BALTIMORE

LOOK!

BOOK
Baltimore is a big city whose charms invite a deeper look. Off campus you’ll discover global tastes and world-class art, hot clubs and hip shops, unique neighborhoods, big-time sports, opportunities to make a difference, and a dynamic cultural life shaped by the energies of the 120,000 college students who study and work in this great college town.
Baltimore offers exciting destinations for every taste and interest. Begin at the world famous Inner Harbor and work your way out into Charm City’s unique neighborhoods. You’ll never run out of hidden gems to explore.

MORE TO EXPERIENCE

A CITY OF INDUSTRY

LIVING HISTORY
Baltimore is filled with historic treasures – from the birthplace of the Star Spangled Banner to the catacombs at Westminster Hall, where Edgar Allan Poe is buried. Walk the decks of a wooden battleship (USS Constellation), or a survivor of Pearl Harbor (USS Taney), right in the Inner Harbor.

QUIRKY & UNEXPECTED
From the absurd to the sublime, a sampling of attractions you’ll only find in Baltimore: giant teeth at the National Museum of Dentistry, fresh ink at the Baltimore Tattoo Museum, priceless comics at Geppi’s Entertainment Museum, rare orchids at the Druid Park Conservatory.

HON CULTURE
The Baltimore “Hon” has become a national icon thanks to John Waters classics like Hairspray. You can still experience homegrown Baltimore art forms and unique architecture – painted screens, Formstone houses, white marble steps, and the Miracle on 34th Street lights during the holidays.

LIFE ON THE WATER
Head to the Inner Harbor and get out on the water via dragon boat, historic frigate, luxury cruiser, or pirate ship. Or stroll along the shops and restaurants of the waterfront promenade from the Maryland Science Center to the National Aquarium and beyond.
From new twists on Chesapeake Bay crabs to locally sourced vegan cuisine, street food to affordable seasonal menus by creative young chefs – dining in Baltimore is always fresh and inspired.

**GO TO MARKET**

Baltimore’s historic municipal markets, some of the nation’s oldest, offer local produce, meat, seafood, and fresh delicacies. Meet local growers, coffee roasters, and food vendors at one of the area’s seasonal farmer’s markets.

**GLOBAL TASTES**

Enjoy sushi in Towson; Indian, Ethiopian, and Afghan in midtown; moussaka in Greektown; fresh empanadas and tortillas in Fells Point; hand-made pasta in Little Italy; authentic British fish & chips by the harbor, and more.

**ROAMING GOURMET**

You can dine al fresco by following Baltimore’s diverse array of food trucks as they criss-cross the city each day, or at The Gathering, a regular assembly of mobile gourmets – burritos and tacos, spicy soups, creative burgers, cupcakes, and even that regional roadside tradition, pit beef.

**FROM THE BAY**

You’ll find crabs (and shrimp) steamed in Old Bay at dozens of crabhouses along Baltimore’s endless waterfront, and inspired chefs finding new ways to prepare the bounty of the Chesapeake.

Pizza here is hip-to-be square and served with local music at Joe Squared, with skee-ball at Johnny Rad’s, and with kitsch at Joe Benny’s.
Whether you’re a weekend warrior or a daily runner, amateur naturalist or simply a devoted fan, you’ll find countless ways to indulge your passion for sports and recreation in and around Baltimore.

**ACTIVE DAYS**

**SPORTS SOCIAL**
Baltimore offers lots of high-energy opportunities to exercise your inner athlete through league sports and informal pick-up games (beach volleyball downtown, kickball in Federal Hill), and Volo City team sports for those 21 and up – the best way to meet people off campus.

**DEM BIRDS**
Bring your colors – orange in the summer and purple in the fall because in this town the Orioles and Ravens rule the roost. But the birds are just the beginning. The Baltimore region also hosts major league teams in soccer (the Blast) and lacrosse (Chesapeake Bayhawks) and half a dozen club and minor league sports.

**WATER PLAY**
You’re never far from a day on the water: paddle boating in the Inner Harbor, kayaking in Canton, taking the helm from the Downtown Sailing Center; in 30 minutes you can reach nearby beaches and marinas on the Bay, and in 45 minutes you can bask in the sun at Sandy Point alongside the Bay Bridge. In just 3 hours you can reach the white sand beaches of the Atlantic.

