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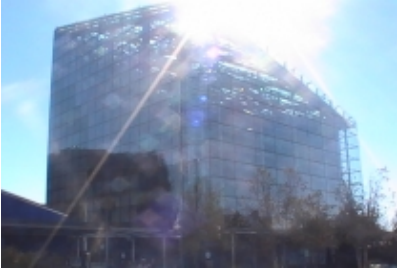
Baltimore Family Fun

Baltimore, Towson, 3 Days

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Guide Description



Itinerary Overview

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Day 1 - Baltimore, Towson



Staybridge Suites Baltimore Bwi Airport



National Aquarium in Baltimore

Amazing Underwater Experience



La Tasca - Baltimore

Little Plates, Big Atmosphere



U.S.S. Constellation

Historic Sailing Vessel



Rainforest Cafe

It's a Jungle in There

Day 2 - Baltimore



Top of the World Observation Level and Museum

Panoramic views, Local History



Arundel Mills

Shopping Mall

Day 3 - Baltimore



Baltimore Water Taxis

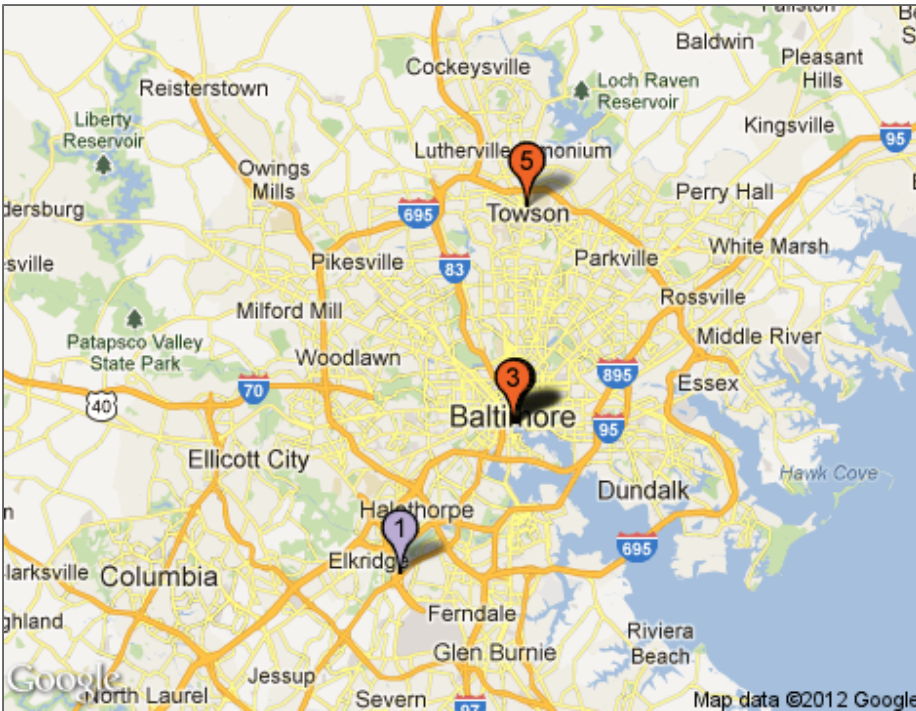
17 Waterfront Stops



Maryland Science Center

Not your ordinary science museum; very interactive for the children.

Day 1 - Baltimore, Towson



QUICK NOTE

contact:
tel: (800) 718-8466

location:
1301 Winterson Road
Linthicum Heights MD 21090

1 Staybridge Suites Baltimore Bwi Airport

DESCRIPTION: Location.

Located in Linthicum Heights, Staybridge Suites BWI Airport is near the airport and Arundel Mills Mall and Timbers at Troy Golf Course are local attractions. Regional points of interest also include M and T Bank Stadium and Oriole Park at Camden Yards. **Hotel Features.**

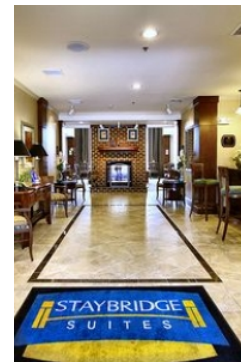
Recreational amenities include a fitness facility. This 3-star property has a business center and offers audio-visual equipment. High-speed Internet access is available in public areas. The hotel serves a complimentary breakfast. Guests can enjoy a complimentary evening social on select days. The property has a roundtrip airport shuttle, which is complimentary. Guest parking is complimentary. Additional property amenities include barbecue grills, multilingual staff, and laundry facilities. **Guestrooms.**

Air-conditioned guestrooms at Staybridge Suites BWI Airport feature CD players and coffee/tea makers. Kitchens include microwaves, refrigerators, and cookware/dishes/utensils. Wireless Internet access is available. In addition to desks and complimentary newspapers, guestrooms offer multi-line phones with voice mail, as well as free local calls (restrictions may apply). Flat-panel televisions have DVD players. Rooms also include safes and windows that open. Housekeeping is offered daily and guests may request wake-up calls.

