

MARYLAND
BYWAYS



Charles Street

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Baltimore entertains millions of leisure and business travelers each year. Many of them come for the steamed crabs and sailing, but more have discovered the world-renowned museums, captivating performing arts, high-intensity professional sports, and fine ethnic dining. Charles Street, Baltimore's grandest and best-known artery, takes you on a 10-mile journey through some of the city's most fashionable cultural, residential and commercial areas. Come experience authentic Baltimore and stop to shop, dine, sightsee, and seek out world-class entertainment. At the same time, take note of several institutions whose influence extends beyond Baltimore's borders to the nation and the globe.

Lutherville to Roland Park

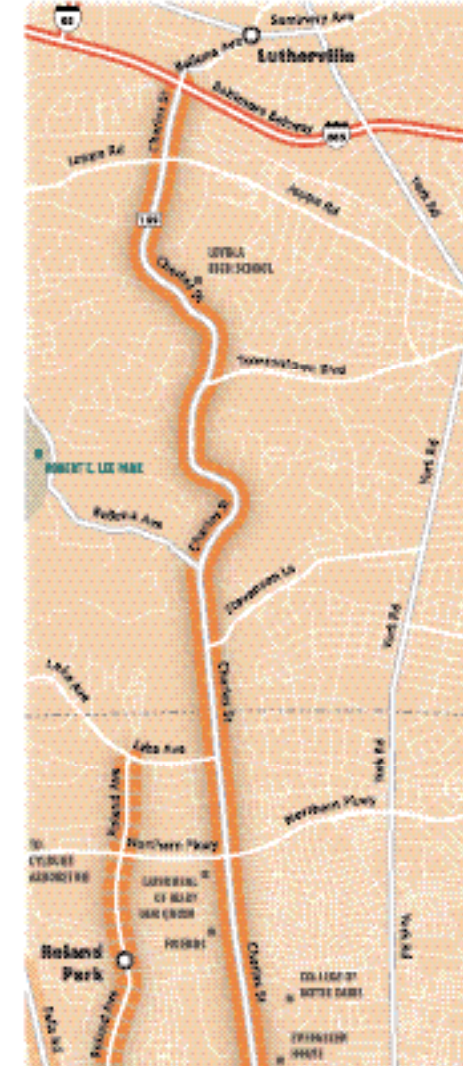
To the north, Charles Street appears as a wooded parkway that begins just above the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) and heads south into the heart of the Baltimore City Heritage Area with its eclectic neighborhoods, chic restaurants and stately buildings. A side-track along Bellona Avenue leads into the residential community of Lutherville, where dozens of historic structures mingle with more modern homes. Or you can journey into Towson, with its popular shopping areas, movie theaters and eateries. Back on Charles Street, this byway heads south past the Cathedral of Mary our Queen, a massive stone church built in 1959 as a result of a bequest made by Thomas O'Neill. O'Neill was an Irish born, multimillionaire merchant, whose store mirac-

10 miles through Baltimore



ulously escaped complete destruction in the devastating Baltimore fire of 1904. Further south is Friends School, which was founded in 1784, making it the oldest school in Baltimore. Next you'll see two notable institutions of higher learning with long traditions of excellence. There's the College of Notre Dame, which in 1895 became the nation's first Catholic College for women, and then Loyola College, founded by Jesuits in 1852. A slight detour at Greenway and Highfield Road leads to the six-acre Sherwood Gardens, where late-April rains bring thousands of tulips to bloom.

Proceeding through Guilford, you're able to make a grand approach via University Parkway to the garden suburb of Roland Park. This late 19th-century residential community has



narrow, winding streets lined with elegant villas and mansions. Coming up is the Homewood campus of internationally acclaimed Johns Hopkins University, which features more than 20 Georgian-style buildings on its 100-acre campus. Visit the 200-year-old Homewood House Museum to see fine furnishings and decorations from the 18th and 19th centuries, and then learn more about America's first sport at the Lacrosse Museum and National Hall of Fame.

Charles Village to Mount Vernon Place

Charles Village was developed in the late 19th century as one of Baltimore's first suburban neighborhoods. Take time to admire Lovely Lane Methodist Church, a Stanford White-designed building that contains

both a museum and archives. Branching west on Art Museum Drive, then to Wyman Park Drive and Druid Hill Park, you get to visit several key destinations. First is the free-admission Baltimore Museum of Art, with its sculpture gardens and world-renowned collection of works by the likes of Matisse and Picasso. Next, drive past the shaded lawns and picturesque water features of Druid Hill Park to get to the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. See animals from the four corners of the globe, and then walk, climb, slide and hop through the children's zoo.

Back on Charles Street, Belvedere Row is an entire block of Queen Anne-style rowhouses. This is followed by Mount Vernon Place, the centerpiece of which is a 208-foot-tall monument topped by a 16-foot stat-

