

Check out the Maryland Crab & Oyster Trail for a complete guide to crack, shuck, and savor Maryland seafood.

Maryland Blue Crabs are on every visitor's must-eat list. Here are some top spots for delicious steamed crab, crab cakes and crab soup.

Seafood by the Shore in Ocean City

In the state's largest beach town, you can get your crab fix at famed Phillips Ocean City Crab House. Order traditional Maryland steamed hard-shell crabs or other fare from the all-you-can-eat seafood buffet menu. In West Ocean City at Hooper's Crab House, try the crab soups, crab cakes or the raw bar.

Annapolis Crab Feasts

No visit to the state capital would be complete without a meal at one of its spectacular seafood restaurants. Cantler's Riverside Inn is a favorite among the locals. North Boat, drive or walk to Buddy's Crabs & Ribs, located on the banks of the Severn River. In nearby Riva, get your crab fix at Mike's Crab House while watching passing sailboats from the waterfront deck. Or, head north to Pasadena and taste the crab dishes at Mike's Crab House North.

Blue Crabs in Greater Baltimore

If you're lucky, you might spot a local celeb eating crabs and a delicious Greek salad at Jimmy's Famous Seafood in Dundalk. Closer to downtown, Bo Brooks serves up steamed crabs on the waterfront in Canton. In Fells Point, check out Captain James Seafood Palace. They call it a palace, but this Baltimore institution is actually built to resemble a boat. In Essex, try a deep-fried crab at Mr. Bill's Terrace Inn — dozens of big screens make Mr. Bill's a great place for seafood and Sunday football. Cap off your crab-stravaganza at CJ's Crabhouse & Grill in Owings Mills with one of their famous desserts.

Eat-In or Carry-Out Crabtastic Maryland Meals

Owned by a former waterman, Conrad's Seafood Restaurant in Perry Hall offers eat-in crab meals while other locations provide take-out crab fare. Locals and visitors love Woody's Crab House in the waterfront town of North East. Western Maryland may be away from the Bay, but it still has great crabs: The Crabby Pig at Canal Place in Cumberland is a popular dine-in spot and Frederick's West Pointe Crab House lets you carry its delicious seafood out.

Maryland Crab Cakes

It's impossible to do a full list of great crabcakes in Maryland—we'd run out of space on the internet—but here are a few spots to get you started. Head to Koco's Pub in Baltimore, G&M Restaurant & Lounge in Linthicum Heights, Boatyard Bar & Grill in Annapolis and Faidley's Seafood in Baltimore's iconic Lexington Market. Or, sample the crab cakes at Costas Inn—Kathie Lee and Hoda from the "Today" show love them!