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IT'S A SMALL WORLD

How Maryland Earned Its Nickname, "Little America"

You know the old adage about big things coming in small packages? The state of Maryland is the proverbial proof in the pudding. Though it ranks 42nd among U.S. states in size, Maryland packs a lot of enticing features within its diminutive frame, from metropolitan cities and charming villages to Appalachian wilderness and picturesque coastline.

With Baltimore-Washington International ranked the best airport of its size (15-25 million passengers) in 2010, Maryland is easy to get to. Thanks to 18 scenic byways traversing its 12,406 square miles, the state is equally easy to explore. Here's a sample of the adventures America's 7th state has to offer:

HISTORY BUFFS

Maryland is rich with history. The bombardment of Baltimore's Fort McHenry during the War of 1812 inspired Francis Scott Key's "Star-Spangled Banner," and the state proved a key battleground in the Civil War, with the Battle of Antietam as one of its bloodiest days. Today, history buffs can visit many important sites, and learn about

the legacies of great Maryland natives such as Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass.

FOODIES

Thanks to its 7,000 miles of coastline, Maryland is considered one of the best places to find great seafood. Surrounded by the Chesapeake Bay and bordered by the Atlantic, Maryland is regarded as the Crab Capital of the world and is known for its excellent oysters. The state also boasts a thriving wine industry, with more than 60 wineries and several established "wine trails" that devout oenophiles can explore.

SPORTS LOVERS

The birthplace of icons like Babe Ruth, Johnny Unitas, Cal Ripken and 18-time Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps, Maryland was a major sports haven long before the Baltimore Ravens became 2013 Super Bowl Champions. With two football teams (the Ravens and Washington Redskins), a Major League baseball team (Orioles), the Preakness Stakes, the Babe Ruth Sports Museum and the Sports Legends Museum, diehard sports fans could spend a month in Maryland and never get bored.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURERS

With so much water surrounding the state (which was named fifth "Greenest" in the country by *Forbes*), it's no surprise that canoeing, kayaking, boating and fishing are popular pastimes on the Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River. But those are hardly Maryland's only outdoor recreation activities: The 181-mile C&O Canal and Patapsco State Park are both bicycling Meccas, while national parks such as the Appalachian National Scenic Trail and Assateague Island National Seashore offer exceptional hiking. For more information on Maryland Travel Options, visit www.VisitMaryland.org.

Annapolis and the Chesapeake Bay

Come Sail Away to Annapolis and the Chesapeake Bay. Whether you're looking for the adrenaline rush of crossing the finish line first in our Wednesday Night Sailing Races, the cool serenity of an 8-acre woodland garden, or easy access to Baltimore and Washington, D.C., Annapolis and the Chesapeake Bay delivers. A destination of contrasts, our three regions have distinct personalities.

If your idea of a great vacation is getting out on the water, you've come to the right place. Annapolis is the gateway to North America's largest estuary, the Chesapeake Bay, and we're willing to share!

Established in 1649, Annapolis's heritage is linked to the water. Yesterday's bustling port city is today's boater's paradise.

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While Annapolis is world-renown as *America's Sailing Capital*, the Annapolis countryside claims hundreds of miles of Chesapeake Bay shoreline. Rolling fields and streaming rivers tell the story of generations of farmers and watermen whose lives have been shaped by the Chesapeake Bay and the rich farmland that surrounds it.

No visit to Maryland's capital city is complete without a tour of the U.S. Naval Academy, home of the 4,000-strong brigade of midshipmen. Don't miss the recently renovated chapel and be sure to allow enough time to visit the Naval Academy Museum. It features more than 50,000 artifacts and is home to the famous Gallery of Ships. The newly opened *Seas, Lakes & Bay: The Naval War of 1812* exhibit at Mahan Hall brings together hundreds of artifacts, historic maritime paintings, and ship models from William Koch's private collection and the Naval Academy Museum's public collection. It runs through November 3.

As home to BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, Annapolis Baltimore provides easy access to Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia. The nearby Arundel Mills Mall is ranked among the top three shopping attractions in the nation, and its Maryland Live! Casino is the third largest in the country.

Regardless of where you travel in Annapolis and the Chesapeake Bay, you'll find fresh from the Bay seafood in restaurants ranging from simple to sublime. Whether you choose roll-out-the-paper, roll-up-your-sleeves outdoor dining where you can watch watermen bring in their catch, or an elegant indoor setting with a window's view to the Chesapeake Bay, you're in for a culinary experience extraordinaire.

This is just a taste of all that awaits you in Annapolis and the Chesapeake Bay.

To find out more about one of Maryland's finest treasures, visit VisitAnnapolis.org.



A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

*Baltimore Honors the Legacies of Its
African-American Legends*

From author Tom Clancy to filmmaker John Waters and rocker Frank Zappa, Maryland has produced its fair share of famous people. But few have proven more influential on the course of American history than Dorchester County native Harriet Tubman.

