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# Baltimore Romantic Weekend Guide

## **Baltimore, 3 Days**

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# Guide Description



**AUTHOR NOTE:** Enjoy a romantic weekend getaway in Baltimore over the course of two and a half days filled with pampering, relaxation, nature and cruising. Start your weekend off in relaxing accommodations on the water. Enjoy a morning of self-indulgence at the city's oldest spa and follow up the evening with dinner and dancing on a three hour cruise of the Chesapeake. End the weekend with a stroll through one of the city's most historic mansions before your departure.

# Itinerary Overview

things to do  
restaurants  
hotels  
nightlife

## Day 1 - Baltimore



### Sailing Ketch Pintita

A different type of bed and breakfast accommodation.



### Cylburn Arboretum

Woodland Park & Formal Gardens

## Day 2 - Baltimore



### Zena's Spa & Salon

Salon and Spa since 1896



### Harbor Cruises

Dance and eat while touring the Chesapeake.

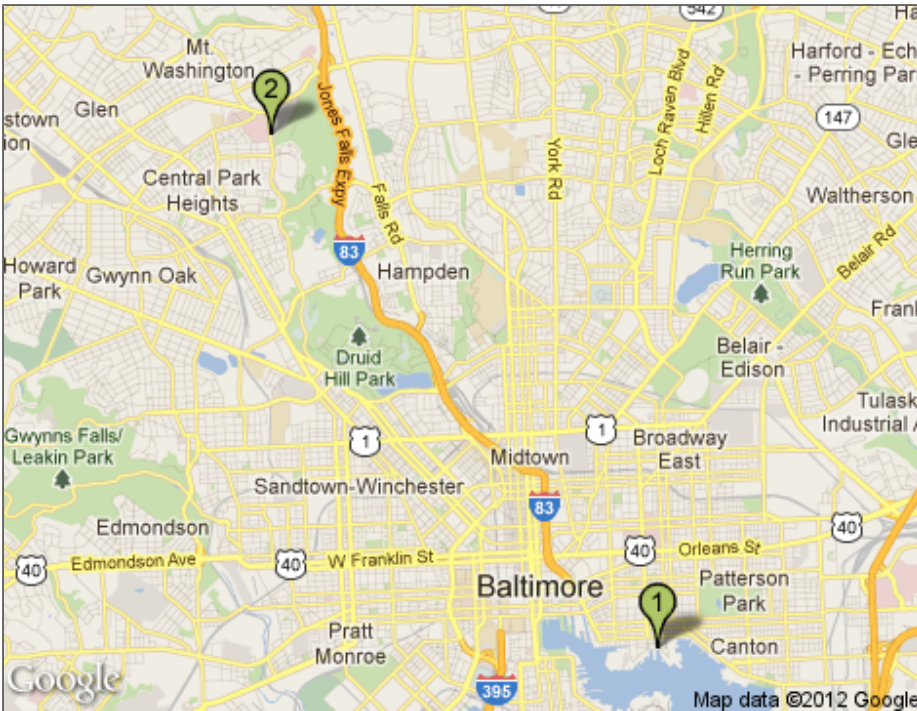
## Day 3 - Baltimore



### Homewood House Museum

Historic Home of Charles Carroll Jr.

# Day 1 - Baltimore



## QUICK NOTE

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**location:**  
Fell's Point  
Baltimore MD 21212

## 1 Sailing Ketch Pintita

### OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Best time to enjoy this type of accommodation would be between May and September.

**DESCRIPTION:** Book a personalized charter for yourself, and enjoy a sailing trip on this beauty. What better place to host an event for up to twenty, than at the bay! These people also offer a B&B accommodation, the only difference is that the former 'B' is replaced by 'boat', so take the pleasure of Boat and Breakfast at the Pintita. Check in before six in the evening, and check out by 10 in the morning. Enjoy the bliss of sailing in the night, under the starry sky and wake up in the morning to the sweet aroma of freshly prepared breakfast and the sea breeze at 9a. What's more, you can also take a sail training cruise if you are nautically inclined.  
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<http://www.cylburnassociation.org/>

**location:**  
4915 Greenspring Ave  
Baltimore MD 21209

**hours:**

## 2 Cylburn Arboretum

### OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Best time to see flowers come into bloom would be April - May.

**DESCRIPTION:** You'll have to look for this one, but when you find it -- just off Northern Parkway, a quick run up the Jones Falls Expressway -- you'll be thrilled by the fascinating



