

# FACT SHEET



## Baltimore

### City and State Official Contacts

#### Office of the Mayor of the City of Baltimore

City Hall, Room 250  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
410-396-3835

#### Office of the Governor of the State of Maryland

100 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1925  
410-974-3901 ~ 800-811-8336  
MD Relay 800-735-2258

### Visitor Information

#### Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association

100 Light Street, 12th Floor  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
410-659-7300 ~ 877-BALTIMORE

#### Baltimore Visitor Center

Inner Harbor's West Shore;  
401 Light Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
877-BALTIMORE

#### Baltimore Convention Center

One West Pratt Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201  
410-649-7000

#### Maryland Office of Tourism

217 East Redwood Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
866-639-3526 (866-MDWelcome)

### Drive Time Between Baltimore and Major U.S. Cities

City	Miles	Approximate Driving Time
Annapolis, MD	31	37 minutes
Atlantic City, NJ	155	2 hours, 45 minutes
Boston, MA	406	7 hours
New York, NY	192	3 hours, 15 minutes
Philadelphia, PA	103	1 hour, 54 minutes
Pittsburgh, PA	248	4 hours, 15 minutes
Ocean City, MD	135	3 hours
Richmond, VA	152	2 hours, 38 minutes
Washington, DC	39	57 minutes
Williamsburg, VA	199	3 hours, 22 minutes

### Transfers from Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport

Prices vary; the following are estimates:  
Individual taxi \$20-25  
Sedan, limousine or van \$40 and up  
Public transportation (bus or Light Rail) \$1.60

### Getting Around

#### By Car

Most of Baltimore's main streets are one-way, and most downtown streets are set on a simple grid pattern. When driving, look for blue and green trailblazer signs indicating attractions and areas of interest.

Most car rental agencies maintain offices at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport and convenient city locations. For more information, visit [www.baltimore.org](http://www.baltimore.org).

#### By Train

AMTRAK trains run 24 hours a day, seven days a week, connecting Baltimore to many major cities in the Northeast corridor, including New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.; 800-USA-RAIL.

MARC commuter trains operate weekdays between Baltimore and Washington, D.C.; 410-539-5000.

#### By Water

Ed Kane's Water Taxis stop at 12 different landings including various locations in the Inner Harbor, Fell's Point, Little Italy, Canton and Fort McHenry. Buy an all-day, unlimited use "Letter of Marque" ticket onboard any blue-and-white water taxi, and enjoy dozens of discounts; 410-563-3901 or 800-658-8947.

#### Public Transportation

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) operates bus, Metro Subway, Light Rail and MARC train service; 410-539-5000.

### Group Tour Bus/Motorcoach Parking

Baltimore City offers motorcoach parking at Oriole Park at Camden Yards conveniently located downtown just off of I-95.

### Weather

Baltimore has four distinct seasons, with warm weather prevailing from April through October. Winters are relatively short, with more rain than snow. The following chart represents average Baltimore temperatures throughout the year.

Month	High	Low
January	41°	24°
February	44°	26°
March	53°	34°
April	65°	43°
May	74°	53°
June	83°	62°
July	88°	67°
August	85°	66°
September	79°	58°
October	68°	46°
November	56°	37°
December	45°	28°

### Currency Exchange

Most downtown banks can exchange foreign currency for U.S. dollars; just contact the bank in advance. Bank hours are generally 9 a.m. to 3 or 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and some banks offer Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon. For bank listings, go to [www.baltimore.org](http://www.baltimore.org).

Currency may also be exchanged at any of the three travel bureaus at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport. Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the main bureau on the Pier C Upper Level. Call 410-850-4466 for additional information.

### Traveler's Checks and Credit Cards

Traveler's checks are accepted at most hotels, restaurants, car rental and retail establishments. A passport or driver's license is required for cashing traveler's checks, and some banks may charge a small fee. MasterCard, VISA, American Express, and Discover are the most widely accepted credit cards; some establishments also accept Diner's Club and Carte Blanche cards.

### Taxes

In Maryland there is a 6 percent sales tax on all merchandise except grocery items and medications. Baltimore city has an additional 7.5 percent hotel occupancy tax.