

MOVING TO BALTIMORE

THE CHARM CITY

INFORMATION BROCHURE FOR RESIDENTS



I. ABOUT THE CITY

Baltimore, the largest city in Maryland, is the center of a metropolitan area of 1.5 million people. The city is located on the Chesapeake Bay, and its picturesque Inner Harbor, a center of restaurants, shopping, and business districts, is the focus of one of the nation's most successful urban development programs. Baltimore is a vital city long known for its ethnic neighborhoods where each wave of immigration to the United States has added to its character. Baltimore is a city of contrasts; steel and glass skyscrapers that dominate the commercial district are only a short walk from residential neighborhoods that have maintained a small town charm.



Baltimore offers cultural opportunities, professional sports, outdoor activities and much more. Its symphony orchestra performs at the Meyerhoff Hall and the Peabody Conservatory of Music also hosts a concert series. For other entertainment, there is the National Aquarium and the Maryland Zoo. Or if you'd prefer, head to the

mountains. Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and New York are also an easy drive or train ride away. It is also worth visiting all of the things for which Charm City is famous — catching an Orioles game at Camden Yards, watching the Ravens, or enjoying steamed crabs at one of Baltimore's famed seafood restaurants.

For those unfamiliar with the city, our best advice is to get to know Baltimore for what it is rather than for what it is not. Prior to moving here, you may encounter depressing anecdotes about Baltimore: the riot, poverty, drugs, crime, etc. But the city also has a quirky, secret charm that is infectious. Be willing to explore the city, and take advantage of the array of things that Baltimore offers, and you are bound to enjoy your time living here.

II. BALTIMORE CLIMATE

The city is protected from harsh weather variations year-round by the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Appalachian Mountains due west. Freezing temperatures generally do not occur after mid-April or before the end of October, allowing the area approximately 194 frost-free days.

Baltimore regularly gets 90-degree Fahrenheit weather during summer. As well, a day with temperatures in the 90s can happen as early as April or as late as October. The thermometer sometimes reaches 100 °F (38 °C) here. The temperature climbs to 100 or more on an average of one day every two or three years.

The coldest winter nights at Baltimore get down to 0 °F (-18 °C) or less. But temperatures that low are rare, happening on average just once every three years. Baltimore typically has 13 days a year when the temperature never rises above freezing. Frosty days can occur anytime from November to March, but are most common in January.



III. COST OF LIVING

Baltimore is a great place to live because the cost of living is relatively affordable according to northeastern urban standards. You should be able to find a decent apartment and still afford activities that make life livable. The low cost of living has also attracted upcoming artists and musicians and young professionals from all over the mid-Atlantic, and Baltimore city life reflects this. Below are the examples of living expenses in Baltimore.

Housing

	Monthly rent for 85 m2 (900 Sqft) furnished accommodation in EXPENSIVE area	\$2,101
	Utilities 1 month (heating, electricity, gas ...) for 2 people in 85m2 flat	\$135
	Internet 8MB (1 month)	\$48

Food

	Lunchtime menu in the business district	\$14
	Combo meal in fast food restaurant (Big Mac Meal or similar)	\$7
	1/2 Kg (1 lb.) of boneless chicken breast	\$5.59
	1 liter (1 qt.) of whole fat milk	\$0.98

Transportation

	Volkswagen Golf 2.0 TDI 140 CV 6 vel. (or equivalent), with no extras, new	\$20,262
	1 liter (1/4 gallon) of gas	\$0.73
	Monthly ticket public transport	\$69

BALTIMORE VS. MAJOR CITIES

City	Housing	Food	Transportation	Personal Care	Entertainment	Total
NYC	58% more	25% more	49% more	43% more	65% more	48% more*
D.C.	24% more	20% more	125% more	21% more	56% more	46% more
Chicago	3% more	9% more	41% more	28% more	74% more	22% more
Boston	34% more	19% more	11% more	16% more	11% more	21% more
Philadelphia	2% more	16% more	27% more	13% more	38% more	15% more

*Cost of living in New York City is 48% more expensive than in Baltimore, MD.



Notice: These are general estimates. Cost of living may be higher depending on where you live within these cities.

IV. HOUSING

Whether you prefer the hustle and bustle of city life, or the peace and quiet of suburbia, Baltimore and the surrounding areas have a lot to offer. City leaders nostalgically call Baltimore "a city of neighborhoods." In fact, there are more than 200 separately recognized neighborhoods in Baltimore. But you need to be careful when choosing your place to live. The living environment and safety condition vary among neighborhoods.