Notifications and Fees:

The following fees and deposits are charged by the property at time of service, check-in, or check-out. Pet fee: USD 100 per stay

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Hotels.com

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contact:

tel: +1 410 576 3800
http://www.aqua.org

location:

501 E. Pratt St
Baltimore MD 21202

hours:

Mar-June and Sept-Oct daily
9am-5pm; Nov-Feb daily
10am-5pm; July-Aug daily
9am-5pm; year-round Fri
until 8pm. Hours subject to
change; call ahead. Exhibits
are open 2 hours after last
ticket is sold

2 National Aquarium in Baltimore

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

If you're coming with a baby, you will have to check your stroller as they're not allowed through the aquarium. They do give you baby carrier's to use in exchange but they can be bulky so you may want to bring your own.

DESCRIPTION: Walk into a room surrounded by patrolling sharks, stroll among coral reefs, and visit a rainforest on the roof of one of the best aquariums in the country. **Animal Planet Australia: Wild Extremes**, set in a 120-foot-tall glass cube at the front of the aquarium, takes visitors to the floor of an Australian river gorge. In this immersion exhibit, wander past tanks filled with death adders, pythons, archer fish, and barramundi, while kookaburras, parrots, and lorikeets fly overhead -- there are 1,800 animals in all, as well as plants native to Australia. On a cold day, skip right to the top of the aquarium and bask in the tropical heat that envelops the brightly colored birds, the shy iguana, and the sloth who reside on this level. (Best to come straight here when the aquarium opens, as that's when the animals are most active.) Although you simply walk in front of most of the exhibits, you get to actually walk inside the doughnut-shaped coral reef and the shark tanks, getting up close to these exotic creatures. At feeding time in the coral reef, the divers always draw a crowd. The **Marine Mammal Pavilion**, connected by covered bridge to the main hall, is where you'll find the dolphins. Don't miss the presentations -- reserve a seat (at no additional fee) when you pay your admission. If one has been born recently, the presentations are canceled, but go in anyway and watch the dolphins play. You can stay as long as you want. **4-D Immersion Theatre**, which opened in late 2007, shows 3-D movies, with the added sensations of movement, mist, and wind, throughout the day. **Tip:** The aquarium draws huge crowds in summer. Beat the crush by purchasing timed tickets in advance, either in person or through the aquarium's website. Nonpeak visiting hours are weekday mornings, Friday evenings, and any day after 3pm. © Frommer's



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contact:

tel: 4102092563
www.latascausa.com

location:

201 East Pratt Street

3 La Tasca - Baltimore

DESCRIPTION: Tapas and sangria by the waterfront - no wonder La Tasca was an opentable.com Diners Choice in 2010. With winning views of Inner Harbor, and a vast upstairs space for private parties and functions, this has been - and continues to be - a firm favorite with the locals. If you're

Baltimore MD 21202

hours:

Su to Th from 11:30 AM to 11:00 PM, Fr to Sa from 11:30 AM to 12:00 AM

dining with a group, consider trying out one of their many tasting menus - all of which are more than ample for two. There is an excellent selection of vegetarian tapas as well as charcuterie options and salads. The sangria is legendary - it's not a visit to La Tasca unless you get a pitcher. © wcities.com

contact:

tel: +1 410 539 1797
fax: +1 410 539 6238
<http://www.constellation.org>

location:

301 E. Pratt St
Baltimore MD 21202

hours:

Apr-Oct daily 10am-5:30pm
(extended hours June-Aug);
Nov-Mar daily 10am-4:30pm

4 U.S.S. Constellation

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Book tickets to see the fireworks from the Constellation if you're in town for the 4th of July - includes admission, appetizers, and best seats in the house for the celebration.

