Welcome to Baltimore!

Insider Guide to Charm City*

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Good caffeine near the Hyatt

Hanover and Hughes Collective
15 W. Hughes St, Baltimore, MD 21230
(301) 442-7800

3 Bean Coffee
209 Key Hwy, Baltimore, MD 21230
(410) 216-3339

Felicori Zecchini
1 E Pratt St, Baltimore, MD 21201
(410) 244-1292

Ceremony Coffee @ Cross Street Market
1065 S. Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21230
(443) 708-5284

Spoons
24 E Cross St, Baltimore, MD 21230
(410) 539-8395
Excellent sit-down meals, too.

Power Lunch Idea: head over to Spoons, eat, and then on your way back to the Hyatt, stop by Vanessa’s Vintage Treasures (1132 S. Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21230; (410) 752-3224) and treat yourself (or a special someone) to a piece of costume jewelry from her immense collection, spanning the 1920s to the 1990s, for a steal! Learn more about Vanessa on Cabinets of Curiosities.

Crabs, crab cakes and oysters, oh my!

Faidley’s Seafood at Lexington Market
203 N Paca St, Baltimore, MD 21201
(410) 727-4898
A 25-minute walk from the Hyatt, at Lexington Market, Faidley offer the best crab cakes, raw bar and beer (National Bohemian, or known colloquially as Natty Boh, a beer originally brewed in Baltimore) in town. Great people watching at standup tables. Open 10am-5:30pm (until 6:00pm for raw bar).

Locust Point Steamers (“LP Steamers”)
1100 E Fort Ave, Baltimore, MD 21230
In walking distance from the Hyatt (20–25 mins), this beloved seafood joint is informal, affordable, and delicious! A crab cake with trimmings will set you back $15; $27 for two.

**Ryleigh’s Oyster**  
36 E Cross St, Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 539-2093  
A ten-minute walk from the Hyatt—laid-back seafood bar and restaurant with a good beer selection and raw bar.

**Nick’s Fish House**  
2600 Insulator Dr, Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 347-4123  
A waterfront seafood restaurant along the Patapsco River in South Baltimore, about two miles from the Hyatt.

**Bertha’s Mussels**  
734 S Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21231  
(410) 327-5795  
A well-known, somewhat-touristy-but-still-good bar and restaurant that specializes in…mussels! Getting there would require a nice walk (~30 minutes) around the Inner Harbor (follow the water’s edge eastward!) to the neighborhood of Fell’s Point, where many bars, restaurants, and shops can be found.

**Thames Street Oyster House**  
1728 Thames St, Baltimore, MD 21231  
(443) 449-7726  
Thames Street in Baltimore is pronounced with the “h,” and the Thames Street Oyster House is a great little seafood joint and bar! About two miles from the Hyatt, in Fell’s Point.

**Other restaurants and bars close to the Hyatt**

The restaurants and bars located around the Inner Harbor won’t be too exciting and will most likely be national chains (or the Rusty Scupper—bah).

Instead, try going a little further to nearby **Federal Hill**, where there are a number of pubs with good food. Walk south on Light Street for about eight to ten minutes:
Abbey Burger and Bistro
1041 Marshall St, Baltimore, MD 21230
(443) 453-9698
Great burgers in a million different ways!

The Outpost American Tavern
1032 Riverside Ave, Baltimore, MD 21230
(443) 388-9113
Beloved weekend brunch place and has TVs for baseball fans.

Blue Moon Too Café
1024 Light St, Baltimore, MD 21230
(443) 759-4907
For breakfast and brunch every day ‘til 3pm—get the Cap’n Crunch French Toast!

Idle Hour
201 E Fort Ave, Baltimore, MD 21230
(410) 989-3405
One of the best bars in the city; truly cool, real-deal place for beer, wine, and cocktails; 5pm –2am; 20 min walk from Hyatt; vinyl only.

