

Be A Responsible Traveler



We're doing our part to stay safe and healthy, and we hope you will, too.

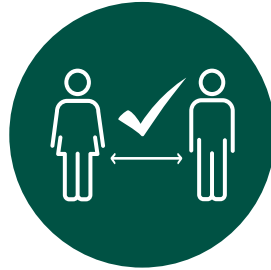
BALTIMORE IS READY TO WELCOME VISITORS BACK TO THE CITY, and we're putting public health first by following expert advice and taking extra precautions. Our restaurants, attractions and hotels are receiving GBAC STAR accreditation to show their commitment to protecting you while you're here. GBAC STAR is an internationally recognized standard for cleaning and sanitization.

We're doing our part and we ask you to join us! Here are a few suggestions to keep you, your fellow travelers and our residents healthy this season and beyond.

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Follow local mandates for mask-wearing in public spaces



Practice social distancing



Wash your hands regularly with soap and warm water



Keep up with the latest local health orders by checking [Coronavirus.BaltimoreCity.gov](https://www.baltimorecity.gov/coronavirus)



Verify business hours and safety protocols with each establishment you plan to visit



Show respect and patience when interacting with Baltimore's hospitality workers

→ **THANK YOU**



LOOKING BACK MOVING FORWARD

Enjoy some of the iconic Baltimore attractions that we hope never go out of style, alongside innovative concepts and modern interpretations.

Graffiti Alley

ERIN DOUGLAS

Historic yet modern, opulent yet down-to-earth, creative yet serious—Baltimore is full of contradictions, but that's what makes it the ideal place to get the best of both worlds no matter what your interest is—art, history, shopping and more.

HOW IT STARTED



Drama MaMa Bookshop



Baltimore Museum of Industry

HOW IT'S GOING

HOW IT STARTED

REMEMBERING THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

At the **Baltimore Museum of Industry**, you can explore the city's industrial past, when factories were neighborhood centerpieces and manufacturing was how most people fed their families. Located in a former oyster cannery, the museum has exhibits on seafood packing, printing and garment manufacturing, as well as a metal shop and an old-fashioned grocery store.

HOW IT'S GOING

MODERN MAKERS & INNOVATORS

A creative culture thrives in Baltimore, where entrepreneurs and artists are turning their big ideas into small businesses. **Drama MaMa Bookshop** manufactures colorful notebooks and journals and **Annie Howe Papercuts** produces intricate designs made from paper. Both offer workshops on their respective crafts. Discover more through the **Made in Baltimore** business directory at MadeInBaltimore.org.

Who doesn't love a look back? If you've been on social media recently, there's no doubt you've seen the memes that put images of the past side-by-side with the present under the headings "how it started" and "how it's going." The viral trend could easily tell the story of Baltimore: a historic city with lovingly preserved places and traditions that is also constantly reinventing itself and innovating new trends.

While it's easy to love Baltimore's tried-and-true classics, there's something to be said for innovation. So why not have both? Take the time to check out some of the city's staples and recent places and tastes that are shaking things up.



Baltimore Museum of Art

JASON VARNEY

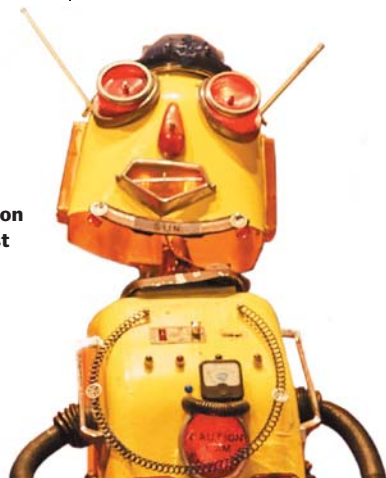
HOW IT STARTED
ART HISTORY

Dive into art history at the **Baltimore Museum of Art**, which houses an internationally renowned collection of 19th-century, modern and contemporary art, including the largest holding of works by Matisse in the world. The collection at the **Walters Art Museum** features ancient Asian art and 19th-century European art from masters including Manet, Millet, Monet and Rousseau. Both museums are free to the public.

HOW IT'S GOING
FUNKY FOLK ART & MODERN MURALS

Leave your traditional perceptions of museums behind when you visit the **American Visionary Art Museum**, which exclusively features "outsider" art, or that of self-taught artists. Throughout the city, murals create an outdoor public museum; more than 250 were commissioned as part of the **Baltimore Mural Program**. And at **Graffiti Alley in Station North**, there isn't a single brick that isn't covered with color, as artists are welcome to continually tag the ever-changing walls.

