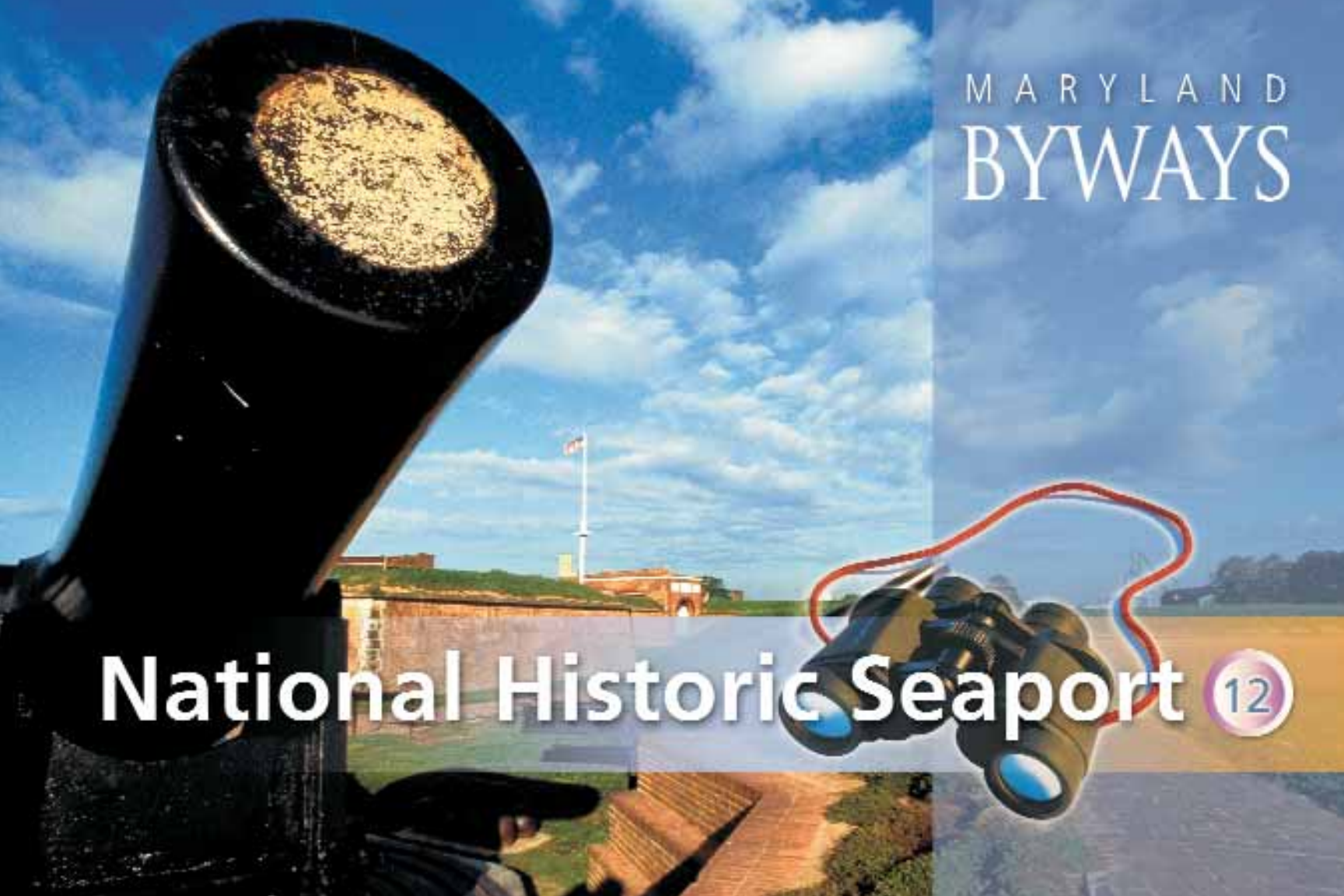


MARYLAND  
BYWAYS

**National Historic Seaport**

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Baltimore is a beacon to the world. As one of America's oldest seaports, it has witnessed four centuries' worth of historical highlights and cultural transformations. Everywhere you look, you see evidence of the city's maritime roots and ethnic diversity mingled with a wide variety of shops, restaurants, attractions and entertainment venues. Waterfront communities connected by this byway share rich traditions that only enhance their continued vitality.

In addition to being at the heart of Baltimore City's heritage area, the National Historic Seaport of Baltimore connects a dozen tightly knit museums and attractions that are the focus of a partnership with the Living Classrooms Foundation together with the City of Baltimore and State of Maryland.