Tubman (who was born Araminta Harriet Ross in 1820) escaped from slavery and fled to Philadelphia in 1849, but soon returned to Maryland to save her family. She eventually rescued more than 70 slaves via the network of anti-slavery activists and safe houses known as the Underground Railroad. She

also helped John Brown recruit men for his famous raid on Harpers Ferry, led a Union Army raid to liberate more than 700 slaves in South Carolina and, at the end of her life, fought for women's right to vote.

Tubman passed away in 1913 at the age of 93. Now, in honor of the 100th anniversary of her death, the city of Baltimore is offering a "Legends & Legacies Heritage Pass" that allows visitors to experience three different museums that celebrate the lives of Tubman and other great figures in African-American history:

THE NATIONAL GREAT BLACKS IN WAX MUSEUM

The first wax museum devoted exclusively to African-American history, this attraction features more than 100 wax figures, including Tubman, Jackie Robinson, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and President Barack Obama. It also includes a life-sized model slave ship exhibit on the history of the trans-Atlantic slave trade and a room focusing on Maryland natives who have played a significant role in African-American history.

(www.greatblacksinwax.org)

THE REGINALD F. LEWIS MUSEUM OF MARYLAND AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE

Currently the largest African-American museum on the East Coast, this attraction is devoted to sharing the stories of black Marylanders who made an impact on our nation's history and culture. The museum features permanent exhibits such as "The Strength of the Mind," which focuses on how the arts helped African-Americans endure oppression. Through June 23, it will also feature "Homage to Harriet," a special exhibition of artwork inspired by the influential abolitionist.

(www.africanamericanculture.org)

THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS-ISAAC MYERS MARITIME PARK

This national heritage site pays tribute to two leading figures from Maryland's African-American history—abolitionist/orator Frederick Douglass and the slightly less famous Isaac Myers, who was President of the Colored National Labor Union. The park also educates visitors on African-American maritime history, as well as offering hands-on activities such as learning to caulk and build a boat.

(www.douglassmyers.org)

The Legends and Legacies Experience Pass provides a discounted, one-time admission to these three attractions, and is valid for three consecutive days.

For more information,
<http://baltimore.org/heritage/site>.



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*Kent County Commemorates
The War of 1812*

The War of 1812 (a conflict between the U.S. and the British Empire) may not be as significant to most people as, say, the Civil War or the American Revolution. But in Kent County, Maryland, the war's bicentennial is a big deal.

Perhaps that's because it was here, in Georgetown, that the British led a devastating raid on May 6, 1813, burning the village to the ground in an attempt to quell opposition from the citizens who lived along the Chesapeake Bay.

This year the Friends of Kent County will sponsor a "Legend of Kitty Knight" (named for a local spinster who famously stood up to the British) celebration May 3-5 to honor this historical event. Coinciding with the annual Dogwood Festival, the commemorative events will include a VIP Dinner lecture by historian Ralph Eshelman, the dedication of a War of 1812 display inside the Legend of Kitty Knight house, and a re-enactment of the burning of Georgetown.

For more information on the bicentennial celebration, visit www.kentcounty.com



THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!

*Montgomery County
Puts an Emphasis on the Arts*

Maryland was among the first states in the country to sponsor local Arts & Entertainment Districts by offering tax incentives designed to stimulate the economy and improve the area's overall quality of life. Of the state's 20 A&E Districts, three are in Montgomery County, in the towns of Bethesda, Silver Springs and Wheaton.

The big news in Bethesda is the \$8 million renovation of the Bethesda Theater. Built in 1938, the building stood proudly for decades as an Art Deco-style cinema, earning a spot on the U.S. National Historic Register. Now it's being reborn as the Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, with dinner seating for up to 300, additional seats for up to 200, and a beautiful bar/lounge area. With state-of-the-art acoustics and a killer sound system, the concert hall should emerge as one of Maryland's best clubs for live music.

The pride and joy of Silver Springs is the AFI Silver Theatre & Cultural Center, a venue devoted to red carpet movie premieres, panel discussions and other events presented by the American Film Institute. The restored 1938 building includes two theaters showing new and classic films, meeting space, and reception/exhibit area. The Silver Springs A&E District also includes live performances

at the Round House Theatre and the annual Silver Spring Jazz Festival.

Wheaton's A&E District includes the Montgomery Royal Theatres, the 54-year-old Wheaton School of Dance (one of the largest dance studios in the metropolitan area), and Arts On The Block, which gives creative kids an opportunity to earn income while working with established artists and mentors on commissioned artwork and other entrepreneurial projects.

For more info on Montgomery County's arts and entertainment offerings, check out www.visitmontgomery.com



THE GREAT OUTDOORS

*An Introduction to the Natural Wonders of
Talbot County, Maryland*

Set on Maryland's Chesapeake Bay, smack dab in the middle of the Eastern Shore, Talbot County is proof that location is everything. While the state on the whole is a burgeoning hotspot for nature enthusiasts, Talbot County has long been a true sportsman's paradise. Encompassing 476 square miles, nearly half of which are on the water, "The Hamptons of the Chesapeake Bay" offers a broad variety of recreational activities for those who love the great outdoors.