Visionary artist Devon Smith's World's First Family of Robots exhibit at the American Visionary Art Museum



Cylburn Arboretum

JUSTIN TSICALAS

HOW IT STARTED
THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Get back to nature by exploring more than 3.5 miles of woodland trails at **Cylburn Arboretum**, a city park with azaleas, boxwoods, Japanese maples, magnolias, Maryland oaks and more. Take a hike on your own or register for a YOGA hike, which combines vigorous hiking and off-the-mat yoga.

HOW IT'S GOING
THE GREAT INDOORS

Find the latest addition to your houseplant collection at **B. Willow** in Remington, which specializes in tropicals, succulents, cacti and air plants. The shop also hosts a variety of plant-care workshops where you can learn the basics of indoor gardening or how to build terrariums or mount tropical plants on wood.



HOW IT STARTED
LONGSTANDING PUBLIC MARKETS

Lexington Market has been part of the taste and character of Baltimore for more than 200 years. Although the building is currently undergoing a renovation, you can still sample a variety of foods, including Baltimore staples such as crab cakes and raw oysters from fourth-generation **Faidley's Seafood**, founded in 1886. Two other historic markets have also been recently revitalized: **Cross Street Market** in Federal Hill and **Broadway Market** in Fell's Point; both feature international food stalls alongside traditional market vendors.

HOW IT'S GOING
TRENDY FOOD HALLS

Food halls with cafeteria-style service are all the rage in Baltimore, and the spaces are as unconventional as their offerings. **Mount Vernon Marketplace** is set in a former department store warehouse; **R. House** in Remington is in a former auto showroom; and **Whitehall Market** in Hampden is in a historic mill. At any space, you can sample flavors from a variety of local chefs under one roof!

HOW IT STARTED
VINTAGE TREASURES

Find your next vintage treasure at a curated second-hand clothing shop like **Keepers Vintage** in Mount Vernon or **Get Shredded** in Remington. For antiques, lighting fixtures or vintage furniture, check out **Second Chance**, which focuses its efforts toward diverting landfill waste and reclaiming materials for public use.

HOW IT'S GOING
MODERN TRENDS

For the latest in women's fashion, stop by **Brightside Boutique**, a self-described "trendy boutique that any girl can afford" with locations in Federal Hill, Fell's Point and Hampden. For housewares, souvenirs and gifts, browse **Su Casa** in Fell's Point. Looking for a one-of-a-kind item? They can connect you with artisans who can craft custom artwork, lamps or furniture.



Keepers Vintage

JASON VARNEY



Mount Vernon Marketplace



The Reginald F. Lewis Museum

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HOW IT STARTED

BLACK HISTORY THEN

Trace Baltimore's proud African American history at museums that tell the story of the Black experience. At the **Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Park**, visit the site of the country's first African American-owned shipyard. At the **National Great Blacks In Wax Museum**, you can see more than 100 life-like figures of legends, while at the **Lillie Carroll Jackson Civil Rights Museum**, explore where Jackson helped organize civil rights campaigns and browse six galleries of historic artifacts.

HOW IT'S GOING

BLACK HISTORY NOW

The city's rich African American history has translated into a powerful Black culture today. **The Reginald F. Lewis Museum** showcases the history and accomplishments of Maryland African Americans and is currently hosting "Make Good Trouble: Marching for Change," an exhibition that tells the stories of Maryland artists and citizen protestors who took to the street to raise awareness about social injustices in the wake of George Floyd's murder.

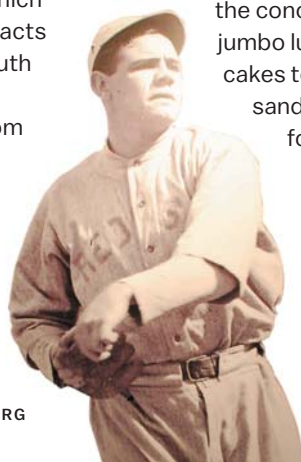


Guinness Open Gate Brewery

HOW IT STARTED

BIRTHPLACE OF THE GREAT BAMBINO

Although he is most associated with the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox, slugger George Herman "Babe" Ruth Jr. got his start right here in Baltimore. The tiny rowhome where he was born is now the **Babe Ruth Birthplace Museum**, which houses artifacts related to Ruth and period furniture from the era.



HOW IT'S GOING

BASEBALL TODAY

Just a short walk from Ruth's birthplace is **Oriole Park at Camden Yards**, home of the Baltimore Orioles. The stadium launched a trend of retro-styled major league ballparks constructed during the 1990s and early 2000s.

Be sure to check out the concessions: from jumbo lump crab cakes to pit beef sandwiches, the food is always a home run.