### **Canton to Fells Point – O'Donnell St, Boston St, Aliceanna St, Wolfe St, Thames St, Broadway**

Since the early 1700s, ships from countless foreign ports have been attracted by this natural, deep-water port, forever influencing the city. Start your tour at O'Donnell Street and travel through the heart of Canton, with its many restaurants, shops and taverns. In the 19th century, Canton was notable for its canneries, fertilizer plants and manufacturing facilities that employed German, Irish, Polish and Welsh immigrants. The former American Can Company, once a major manufacturing complex, now houses a combination of specialty shops and offices.



Seven miles along the Baltimore waterfront



Continue past Butchers Hill, a 19th-century neighborhood of brick rowhouses overlooking the harbor, and find Broadway so that you can follow it into the National Historic District of Fells Point. This famous strip of cafés, markets, pubs and specialty shops was a busy shipbuilding center in the 18th and 19th centuries, producing many Baltimore clipper schooners. Enjoy a visit to the Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Park and learn about African-American maritime history, the story of Frederick Douglass's transition from enslaved child to educated young man, and Chesapeake Bay ship-building traditions. A stop at the Fells Point Maritime Museum takes you even deeper into the lives of shipbuilders, sailors, merchants and privateers.



### **Little Italy to Inner Harbor – Fleet, President, Lombard & Light sts**

In the shadow of the tower atop St. Leo's Catholic Church, a neat line of rowhouses lets you know you're on

the southern end of Little Italy. This vibrant ethnic village surrounding Fleet Street offers restaurants, cafés and grocery stores with a delectable Italian flavor. At the intersection of Fleet and President streets, visit the

Baltimore Civil War Museum- President Street Station. This Maryland Civil War Trails site served the railroad line that Frederick Douglass used to carry him from slavery to freedom in the north. Here, in April 1861, Union soldiers arrived in Baltimore to be met by an angry mob of Southern sympathizers. The ensuing riot resulted in 16 deaths – the first bloodshed of the Civil War.

Near where President meets Pratt Street (which is one way going west to east), the Flag House and Star-Spangled Banner Museum tells the story of Mary Pickersgill sewing the 30-foot by 42-foot flag that flew so proudly over the ramparts at nearby Fort McHenry. Virtually next door is the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture, the largest museum of

its kind on the East Coast. Picking up Lombard Street and turning left on Light Street, the numerous shops, eateries and attractions of the Inner Harbor come into view. Outside the National Aquarium in Baltimore, which recently opened a permanent “Animal Planet Australia” wing, you can admire a lighthouse, submarine, Coast Guard cutter and lightship that are all part of the Baltimore Maritime Museum. Then climb on board the USS *Constellation*, which was launched in 1854 to become the last all-sail ship built by the U.S. Navy.

There are several ways to see these and other waterfront attractions besides driving. You can “Ride the Ducks,” which is a land-and-sea sightseeing tour on an amphibious vehicle. You can climb to the Top of the World Observation Level, located



on the 27th floor of Baltimore's World Trade Center, and enjoy a panoramic view. You can take a water taxi. And there are even occasional opportunities to sail aboard Maryland's *Pride of Baltimore II*, a reproduction of an 1812-era clipper privateer. This also marks the trail-head of the Historic National Road on page 7.

Stepping into the past is also very easy, thanks to the Baltimore Heritage Walk. This looping, 3.2-mile trail, which is marked every 20 feet by distinctive disks embedded in the sidewalk, connects 20 historic sites and museums, many of which are mentioned in this byway. Take a self-guided tour, or, from May through November, join a guided walk that covers half of the route and leaves

from the Inner Harbor-based Baltimore Visitor Center.

### Federal Hill to Locust Point – Key Hwy, Fort Ave.

Along Key Highway, another picture-perfect view of the Inner Harbor is available from Federal Hill. This vantage point was fortified by the Union army at the beginning of the Civil War, but today it's a quiet place to sit or stroll. Then, beyond the popular Maryland Science Center on the south side of the harbor area, two more museums have earned national recognition. At the Baltimore Museum of Industry, visitors get hands-on experience with technologies once used in printing, glass making, oyster canning, and more. Then, for something completely different, the American Visionary Art Museum



brings some of the United States' best, self-taught artistry to the forefront.

