

Music:

Jazz: a general listing of venues can be found [here](#).

Bertha's: (good restaurant and bar, famous for their mussels, jazz some evenings); 734 S. Broadway; 410-327-5795

Cat's Eye Pub: 1730 Thames St.; 410-276-9866

Rock and Popular Music:

Rams Head Live (20 Market Place, about 6 blocks E.)

Ottobar (about 2 miles N; 2549 N. Howard St; indie-rock)

Creative Alliance (about 3 miles E; 3134 Eastern Ave; eclectic mix of music)

Baltimore Soundstage (about 6 blocks E; 124 Market Place; various types of performers)

Classical:

Baltimore Symphony - Pops concert featuring a showing of the film *Raiders of the Lost Ark* with the BSO performing the soundtrack live. Fri-Sun May 11-13 (8pm Fri-Sat, 3pm Sun) at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 1212 Cathedral Street, 410-783-8000.

Peabody Conservatory may have concerts or recitals - check [here](#) for details.

Record Stores in or near downtown:

Baby's on Fire - about 10 blocks north; 1010 Morton St (also a café) (Mon-Fri 7am-5pm; Sat 8am-5pm; Sun 9am-4pm)

Normals's Records and Books - about 3 miles north; 425 E 31st St, Baltimore, MD (11-6 Sun-Fri; 10-6 Sat)

Celebrated Summer - in Hampden, about 4 miles north; 3616 Falls Rd. (12-7 daily)

True Vine - in Hampden, about 4 miles north; 3544 Hickory Ave. (Mon 1-6pm; Tue, Fri and Sat 11-9; Wed and Thu 11-8; Sun 11-6)

The Sound Garden - in Fells Point, about 2 miles east; 1616 Thames St. (Sun-Thu 10-10; Fri-Sat 10-midnight)

El Supremo (used records) - in Fells Point; 1709 Aliceanna St. (Mon-Sat 12-7; Sun 12-6)

Protean Books and Records - 836 Leadenhall St; 410-227-3006 (Tue-Thu 11-6; Fri-Sun 11-8; closed Mon.)

Second Chance – So. Baltimore at 1700 Ridgely St. (9-5 daily). Enormous house restoration warehouse and retraining program run by a non-profit - see web site for more general information about the organization. They have a section for housewares which has shelves of LPs and 78s (perhaps the only place in Baltimore with a reliable selection of 78s). Many of these are common and not in good shape but there are also occasional items of more interest.

Record Stores further out:

Record and Tape Traders - about 6 miles north; 736 Dulaney Valley Rd, Towson, MD. (Mon-Sat 10-9; Sun 12-6; used records, CDs, DVDs)

Trax on Wax - 709 Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228 (Mon-Sat 11-8, Sun 12-4)

Ellicott City has lots of antique and collectible shops including:

Vinyl Treasures - about 13 miles west: 3720 Maryland Avenue, Ellicott City (10:30-6 daily); located in the Antique Depot, Booth #1 in the basement at the foot of the stairs.

The Archive - 8344 Main St, Ellicott City, MD 21043, USA (1pm-8pm except closed Monday)