Oriole Park at Camden Yards

KEN STANEK

HOW IT STARTED

BREWING LEGACY

In the Brewers Hill neighborhood, take a seat in the century-old boiler room of the former Gunther Brewery at **Gunther & Co.**, a restaurant with soaring ceilings and a 30-foot open kitchen where chef Jerry Trice creates globally influenced dishes like a tea-smoked duck breast. Just outside the city, **Guinness Open Gate Brewery** welcomes you as the only Guinness spot in America honoring 262 years of beer-brewing history.

HOW IT'S GOING

CRAFT BREW REVOLUTION

Throughout the city, taprooms are the new bars. You can get a sneak peek of the beer-making process while sipping suds at **The Brewer's Art**, **Diamondback Brewing Company**, **Nepenthe Brewing Co.**, **Union Craft Brewing** or **Waverly Brewing Company**, to name a few. **City Brew Tours** can introduce you to Charm City's craft beer scene; the tours stop by three to four breweries and include snacks.



The Lord Baltimore Hotel

HOW IT STARTED

HOTELS WITH OLD WORLD CHARM

The **Ivy Hotel** is a stunning Gilded Age mansion-turned-B&B. What once was a private home is now an 18-suite boutique hotel with an ivy-walled courtyard and luxury spa. The **Lord Baltimore Hotel** in downtown Baltimore is the epitome of elegance, complete with classic oil paintings, polished brass and an award-winning vaulted fresco ceiling with an immense Murano glass chandelier. But the hotel has a storied history and is said to be haunted. You might even be able to take a ghost tour.

HOW IT'S GOING

NEW PLACES TO STAY

The trendy **Tru by Hilton** opened in June 2020 and is steps from dozens of bars and restaurants in Harbor East. Not far away is **Canopy by Hilton** in Harbor Point, which boasts waterfront views. While there, don't miss the southern-inspired **Cindy Lou's Fish House** by Baltimore restaurateurs Tony Foreman and Chef Cindy Wolf, a James Beard Foundation Award finalist.

HOW IT STARTED

OLDEST SALOON IN AMERICA

On a cobblestone street in Fell's Point is **The Horse You Came In On Saloon**. Established in 1775, it is the oldest continually operated saloon in America. (Yes, even during Prohibition.) The bar's other claim to fame is as the last place writer Edgar Allan Poe was seen before his mysterious death. Today, they have a full bar menu and live music nightly.



HOW IT'S GOING

A NEW TWIST

The **Bluebird Cocktail Room** is a literary-inspired bar in the Hampden neighborhood. Its plush golden seats, deep blue walls and ornate glassware are reminiscent of the decadent lifestyles indulged by authors like F. Scott Fitzgerald. The bar serves classic and signature cocktails and prides itself on artisanal ice.

JUSTIN TSUCALAS (COCKTAIL, SNOWBALL)

HOW IT STARTED

TRADITIONAL BALTIMORE TREAT

At **Ice Queens Snowball Shop** in Locust Point, you can try a traditional Baltimore dessert: the snowball. The sweet treat's roots can be traced back to the Industrial Revolution, when wagons with huge blocks of ice would pass through Baltimore and kids would beg for some shavings on humid summer days. The shavings would then be sweetened at home, traditionally with egg custard—made with eggs, vanilla and sugar—which remains a popular flavor today.

HOW IT'S GOING

COLD AND NEW

Ice cream may not be new, but there are a couple places you can find inventive ice cream flavors unique to Baltimore. At **The Charmery** in Hampden and Federal Hill, you'll find flavors such as Old Bay Caramel and Lemon Stick, inspired by the sweet-and-sour summertime staple of a peppermint stick served in a lemon half. And at the **Baltimore in a Box Scoop Shop** in Hampden, Baltimore mainstays such as Berger Cookies, Fisher's Popcorn and Zeke's Coffee have been incorporated into the menu.



HOW IT STARTED

CLASSIC PHOTO-OP

For an iconic Baltimore backdrop, the **Domino Sugars** sign brightens up the Inner Harbor and can be seen from vantage points around the city. You may recognize it from movies like "Diner," "Tin Men," or "He's Just Not That Into You." The 120-by-70-foot mammoth was erected in 1951 and its letters were replaced in 2021 with LED lights. There is no sweeter place to take a snapshot!

HOW IT'S GOING

LATEST SELFIE STATION

In between the **World Trade Center** and the National Aquarium, you'll find the multi-colored **Visit Baltimore** sign. Inspired by the city's industrial and working-class roots, the rise and fall of the letterforms is reminiscent of how the city's rowhomes and street corners converge, or of a megaphone projecting praise for this great American city. Don't forget to tag your best selfies with #VisitBaltimore. **VB**