Hersh’s
1843-45 Light St, Baltimore, MD 21230
(443) 438-4948
Take Light Street from the Hyatt to its southern end, about a 20–25 min walk. Excellent bistro for crispy personal pizzas and cocktails; great for groups but make reservations.

Cross St. Market
1065 S Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21230
A recently refurbished range of affordable “pop-up” restaurants and bars in one space, including Ceremony Coffee, about a half-mile way.

Downtown Baltimore is just north (heading up the big hill) of the Inner Harbor by taking Light Street north for just a couple of minutes, where you can find these good places, all about a half-mile away:

Puerto 511 Cocina Peruana
102 Clay St, Baltimore, MD 21201
(410) 244-8837
Very small but very good; make reservations!
Chez Hugo
206 E Redwood St, Baltimore, MD 21202
(443) 438-3002
New French bistro with nice bar in front.

B&O American Brasserie
2 N Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21201
(443) 692-6172
Named after the Baltimore-Ohio Railroad; nice, dark steak restaurant in the Hotel Monaco for those who want to live it up like the world is ending; in walking distance of the Hyatt.

Mount Vernon—directly behind the Hyatt is Charles Street, which is a main thoroughfare through Baltimore (running north and south). Take Charles Street north (uphill for about a 15–20 minute walk) to the neighborhood of Mount Vernon (surrounding the Washington Monument and Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University; check out the stunning Peabody Library!):

Nepal House
920 N Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21201
410-547-0001, 410-547-0002
Comfy choice offering Indian and Nepali fare, plus a popular brunch and lunch buffet and full bar. Your host is Prem Raja Mahat, the “Bob Dylan of Nepal,” featured during the AFS Annual Meeting opening ceremony. Walk 14 minutes to the restaurant or order online and have it delivered by Grubhub.

Cazbar
316 N Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21201
(410) 528-1222
Delicious Turkish restaurant.

Mick O’Sheas
328 N Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21201
(410) 539-7504
Well-loved Irish pub.

The Helmand
806 N Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21201
(410) 752-0311
Upscale Afghan restaurant; owned by the brother of the former Prime Minister of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai.
Mt. Vernon Marketplace  
520 Park Ave, Baltimore, MD 21201  
(443) 796-7393  
A range of affordable “pop-up” restaurants and bars in one space.

Brewer’s Art  
1106 N Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21201  
(410) 547-6925  
Great restaurant with house-brewed beers since 1996; check out the cavernous bar below, too!

Foodie central (aside from crabs!)

Chaps Pit Beef  
5801 Pulaski Hwy, Baltimore, MD 21205  
(410) 483-2379  
Popular pit-beef outlet serving namesake sandwiches and homestyle sides in a strip-club parking lot; a 15-20 minute drive from the Hyatt.

Tortilleria Sinaloa  
1716 Eastern Ave, Baltimore, MD 21231  
(410) 276-3741  
A beloved, longstanding East Baltimore favorite, just over a mile away in Fell’s Point.

Hip Hop Fish and Chicken  
227 E Baltimore St, Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 727-7770  
Local chain for fried fish and chicken with southern sides and wings, a half-mile north.

Ekiben  
1622 Eastern Ave, Baltimore, MD 21231  
(410) 558-1914  
Super popular, award-winning Asian steamed buns and bowls place, just over a mile away in Fell’s Point.

Woodberry Kitchen  
2010 Clipper Park Rd, Baltimore, MD 21211  
(410) 464-8000  
According to Baltimore, this is one of the first farm-to-table restaurants in the country. No matter what, you’ll have a delightful meal (and cocktails)! A 15-minute drive away from the Hyatt.
**Foraged**
3520 Chestnut Ave, Baltimore, MD 21211  
(410) 235-0035
A “hyper-seasonal eatery” that is getting rave reviews. All locally sourced ingredients, of course. A 10-15-minute drive away from the Hyatt, near Johns Hopkins University.