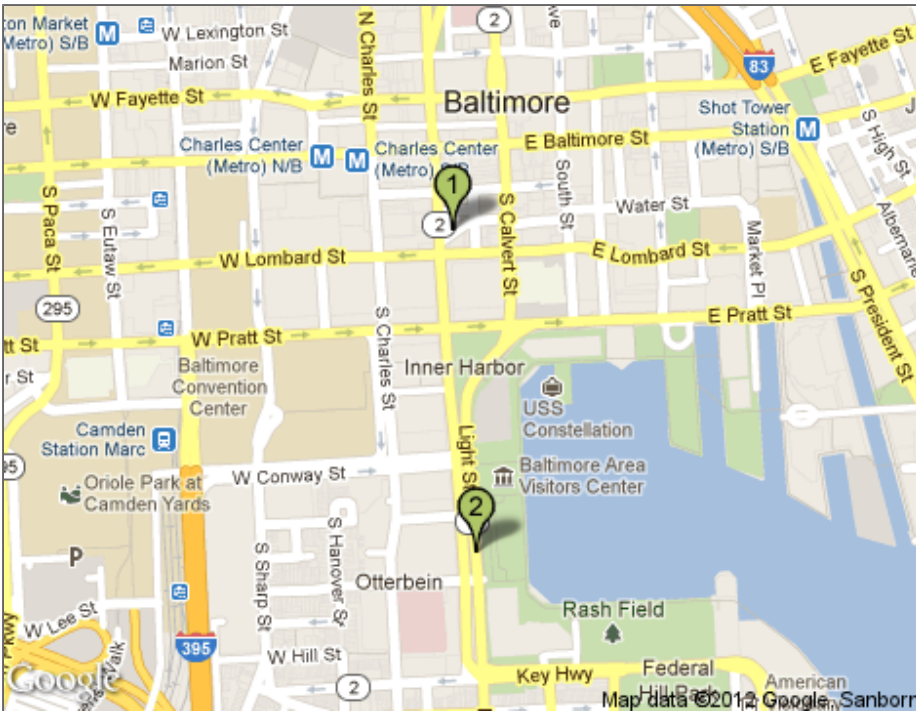
Cylburn Arboretum Association

Grounds open dawn-dusk.  
Mansion museums Mon-Fri  
7:30am-3:30pm and selected  
Sat-Sun

gardens and mansion. The 100-plus acres include a formal Victorian garden, children's garden, and gardens devoted to butterflies, shade, roses, and vegetables. Woodland trails wind 2.5 miles through the forests of Cylburn. Among the 161 bird species spotted here have been the Baltimore oriole and bald eagle. The ornate stone house with mansard roof and cupola has an equally ornate interior, with inlaid floors, mosaics, and plasterwork. The Maryland Ornithological Society's bird museum and a nature museum for children are in a carriage house behind the mansion. Tucked in the woods off I-83, Cylburn makes for a peaceful retreat from urban life. © Frommer's

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# Day 2 - Baltimore



## QUICK NOTE

### contact:

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<http://www.monicassalonspa.com/>

### location:

106 Water Street  
Baltimore MD 21202

## 1 Zena's Spa & Salon

### OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Give yourself at least two months leeway to book your services.

**DESCRIPTION:** Operating in the Inner Harbor since the turn of the 19th century, this salon has perfected its craft. Keeping the people of Baltimore beautiful and healthy requires expertise in skin, hair, nails and body treatment methods. Monica's also offers massage and reflexology to pamper you in their relaxed and stylish location. © wcities.com



Zena Spa & Day Salon

### contact:

tel: +1 410 727 3113

### location:

561 Light Street  
Baltimore MD 21202

## 2 Harbor Cruises

### OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Call ahead to book tickets. Walk-ups are very unlikely during the summer months and cruises fill up quickly.

**DESCRIPTION:** Eating on the move acquires a different meaning when you board any of the yachts of the Harbor Cruises. Grab a few bites as Prince Charming, Bay Lady and Lady Baltimore welcome you aboard. The rates are reasonable, the food is splendid and you're encouraged to drink—after all that's a sea farer's prerogative! Special events are planned all



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throughout the year. For instance, you can charm your better half aboard the Bay Lady or the Lady Baltimore on a Valentine Dinner Cruise in February. You can simply walk in with a friend during the non-peak days. However, it is recommended that you book in advance if you're arriving with a large group during summer. You can do a group booking or a private charter booking, preferably reserving a few months in advance for special days. © wcities.com

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# Day 3 - Baltimore



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3400 N. Charles St  
Baltimore MD 21218

### hours:

Tues-Fri 11am-4pm; Sat-Sun noon-4pm (last tour at 3:30pm)

## 1 Homewood House Museum

**DESCRIPTION:** If you have time, visit both Evergreen and Homewood (they're a mile apart) to see how differently the rich lived in different centuries. Homewood was designed and built by the son of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Built in 1801, the five-part classic Palladian home is a dazzling example of Federal architecture. Its interiors boast superb woodcarving and plaster ornamentation. It's painted in a rainbow of soothing colors and decorated in pieces of the time, some from the Carroll family. Highlights are the main hall, the family sitting room with toys and doll furniture, the music room, the long lemon-yellow hall, and the master bedroom with its high cove ceiling and bookcases tucked into the sides of the fireplace. Tours, offered on the half hour, last 45 minutes. Changing exhibits in the main hall focus on the decorative arts or architecture. © Frommer's



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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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