DESCRIPTION: You can't miss the Constellation, docked for years at the Inner Harbor (predating Harborplace). A triple-masted sloop-of-war launched in 1854, the Constellation is the last Civil War-era vessel afloat. Tour her gun decks, visit the wardrooms, see a cannon fired, and learn about the life of a sailor. Demonstrations begin with the raising of the colors at 10:30am and continue on the hour. The Fourth of July picnic and a New Year's Eve reception both end with fireworks (tickets are required). Downtown visitors should note that the ship's cannon is fired daily at noon. "Powder Monkey" tours are directed at children 6 and over. © Frommer's



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contact:

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<http://www.rainforestcafe.com>

location:

825 Dulaney Valley Road
Towson MD 21204

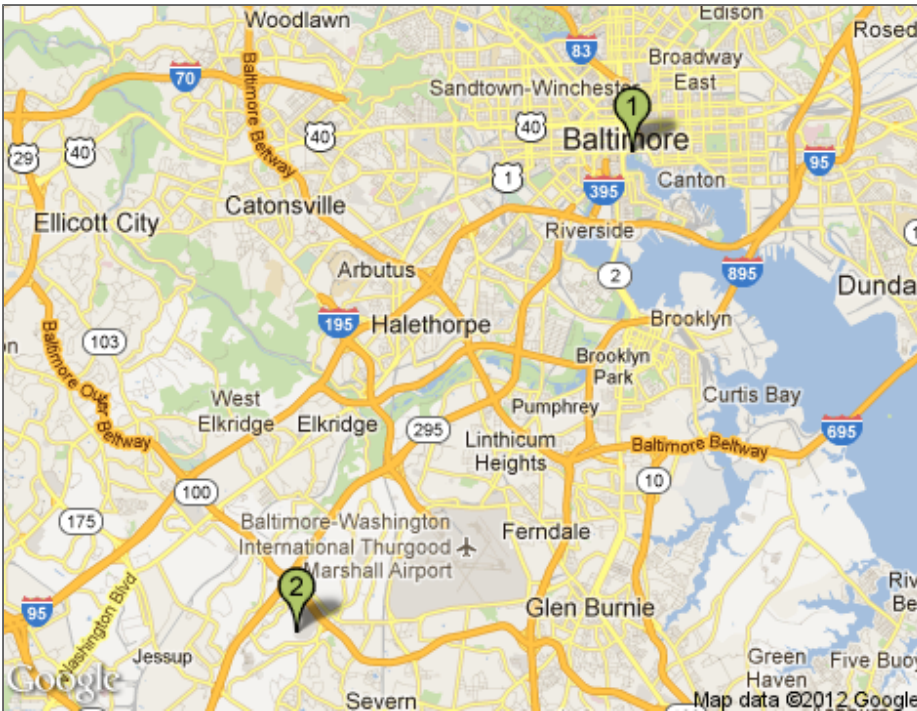
hours:

Mo to Fr from 11:00 AM to 09:30 PM, Sa from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM, Su from 11:00 AM to 07:00 PM

5 Rainforest Cafe

DESCRIPTION: The Rainforest Cafe is not only a restaurant but a jungle as well. The atmosphere is embellished with cascading waterfalls, a fiber-optic starscape, and once in a while the sound of thunderstorms. The cuisine is a medley of Italian, Cajun, Mexican and Caribbean flavors. With pastas, burgers, seafood, steaks and chicken on the menu, this is one place you and your kids won't want to miss. © wcities.com

Day 2 - Baltimore



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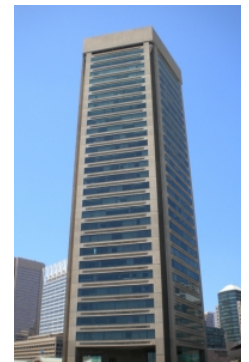
contact:
tel: +1 410 837 8439
fax: +1 410 837 0845

location:
401 E. Pratt St
Baltimore MD 21202

hours:
Sept-May Wed-Sun
10am-6pm; June-Aug Sun-Fri
10am-6pm, Sat 10am-8pm.
Tickets sold in the lobby up to
a half-hour before closing

1 Top of the World Observation Level and Museum

DESCRIPTION: For a 360-degree view of the city, head to the 27th floor of the World Trade Center, the world's tallest pentagonal building, next to Harborplace. In addition to the fine view, you can acquire a bit of background about Baltimore from the exhibits, hands-on displays, and multimedia presentations. The area is accessible to visitors with disabilities. © Frommer's