**Clavel**
225 W 23rd St, Baltimore, MD 21211  
(443) 900-8983
Highly-acclaimed mezcaleria and taqueria located in the Remington neighborhood, about two miles north of the Hyatt.

**Matthews Pizza**
3131 Eastern Ave, Baltimore, MD 21224  
(410) 276-8755
Going since the 1940s, this is the place for there’s-nothing-like-it crab pizza. Actually, the all pizzas will blow your mind. And get the house salad! Open all day, but do note there could be a wait – it’s small!

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**Museums in the Hyatt Area**

**Reginald F. Lewis Museum of African American History and Culture**
830 E Pratt St, Baltimore, MD 21202  
(443) 263-1800
About a half-mile from the Hyatt.

**American Visionary Arts Museum (AVAM)**
800 Key Hwy, Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 244-1900
The AVAM is “America’s official national museum and education center for intuitive, self-taught artistry.” It offers exhibitions, workshops, a great and quirky gift shop, and is within quick walking distance of the Hyatt. Make sure you check out the exhibit on Baltimore’s own **Painted Screens** in the museums’ Jim Rouse Visionary Center building and let Elaine Eff know you loved it!

**Baltimore Museum of Industry**
1415 Key Hwy, Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 727-4808
Just over a mile south.
Edgar Allen Poe House and Museum  
203 N Amity St #2501, Baltimore, MD 21223  
(410) 462-1763  
About 1.5 miles away.

The Irish Railroad Workers Museum  
918 Lemmon St, Baltimore, MD 21223  
Just over a mile west, near the Baltimore-Ohio Railroad Museum and Babe Ruth Museum.

Baltimore-Ohio Railroad Museum  
901 W Pratt St, Baltimore, MD 21223  
(410) 752-2490  
Just over a mile west, very near the Irish Railroad Workers Museum and Babe Ruth Museum.

Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum  
216 Emory St, Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 727-1539  
A little less than a mile west. Close to the Irish Railroad Workers and Baltimore-Ohio Railroad Museum.

Other museums

The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum  
1601 E North Ave, Baltimore, MD 21213  
(410) 563-3404  
Make this one a priority! About 2.5 miles away.

Walters Art Museum  
600 N Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21201  
(410) 547-9000  
Almost a mile north.

Baltimore Museum of Art  
10 Art Museum Dr, Baltimore, MD 21218  
(443) 573-1700  
About three miles north.
Free-time fun

Dancing!

**Friday Dance Nights at Lithuanian Hall**
851 Hollins St, Baltimore, MD 21201
This Friday's theme will be Friday Night Fever and Mamma Mia. Tracks will include the biggest hits of the 70s and 80s. About a mile west.

Concerts!

**Otto Bar**
2549 N Howard St, Baltimore, MD 21218
See Calendar to see who is playing each night. About 2.5 miles away.

**Metro Gallery**
1700 N. Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21201
See Events to see who is playing each night. Almost 2 miles north.

**The Peale Center for Baltimore History and Architecture**
Special just for AFS: “Jazz Hero” John Lamkin
**October 19, 2019 at 2–4pm**
The Carroll Mansion
800 East Lombard Street
FREE!
This concert is made free by the generous support of Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA) Free Fall Baltimore and C & H Restoration.
Attend for an afternoon of incredible music by composer, musician, and educator Dr. John Lamkin in one of Baltimore’s most significant historic buildings, less than a mile away. As a child, Dr. Lamkin grew up in Atlantic City during a time when live jazz music filled many of its nightclubs. It was during these formative years that he fell in love with music, particularly the sound of jazz, and realized then that he was called to dedicate his life to the celebration of our American musical treasure—jazz. Dr. Lamkin received the “Jazz Heroes” Award from the Jazz Journalist Association for having a significant impact on jazz music in the Baltimore community. Currently, he is a member of the National Association for Music Educators and the International Trumpet Guild.