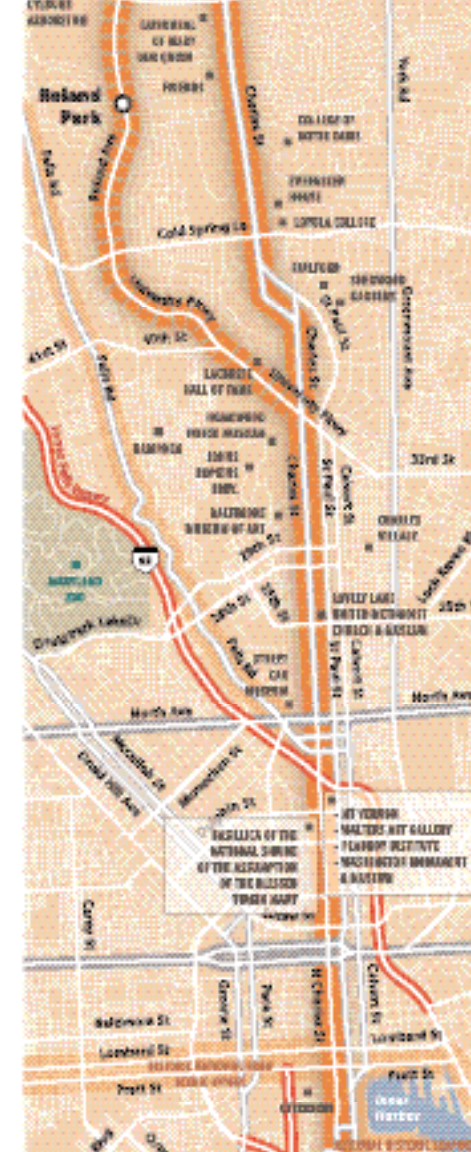
ue of George Washington. Other monuments peek at you from nearby parks as you approach two more internationally recognized destinations. To one side is the Walters Art Museum, which is also free and presents 5,000 years of artistic achievement. Across from the Walters, music and dance performances take place at the Hopkins-affiliated Peabody Institute. While in this area, take time to shop at distinctive boutiques and dine at one of the numerous ethnic restaurants, all of which express the fashion and influence of "Charm City".

Charles Street is famous for its Cathedral Hill Historic District. This concentration of more than 100 cultural, educational, commercial and religious buildings includes the Baltimore Basilica. In 1806, Bishop



John Carroll blessed the laying of the cornerstone of the Basilica, which is considered one of the finest examples of neo-classical architecture in the world.

As you approach Baltimore's famous waterfront area, other cultural attractions take center stage. 1st Mariner Arena, hosts concerts, sports events and other entertainment. You can also slip around the corner at Eutaw Street to take in Broadway productions at the Hippodrome Theatre at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center. Cornerstone of Baltimore's recent westside renaissance, the Hippodrome presents rich and diverse events amid early 20th-century grandeur.



Inner Harbor Area

Just north of the Inner Harbor is the city's historic financial district, which was a bustle of commercial activity between 1900 and 1925. Today's downtown commercial center is a mix of old and new, highlighting One Charles Center, a striking metal and glass building designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, widely regarded as a pioneer of modern architecture.

Have a hankering for pigs' ears, pickled eggs or oxtails? These and other foodstuffs are often available at the Cross Street Market. Or venture into the surrounding bohemian neighborhood to find chic taverns, restaurants and brew pubs. All of this is located virtually in the shadows of Baltimore's two great outdoor sports venues: Oriole Park at Camden Yards, home of the Baltimore Orioles baseball

team, and M&T Bank Stadium, the roost of professional football's Baltimore Ravens.

Around the Inner Harbor, among eateries, shops and numerous spots to relax at water's edge, attractions include the Maryland Science Center, the National Aquarium in Baltimore, and Port Discovery, The Children's Museum. Learn about these destinations, as well as guided "Heritage Walk" tours of the Inner Harbor area and Little Italy neighborhood, at the Inner Harbor-based Baltimore Visitor Center. You can also take this opportunity to see more of Baltimore by linking into the National Historic Seaport Byway (page 97).

OLD LINE LORE: *The Baltimore Basilica, which celebrated its bicentennial in 2006, is known as "America's First*



Cathedral" because it was the first metropolitan-area place of worship constructed following adoption of the U.S. Constitution. A recent major renovation effort now accentuates much of the Basilica's early 19th-century beauty as envisioned by original designer Benjamin Latrobe, architect of the U.S. Capitol.

1st Mariner Arena

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Baltimore, 21201
410-347-2020
www.baltimorearena.com/contact-1st-mariner-arena.shtml

Baltimore Basilica

408 North Charles St
Baltimore, 21201
410-767-3565

Baltimore Museum of Art

Art Museum Dr at Charles and 31st sts



Baltimore, 21230
410-727-6000, 410-625-1600
www.artbma.org

Baltimore Heritage Walk

800 East Lombard St
Baltimore, 21202
443-514-5900

www.heritagewalk.org/index_files/Page1129.htm

Baltimore Visitor Center

401 Light Street
Baltimore, 21202
1-877-BALTIMORE
www.baltimore.org/visitors/v_vc.html

Cross Street Market

10655 Charles St
Baltimore, 21230
www.southbaltimore.com/shop/crossmkt.html

The Hippodrome Theatre at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center

12 N Eutaw St
Baltimore, 21201
410-625-6249
<http://www.france-merrickpac.com/home.html>

Homewood House Museum

3400 N Charles St
Baltimore, 21218
410-516-5589
www.jhu.edu/historichouses

Lovely Lane Museum

2200 St. Paul St
Baltimore, 21218
410-889-4458
www.lovelylanemuseum.com

Maryland Science Center

Inner Harbor
Baltimore, 21230
410-545-5927
www.mdsci.org

Maryland Zoo in Baltimore

Druid Hill Park
Baltimore, 21217
410-366-LION
www.marylandzoo.org

National Aquarium in Baltimore

5021 East Pratt St
Baltimore, 21202
410-576-3800, 410-576-3833
www.aqua.org

National Lacrosse Museum and Hall of Fame

113 W. University Parkway
Baltimore, 21210
410.235.6882
<http://www.uslacrosse.org/museum/index.phtml>

Peabody Institute

1 E Mount Vernon Pl
Baltimore, 21202
410-659-8100
www.peabody.jhu.edu

Port Discovery

35 Market Pl
410-727-8120
www.portdiscovery.org

Sherwood Gardens

Highfield Rd & Greenway
4100 Greenway
Baltimore, 21212
410-785-0444

Walters Art Museum

600 N Charles St
Baltimore, 21201
410-547-9000
www.TheWalters.org