This byway concludes at Locust Point, where, prior to World War I, thousands of immigrants arrived and either took a train west or stayed in Baltimore to make a new life. In fact, Locust Point was second only to New York's Ellis Island as a receiving point for European immigrants. They passed the star-shaped fort that played a crucial role in the defense of Baltimore during the War of 1812. Today, the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, which is also one of the final stops on the Star-Spangled Banner byway (see page 105), is still admired each year by thousands of travelers who want to see the place that inspired Francis

Scott Key to write our National Anthem.

**OLD LINE LORE:** *The Seven-Foot Knoll Lighthouse, which is now part of the Baltimore Maritime Museum, was originally situated more than 150 years ago at the mouth of the Patapsco River, where Lightkeeper Thomas Steinheise rescued five men from a tugboat during a raging storm in 1933. Steinheise was awarded a Congressional Medal, the highest civilian honor.*

**American Visionary Art Museum**  
800 Key Hwy, Baltimore 21230-3940  
410-244-1900  
[www.avam.org](http://www.avam.org)



**Baltimore Civil War Museum-  
President Street Station**  
601 President St, Baltimore 21202  
410-385-5188  
[www.mdhs.org](http://www.mdhs.org)

**Baltimore Maritime Museum**  
Piers 3 & 5, Baltimore 21231  
410-396-3453  
[www.baltomaritimemuseum.org](http://www.baltomaritimemuseum.org)

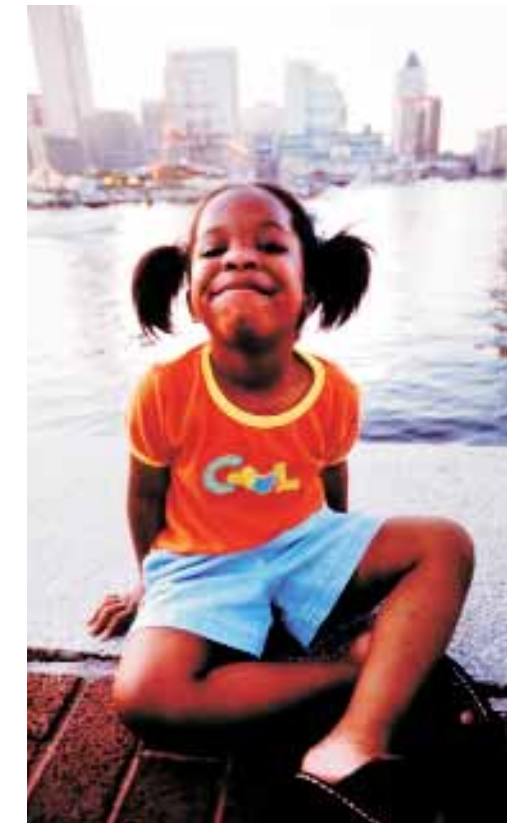
**Baltimore Museum of Industry**  
1415 Key Hwy, Baltimore 21230-5100  
410-727-4808  
[www.thebmi.org](http://www.thebmi.org)

**Fells Point Maritime Museum**  
1724 Thames St, Baltimore 21231  
410-732-0278  
[www.mdhs.org](http://www.mdhs.org)

**Fort McHenry National Monument  
and Historic Shrine**  
2400 E Fort Ave, Baltimore 21230-5393  
410-962-4290  
[www.nps.gov/fomc](http://www.nps.gov/fomc)

**Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers  
Maritime Park**  
1417 Thames St, Baltimore 21231  
410-685-0295  
[www.douglassmyers.org](http://www.douglassmyers.org)

**Pride of Baltimore II**  
Inner Harbor (when in port)  
Baltimore 21202  
410-539-1151, 1-888-554-7433  
[www.marylandspride.org](http://www.marylandspride.org)



**Reginald F. Lewis Museum of  
Maryland African American  
History and Culture**

830 E Pratt St, Ste 400, Baltimore  
21202

443-263-1800

[www.africanamericanculture.org](http://www.africanamericanculture.org)

**Ride the Ducks of Baltimore**

25 Light St, Ste 300, Baltimore 21202

410-727-3825

[www.baltimoreducks.com](http://www.baltimoreducks.com)

**Top of the World Observation  
Level**

World Trade Center, 401 E Pratt St,  
27th Fl, Baltimore 21202-3016

410-837-VIEW

[www.bop.org](http://www.bop.org)

**USS *Constellation* Museum**

Pier 1, 301 E Pratt St, Baltimore  
21202

410-539-1797

[www.constellation.org](http://www.constellation.org)