Entertainment!

**Creative Alliance**
3134 Eastern Ave, Baltimore, MD 21224
(410) 276-1651
During AFS: **Rocky Horror Picture Show w/ Betty Hellno and friends**—live burlesque, drag, tap, raunchy performances, and more throughout the movie! About 2.5 miles away.

**Bowling!**

**Patterson Bowling Center**  
2105 Eastern Ave, Baltimore, MD 21231  
(410) 675-1011  
Duckpin bowling! Watch this short **film** about the duckpin bowling tradition and Patterson Bowling Center. BYOB! About 1.5 miles away.

**Mustang Alley’s Bar, Bowling and Bistro**  
1300 Bank St, Baltimore, MD 21231  
(410) 522-2695  
Duckpin and 10-pin available. About a mile away.

**Just Drinkin’!**

**Union Craft Brewery**  
1700 W 41st St #420, Baltimore, MD 21211  
(410) 467-0290  
About 4.5 miles away.

**Waverly Brewing Company**  
1625 Union Ave, Baltimore, MD 21211  
(443) 438-5765  
About 4 miles away.

**Brewer’s Art**  
1106 N Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21201  
(410) 547-6925  
Upstairs restaurant with house-brewed beers since 1996; cavernous downstairs bar that’s great for groups. Almost 1.5 miles away.

**Faddensonnen**  
3 W 23rd St, Baltimore, MD 21218  
Biergarten, natural wine and sake bar! Have dinner at **Clavel** (225 W 23rd St; 443-900-8983), just down the street, beforehand! Just over 2 miles away.

**Idle Hour**  
201 E Fort Ave, Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 989-3405
One of the best bars in the city; truly cool, real-deal place for beer, wine, and cocktails; vinyl only; a mile away; 5pm–2am.

**Bar**
1718 Lancaster St, Baltimore, MD 21231
To add a little description, a nice, little dive bar with a pool table in the back. About 1.5 miles away, in Fells Point.

**Venice Tavern**
339 S Conkling St, Baltimore, MD 21224
Another gem for the dive bar lovers; check out all the old photos of Baltimore boxing champions. Not quite 3 miles away.

**Sugarvale**
4 W Madison St, Baltimore, MD 21201
(410) 609-3162
Small, downstairs bar with delicious cocktails, local beers, and a light menu. A mile away.

**Suggested local adventures**

The **Station North** neighborhood of Baltimore (right next to the city's main train station, Penn Station) has a bunch of good restaurants and bars, as well as two independent cinemas—**Charles Theatre** (1711 N. Charles St; 410-727-3464) and the **Parkway** (5 W North Ave; 443-438-6144)—and a great late-night bar, **Club Charles**, as known as “Club Chuck,” (1724 N Charles St; 410-727-8815). For dancing, see who’s playing at **The Crown** (1910 N Charles St, 2nd Fl; 410-625-4848) and **Metro Gallery** (1700 N Charles St; 410-244-0899) while you’re there.

Get your copy of *Baltimore Revisited: Stories of inequality and Resistance in a U.S. City* at the worker-owned **Red Emma's** bookstore and vegan café (1225 Cathedral St; 410-601-3072), then stroll over to **Tapas Teatro** (1711 N Charles St; 410-332-0110) for leisurely Spanish tapas (get the grilled calamari) and wine, and then play the old-fashioned jukebox at **Club Chuck**!

Check out the neighborhood of **Hampden**, the muse of John Waters. It offers many quirky shops and great restaurants and bars (both dive and hipster) along its main drag, **West 36th St.**
If you have a hankering for vintage clothes, visit the affordable Hunting Ground store (3649 Falls Rd; 410-243-0789), then grab a vegan meal at Golden West Café (1105 W 36th St; 410-889-8891), and drinks at 13.5% Wine Bar (1117 W 36th St; 410-889-1064).

