Baltimore, the largest city in Maryland, was settled on the Patapsco River estuary, an arm of the Chesapeake Bay, in 1729. It was named for the second Lord Baltimore, the British founder and first governor of Maryland. During the War of 1812, soldiers stationed at Baltimore’s Fort McHenry successfully held off a British attack; this event inspired Francis Scott Key to write the “Defense of Fort McHenry,” the song that would later become “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

Baltimore’s Inner Harbor is home to many major attractions, including the National Aquarium, Maryland Science Center, Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture, Babe Ruth Birthplace & Museum, Historic Ships in Baltimore, and Port Discovery Children’s Museum.


Cliftion Mansion is a Victorian-era Italianate villa that was once the summer home of Johns Hopkins. Baltimore offers many opportunities to enjoy music, theater, and dance performances. Venues include the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, Lyric Opera House, Baltimore Center Stage, Everyman Theater, Vagabond Players, Arenas Players, Fell’s Point Corner Theaters, Hippodrome Theater at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center, and Creative Alliance.

Health Care

The following health care facilities are located in Baltimore City: Bon Secours Hospital: 71 total licensed beds
Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center: 350 total licensed beds
MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital: 145 total licensed beds
MedStar Harbor Hospital: 131 total licensed beds
MedStar Union Memorial Hospital: 185 total licensed beds
Mercy Medical Center: 183 total licensed beds
 Sinai Hospital of Baltimore: 348 total licensed beds
Saint Agnes Hospital: 247 total licensed beds
The Johns Hopkins Hospital: 1,095 total licensed beds
University of Maryland Medical Center: 806 total licensed beds
University of Maryland Medical Center Midtown Campus: 100 total licensed beds
UM Rehabilitation & Orthopaedics Institute: 2 total licensed beds

The Baltimore VA Medical Center is an acute medical and surgical care facility that offers veterans a full range of inpatient, outpatient, and primary care services.

Education

Baltimore City Public Schools educate more than 79,000 students in 45 elementary schools; 73 middle/elementary schools; 5 middle schools; 11 middle/high schools, 25 high schools; and 1 elementary/middle/high school. Baltimore offers many opportunities for higher education. Public universities include The University of Baltimore, Morgan State University, Coppin State University, and Baltimore City Community College. The University of Maryland, Baltimore, has professional and graduate schools, including medical, dentistry, nursing, and pharmacy schools.

Johns Hopkins University, Notre Dame of Maryland University, Loyola University Maryland, Goucher College, Maryland Institute College of Art, Stratford University, Saint Mary’s Seminary and University, and Faith Theological Seminary are private universities in the city. Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine is also located in Baltimore.

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Neighborhoods

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Parks and Recreation

 Druid Hill Park is the first of the city’s 19 parks and is home to the Maryland Zoo, the Howard Peter Rawlings Conservatory & Botanic Gardens, the Zen Garden, greenhouses, and a City Farms Garden. The park’s 745 acres also contain such amenities as playgrounds; basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts; a pool; and athletic fields. Carroll Park is home to an assortment of athletic and ball fields, basketball courts, a playground, Carroll Park Skateboarding & Bike Facility, Carroll Park Golf Course, and a City Farms Garden.

Canton Waterfront Park offers access to the Chesapeake Bay, a fishing pier, a boat ramp, the Korean War Memorial, and miles of trails. Patterson Park is Baltimore’s most intensively used large park and remains an outstanding example of 19th century park design. It features Boat Lake, the Dominic “Mimi” DiPietro Ice Rink, playgrounds and wading pools, a recreation center, the Audubon Center, basketball and tennis courts, and athletic and ball fields.

Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine commemorates the War of 1812, when it successfully defended Baltimore Harbor from an attack by the British navy from the Chesapeake Bay on September 13 to 14, 1814. Several professional sports teams play in Baltimore, including the Baltimore Orioles (baseball), Baltimore Ravens (football), Baltimore Nighthawks (women’s football), and Baltimore Blast (arena soccer).

Pimlico Race Track in the Park Heights area is the home of Maryland’s Preakness horse race.

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