**RUNNING STRONG**
The city’s annual Running Festival includes the marathon and countless other races for athletes at all levels. Our rolling hills and endless miles of great trails – from the Inner Harbor to the Gwynns Falls – make this a great city for runners.

**DOWN AND DERBY**
For more excitement than anybody deserves, try flat-track roller derby with the Charm City Roller Girls, or give your old jalopy a high-intensity send-off at the Demolition Derby sponsored by the Arcadia Volunteer Fire Company.

**OPEN SPACES**
From the trails around dog-friendly Lake Roland to the mountain bikers’ haven at Patapsco Valley State Park, tubing on the Gunpowder to disc golf in Druid Hill Park, and scuba diving around the piers in Patterson Park (named one of the top piers in the U.S.), there are plenty of opportunities to explore urban forests and wide open spaces in a city whose park system ranks among the nation’s best.
STREET LIFE
Each year’s arts calendar includes major events like Artscape (pictured) and Light City plus festivals ranging from film to fringe, bluegrass to renaissance, and outdoor concerts all over town. Look for neighborhood/ethnic festivities on the weekends and quirky happenings like Fell’s Point Privateer Festival, the Kinetic Sculpture Race, and the Halloween Lantern Parade.

Baltimore is a city you can peruse like a gallery, with a vast collection of murals by nationally known and local artists. Several active murals programs engage communities in beautifying their environment with original art.

INSPIRING ARTS
From world-class museums, theater, and music to unique galleries, cutting-edge performances, and festivals that take art to the people – the Baltimore cultural scene celebrates the timeless and the visionary, always with a DIY spirit.

FASHIONABLE
Annual fashion shows at many area colleges and Baltimore Fashion Week highlight the creativity of students from local colleges and the dynamic fashion scene that has nurtured top models and designers.

FREE FALL
Admission to the Baltimore Museum of Art and Walters Art Museum (top left) are free year-round and many other arts exhibits and performances are no cost in autumn during Free Fall Baltimore. Unique attractions: the Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and the American Visionary Art Museum.

LITERARY LIFE
Baltimore’s heritage as a city for writers stretches back to Edgar Allan Poe. The annual Baltimore Book Festival adds national authors to a writing and small-press community centered on weekly readings and open mics, and independent bookstores like Red Emma’s, Foma’s, Atomic Books, and Ukazoo.
Everything you need plus things you didn’t know you’d love – from thrift store treasures to high-end malls, Baltimore offers great shopping year round, with unique browsing experiences in one-of-a-kind neighborhoods.
When you’re ready to take a study break, you can rock, roll, or relax—with 120,000 students, there’s always something fun happening in this college town.

Baltimore’s vibe draws a diverse lineup of area bands who love hip venues like Pier 6, Rams Head Live, Ottobar, 8x10, and outdoor summer festivals. Top national acts head to the Royal Farms Arena downtown and spots in nearby Washington, D.C.

ONLY IN BALTIMORE
Duckpin bowling—small pins, big excitement. Try your hand in Canton (Patterson Bowling), Little Italy (Mustang Alley’s), or Towson (Stoneleigh Lanes, pictured).

IN THE MOVIES
The streets of Baltimore are favorite locations for film & TV productions, the Maryland Film Festival brings top talent to town each spring, and summer movies under the stars bring the big screen to city neighborhoods. There are two historic cinemas (Senator and Charles), the region’s only drive-in (Bengie’s), and multiplexes galore.

PARTY ON WHEELS
The Baltimore Bike Party (above left) takes over city streets one evening a month when thousands of riders gather for an after-dark cycling celebration. When you go, pack your glow sticks, bike bling, and costume for the monthly theme.

SHAKE IT
If you like to let loose to a steady beat, you’ll find plenty of high-energy nightlife here. The Windup Space, The Crown, Torment, Soundstage, warehouse dance parties, LGBTQ clubs, and swanky spots all over town offer a mix of innovative DJs and live music.
Baltimore is a hub for air and rail travel, with excellent connections to national and international destinations. Once you arrive, you’ll find a mix of transit options, including the free Collegetown Shuttle and Charm City Circulator and a mix of bus, light rail, and subway lines, and ride-sharing services to get you where you want to go.
The Baltimore Collegetown Network is a nonprofit organization that works to attract, engage, and retain outstanding college students. Key programs include academic partnerships, Collegetown LeaderShape, the Collegetown Shuttle, an internship board, discounts to area events, and online resources for planning your trip and making the most of your time in Baltimore.

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