Or, start out browsing books and zines at Atomic Books (3620 Falls Rd; 410-662-4444) and then head to Dylan’s Oyster Cellar (3601 Chestnut Ave; 410-759-6595) for an excellent locally-sourced dinner.

Little Italy is a 20-minute walk to the east of the Hyatt along the harbor. Take your group to La Scala (1012 Eastern Ave; 410-783-9209) for a delicious Italian meal (ask for the fish of the day) and then get some drinks at the bar and play bocce ball in the restaurant’s own indoor court!

An evening of locally-distinctive duckpin bowling: head to East Baltimore to Patterson Bowling Center (2105 Eastern Ave; 410-675-1011) and don’t forget to pick up pizzas and a six pack of beer across the street at Johnny Rad’s Pizzeria (2108 Eastern Ave; 410-759-6464) for your game!

Tranquility: For those needing some peaceful time outside during the day, head about five miles out to Cylburn Arboretum (4915 Greenspring Ave, Baltimore, MD 21209; 410-396-0180) where you’ll find a park with over 20 gardens, a nature museum, and more.

Exercise and History: Walk up to the heart of Mt. Vernon (a mile from the Hyatt up Charles St.) to the Washington Monument (699 N Charles St; 410-962-5070), where for $6 (in support of its conservation) you can climb for a bird’s eye view of the city (227 steps; five to eight minute climb)! Afterwards, visit the stunning Peabody Library, located just across the square from the monument, to see one of the most beautiful libraries in the world (opened in 1878). Then, get a healthy meal at Dooby’s (802 N Charles St; 410-609-3162) for Korean-inspired pork-buns, rice-bowls, ramen, and other delicious treats. And if you’d like a cocktail, walk around the corner from Dooby’s to Sugarvale (4 W Madison St.; 410-609-3162), an intimate downstairs bar.

Art therapy: spend some time at the new exhibition, Generations: A History of Black Abstract Art, at the Baltimore Museum of Art (10 Art Museum Dr; 443-573-1700), whose 19th century, modern, and contemporary art collections are world-renowned. Then, treat yourself to an excellent lunch or dinner at Gertrude’s, right next to/in the Museum.

Painted Screens Tour: The tour starts at 10:00 am, Saturday, at Highlandtown Gallery (248 S. Conkling St; 301-370-0115). Grab lunch at DiPasquale’s Marketplace and Italian Deli (3700 Gough St; 410-276-6787)
The Sunday morning downtown Farmer's Market! Open 7am–1pm; large and diverse array of stalls, fresh foods, and people! Located under Interstate 83 at East Saratoga Street and Holliday Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

Harbor Walks

Go east around the harbor to the neighborhood of Fell’s Point (30–40-minute walk). Get some fresh seafood at the Black Olive (814 S Bond St; 410-276-7141), offering Greek cuisine, and then head over to Birds of a Feather (1712 Aliceanna St; 410-675-8466) for your choice of over 120 whiskeys and scotches.

Take a walk along Key Highway, going southerly along the harbor to the Saturday Farmer’s Market at the Baltimore Museum of Industry (9am–1pm, 1415 Key Hwy), where in addition to fresh vegetables, you can find baked goods, a Thai food tent, pickles, music, and more. Stop into the museum to learn about the many industries that once called Baltimore home and shaped the lives of its residents. On your way back, check out the American Visionary Art Museum (800 Key Hwy), and be sure to get something by a Baltimore artist in its quirky gift shop!

Fort McHenry: Home of the Star-Spangled Banner National Park (2400 E Fort Ave, Baltimore, MD 21230; 410-962-4290)—a great destination for a long walk on a lovely day including a museum, tours, and fantastic water views. About three miles out, then three miles back.

Federal Hill Park can be seen just across the water from the Hyatt; a five-minute walk. It features nice views of the city and is right next to the American Visionary Art Museum (800 Key Hwy).