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contact:
tel: +1 410 540 5100
<http://www.arundelmillsmall.com>

location:
7000 Arundel Mills Circle
Baltimore MD 21076

2 Arundel Mills

DESCRIPTION: Located south of Baltimore, this theme-park-like mall is worth the trek for shopaholics. It's huge, with some 200 shops. Larger retailers, such as Off 5th Saks Fifth Avenue Outlet, Neiman Marcus Last Call, and Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, are joined by smaller shops, a 24-screen movie theater, and lots of restaurants. The combination of games and food at Dave & Buster's is an afternoon's diversion all by itself, and Medieval Times offers dinner and a show. Open daily. © Frommer's



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Day 3 - Baltimore



QUICK NOTE

contact:
tel: +1 410 563 3901
<http://www.thewater taxi.com/>

location:
1735 Lancaster Street
Baltimore MD 21202

1 Baltimore Water Taxis

DESCRIPTION: This unique water transportation system allows visitors and residents to avoid long walks from point to point, but also the traffic congestion along Pratt Street and the roads hugging the harbor. The Baltimore Water Taxi has 17 stops scattered along the waterfront, from Little Italy to Fell's Point. See their website for further information. © wcities.com

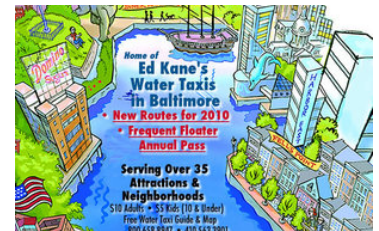


Photo courtesy of Baltimore Water Taxis

contact:
tel: +1 410 685 5225
<http://www.mdsci.org>

location:
601 Light St
Baltimore MD 21202

2 Maryland Science Center

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:
Wear comfortable shoes because you'll be stopping and going throughout the center.

hours:
Labor Day to Memorial Day
Tues-Thurs 10am-5pm, Fri
10am-8pm, Sat 10am-6pm,
Sun 11am-5pm; Memorial
Day to Labor Day Thurs-
Sat 10am-8pm, Sun-Wed
10am-6pm. Call ahead, as
hours change with some
exhibits

DESCRIPTION: Three floors of exhibits include the popular Outer Space Place -- home of the Hubble Space Telescope National Visitor Center and Space Link, which offers a live connection to NASA -- and the towering dinosaurs of DinoQuest. Sometimes the exhibits are too crowded or of limited interest, but the IMAX theater and planetarium are always worth a visit. The IMAX movies, which range from Beauty and the Beast to Space Station 3D, are so popular that extra screenings are held Friday and Saturday evenings, for \$8 per ticket. The stars are on display at the Davis Planetarium and the Crosby Ramsey Memorial



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Observatory; the observatory is free to the public on Friday nights, weather permitting (call for hours). Admission to exhibits, the planetarium, and IMAX is \$8 on Fridays 5 to 8pm.
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Baltimore Snapshot

Local Info

Baltimore has proven itself to be a city of resilience having raised itself out of the ashes of fire, politically-charged riots, crime, and deindustrialization. An hour from Washington D.C. and 90 minutes from Philadelphia, B-more as it's affectionately called by locals, is one of America's most revered cities. Initially intended by Lord Baltimore to be a replica of England, the city has undergone several identity crises ranging from playground of landed British gentry to industrial haven to revitalized metropolis by way of capital improvements and gentrification.

Baltimore, like other major port cities in America, began its population with

droves of African slaves and European immigrants, many of whose descendants still reside here and make up its present day communities. Culturally rich, Baltimore has no shortage of ethnic restaurants and entertainment. The Inner Harbor houses Maryland's most popular destination, the Baltimore Aquarium, along with historic attractions such as the U.S.S. Constellation and the Maryland Science Center.

Visitors to Baltimore have a hearty list of activities and neighborhoods to choose from. Neighborhoods such as Chinatown, Little Italy, and Greek Town are among a few worthy of a day of exploration. Some of the city's best kept secrets can be found in the less picturesque walkways

of Lexington Market where arguably the city's tastiest crab cakes can be found at Faidley's Seafood. Travelers interested in the arts have several museums to choose from including, but not limited to, the B&O Railroad Museum, the Washington Monument & Museum, the Lyric Opera House, and the Hippodrome Theater. Sports enthusiasts can take a break at ESPN Zone right in the Inner Harbor or catch a game at Oriole Park at Camden Yards or M&T Bank Stadium, home of the Orioles and the Ravens, respectively.

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