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Religious Sites Guide

Baltimore, 2 Days

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Guide Description



AUTHOR NOTE: Spend a couple of days touring churches, basilicas, shrines and cathedrals in Baltimore. Start your tour off visiting the oldest catholic church in the nation. This guide will expose you to edifices rich in history, religion, and architecture.

Itinerary Overview

things to do
restaurants
hotels
nightlife

Day 1 - Baltimore



Baltimore Basilica (The)

Nation's Oldest Catholic Cathedral



St. Jude Shrine

Perpetual Novena Services

Day 2 - Baltimore



Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation

Feel the Bliss



Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church

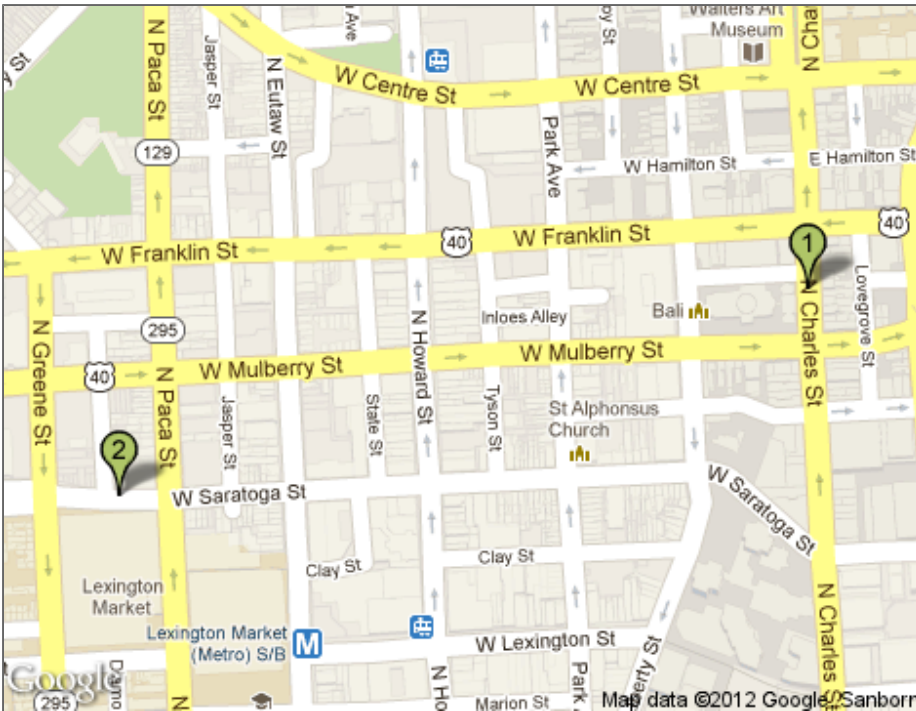
Spiritual Sanctuary



St. Alphonsus Church

Pray with Saints

Day 1 - Baltimore



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<http://www.baltimorebasilica.org>

location:

408 North Charles Street
Baltimore MD 21201

hours:

Mon-Fri 7am-4:30pm; Sat-Sun 7am-5:30pm. Mass Mon-Sat 7:30am and 12:10pm; Sun 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am, 4pm and 5:30pm

1 Baltimore Basilica (The)

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Check website or schedule for special events.

DESCRIPTION: Designed by Benjamin Latrobe -- who was working on the U.S. Capitol at the same time -- this neoclassical basilica is considered one of America's most beautiful. A national shrine and historic landmark, it was the first cathedral built in the United States and has been a monument to religious freedom since 1806. Notable visitors have included Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II, both of whom now have memorials to their visits here. A controversial restoration, including the removal of stained glass and uncovering of 24 skylights in the dome, has resulted in a light-drenched sanctuary filled with glittering details. For natives who remember the dark, solemn space, this was a startling revelation, and a welcome one. The project also uncovered balconies reserved for African-American Catholics and cloistered nuns. The undercroft has reopened with a chapel, museum, and crypt. Guided tours are available. © Frommer's



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<http://www.stjudeshrine.org/>

location:

512 West Saratoga Street

Baltimore MD 21201

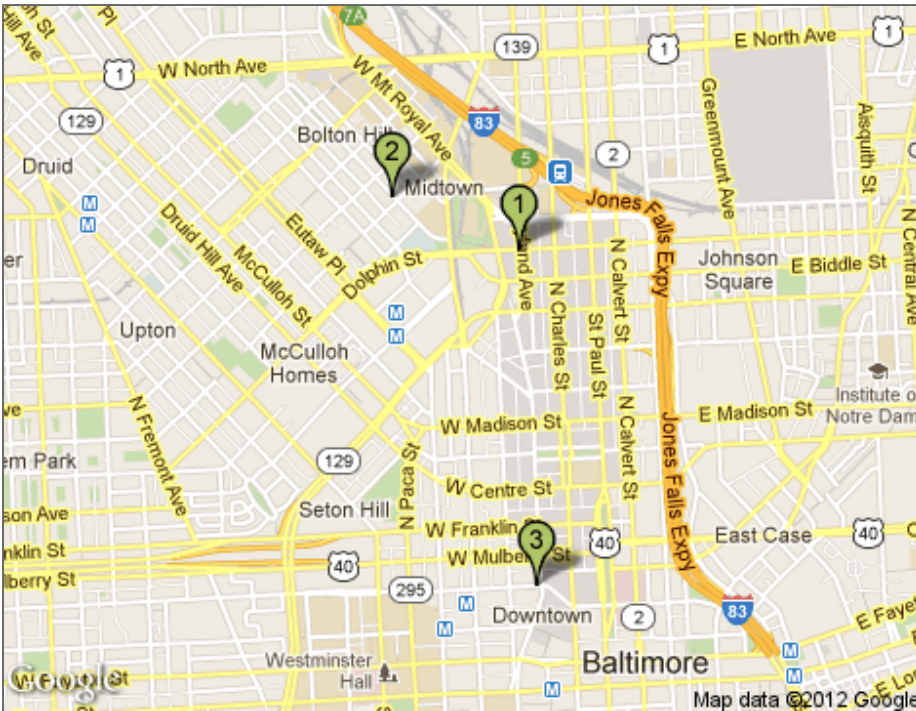
2 St. Jude Shrine

DESCRIPTION: Entrusted to the Pallottine Priests and Brothers by the Archbishop of Baltimore in 1917, the St. Jude Shrine is the center of St. Jude Devotions in the United States. St. Jude Thaddeus has been dubbed "The Forgotten Saint" due to the actions of Judas Iscariot, the betrayer of Jesus. Unlike Judas Iscariot, St. Jude Thaddeus died a martyr and his remains are in the great basilica of St. Peter in Rome. He is considered the patron saint for those in dire need. After an increase of St. Jude Devotions following WWII, the Pallottines established regular novena services to honor the saint. Call the shrine for timings. The popularity of the shrine has skyrocketed, attracting both local and nationwide parishioners. © wcities.com



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Day 2 - Baltimore



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location:

24 West Preston Street
Baltimore MD 21201

1 Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation

DESCRIPTION: This grand looking church has a large congregation and is a parish of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Stop by just to awe at the architecture or step inside to see the inspiring artwork. © wcities.com

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<http://www.brownmemorialparkavenue.org/>

location:

1316 Park Avenue
Baltimore MD 21217

2 Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church

DESCRIPTION: This beautiful church is named after George Brown, a local merchant. In 1869, his widow donated the money for the church's construction. Over a hundred years later, the congregation is more active than ever. The Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church is committed to its members of all ethnicities, viewpoints and ages and is also dedicated to making a positive impact on the City of Baltimore. © wcities.com



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location:

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3 St. Alphonsus Church

DESCRIPTION: Formerly called "The German Cathedral" due to its South German neo-Gothic style, St. Alphonsus Catholic Church is a historic landmark designed by the famous architect Robert Cary Long in 1845. Many saints, including Blessed George Matulaitis and St. John Neumann, have prayed here, making this church a place of religious importance in the Catholic community. © wcities.com



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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 Hipperdrome 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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