COME SAIL AWAY

Explorers have sailed the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries for centuries. From historic sailboats such as the *Lady Patty* and the *Selina II* to the skipjacks *Rebecca T. Ruark* and *H.M. Krentz*, numerous companies offer tours and charters, including fishing, crabbing and oyster-catching. Kids and adults alike can also learn maritime skills such as rigging, boat handling and docking in the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's (CBMM) summer sailing program, with classes available for all skill levels.

PADDLE THE BAY

Located 2.5 miles off the coast of Tilghman Island, the Poplar Islands are a chain of four islands that have become a haven for the region's wildlife. On a guided tour with T.I. Marina's Ocean Kayak Excursions, you can explore these islands at your leisure, spotting species such as blue herons, osprey, turtles, deer and fox. Or you can simply paddle, swim and savor the beautiful beach views. Kayak and paddleboard rental companies make it easy to explore the county's more than 600 miles of shoreline.

GO FOR A RIDE

Talbot County has an extensive system of gently rolling bike trails that stretches throughout the county, taking cyclists along some spectacularly scenic routes. The popular 30-mile Oxford/St. Michaels Trail features a ride aboard the Oxford-Bellevue

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Ferry, while the 38-mile Chesapeake Views Trail affords incredible opens views of the Chesapeake Bay. For a shorter rider, try the 2.25-mile Easton Rail Trail that runs from Idlewild Park to North Easton Park. There are a number of bike rental shops in the area, so there's no need to bring your own.

WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Located on a tributary of the Wye River, the Pickering Creek Audubon Center is a 400-acre working farm that includes ecosystems ranging from mature hardwood forest and meadows to marshland and more than a mile of shoreline on a tidal creek. Its easy hiking trails are free and open to the public 365 days a year, affording opportunities to see wildlife such as Bald Eagles and Delmarva Fox Squirrels.

For more information on Talbot Tourism, visit www.talbot.org.



BWI FLY-BY

The Top 5 Reasons Travelers Will Love Baltimore's New Airport Upgrade

Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall airport (a.k.a. BWI) has been one of America's most impressive airports for years. It was ranked the best airport of its size (15-25 million passengers) in the world by the Airports Council International, and ranked second among North American airports for Best Food & Beverage Program.

But, despite three straight record years for passenger traffic (including more than 22 million in 2012), BWI's powers-that-be that decided that merely "good" wasn't good enough. And so it is that travelers who pass through the airport this summer will see the results of a major terminal enhancement program that ultimately cost around \$100 million, and included over 2 million pounds of steel, a ½-acre of glass, and around 40 miles of electrical wire.

From a new security checkpoint to better connectivity between concourses, the upgrade will improve and modernize the airport to accommodate its long-term growth. "BWI Marshall is Maryland's gateway to the world," said Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley when the project was announced. "The recent surge in passenger growth is evidence that our investments in BWI Marshall are paying off. Now, it's time to take the next step."

Here are five reasons travelers to and from Maryland should be excited about the airport changes:

- The new two-level post-security connector provides direct, convenient passenger access between Concourses C, B, and A. The upgrade includes two new moving sidewalks and additional restrooms.

- There will be an expanded, more efficient passenger security checkpoint to serve all three concourses, meaning travelers will spend less time waiting in line.

- The new nine-lane security checkpoint will have all the latest Transportation Safety Administration screening gadgets, along with a new queuing area (similar to that in Concourses A and B) that will allow for increased passenger screening capacity and flexibility.

- The Concourse C overhaul will include bigger airline gate hold rooms, a larger central corridor to enhance passenger circulation, and general design upgrades that give the place a sleeker 21st century appeal.

- More space means more room for new retail shops and dining options, including Baltimore-based electronics experts Polk Audio, deli favorites from Boar's Head Café, the world-renowned jewelry of Swarovski, upscale frozen yogurt chain Pinkberry, and the Gachi House of Sushi (which will feature a full-service restaurant on Concourse A and a grab-n-go kiosk on Concourse B). For more information on BWI Marshall Airport, visit www.bwiairport.com.



CRUISE MARYLAND

The Gateway To Your Getaway

BWI Marshall isn't the only transportation hub in Maryland putting up impressive numbers. In January, Governor Martin O'Malley announced that more than 240,000 people set sail on cruises from the Port of Baltimore in 2012, making it the 11th busiest port in the United States.

"The port's cruise business is a major economic generator for our state," the governor said, "bringing in tens of millions of dollars and generating hundreds of jobs. Looking ahead to this year, we expect this momentum to continue as we await the arrival of a new ship to serve our market."

He's referring to The Grandeur of the Seas, with which Royal Caribbean will replace its Enchantment of the Seas cruise ship. After undergoing a \$48 million renovation, the ship will launch in May with new dining options, entertainment venues, renovated staterooms and numerous technological upgrades.

Both Royal Caribbean and Carnival Cruise Lines offer year-round schedules from the Port of Baltimore to destinations such as the Eastern and Western Caribbean and New England/Canada. Located just 10 miles from BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, with a climate-controlled passenger boarding bridge, the Cruise Maryland terminal is a convenient and comfortable gateway to your vacation getaway.

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