Many attractive and affordable neighborhoods to live are within easy commuting distance of Johns Hopkins Hospital and Bayview Medical Center. Many Hopkins residents choose to live in downtown Baltimore, though there are many beautiful suburbs that are a short drive from the Hopkins Medical Campus. Popular neighborhoods in the city include **Inner Harbor, Federal Hill, Downtown,**

Canton, Fells Point, Mount Vernon, Mt. Washington, etc.

Popular suburbs include **Ellicott City, Towson, Columbia, Owings Mills, and White Marsh.** Owings Mills is particularly popular because there is a Metro station there. The metro has a stop on the Hopkins medical campus, making a car-free commute possible for Owings Mills residents.



❖ Urban Area

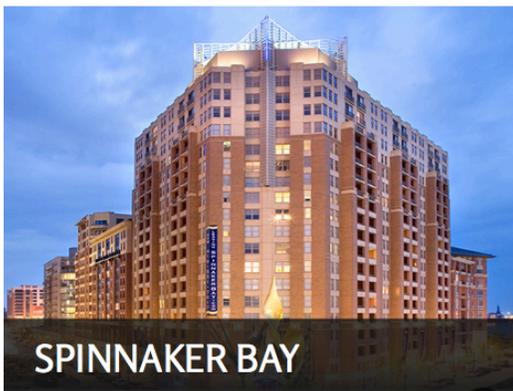
- Inner Harbor

The Inner Harbor is Baltimore biggest and most popular tourist location. On a daily basis, this neighborhood sees thousands of visitors from all over the world. The many shops, restaurants and tourist stops sit neatly on the harbor, which provides the most scenic backdrop in the city. Families, business people and even celebrities prefer to stay at the fine and luxurious hotels that line the harbor's edge. In addition to a tourist spot, the Inner Harbor is home to thousands of condo-owning residents. High-rise condos are the norm for homeowners in the Inner Harbor. The beautiful waterfront views bring a high-end price for premier living. It's worth the price when you have upscale shopping, two sports stadiums, Federal Hill Park, Baltimore's one and only beach, multiple performance stages, and delicious dining options all within steps of your front door. The Inner Harbor is the transportation hub of the city. Various Charm City Circulator routes pass through, numerous MTA bus lines are accessible and Light Rail & subway stops are both short walks away.



Apartment Recommendations:

- Spinnaker Bay
- The Promenade
- The Eden



For more information, please visit:
<http://apartments.harboreast.com>; <http://www.edenapts.com>

➤ Fells Point

On the water in the southeast area of the city, Fells Point is a National Historic District about a mile from Inner Harbor. The neighborhood is home to dozens of unique retail shops, restaurants and pubs. With the highest concentration of millionaires in Baltimore, this is clearly one of the safe parts of the city. You can

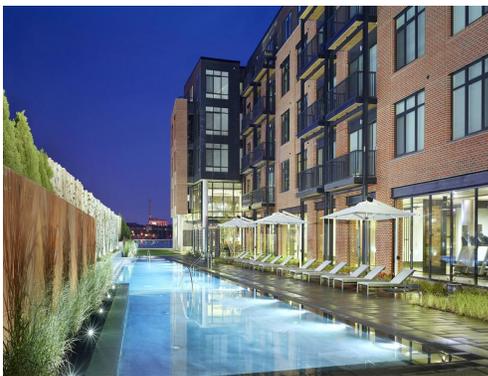


feel free to take your time looking at the many 19th century row houses on the tree-lined streets that populate this historic district. If you're moving to Fells Point, elegantly restored historic homes and houses are waiting. Nice apartments are also available in this neighborhood. Furthermore, convenient transportation makes Fells Point an ideal place to live.

The Jones Falls Expressway just minutes away and good connections to the northbound and southbound portions of Route 95 and the Beltway. Residents are eligible for parking permits. It is also served by MTA buses and water shuttles.

Apartment Recommendations:

- The Union Wharf
- Marketplace at Fells Point
- Belt's Landing
- Henderson's Wharf



*There are plenty of nice and affordable row house options in this neighborhood. Highly recommended!

➤ Canton Area

East of downtown lies Canton, a charming neighborhood settled in the late 19th century by Polish immigrants working at local canneries. What were once factories are now condominiums, artists' studios, offices, restaurants and stores. A quaint and lively village square rimmed with eclectic restaurants, pubs and shops along O'Donnell Street is the heart of this waterfront neighborhood. Wander down the blocks surrounding Canton Square to see painted screens, window shrines and classic marble stoops in front of brick and stone row houses.

O'Donnell Square including the Canton library. Canton Waterfront Park & Fishing Pier Park, two marinas and a public boat launch, DuBurns Soccer Arena and many small interesting restaurants. Close to Patterson Park, Fells Point, Highlandtown, Greektown and minutes to Downtown. The land was sold for expanding waterfront industrial uses and housing to support the blue-collar workers. During the early 1900's European immigrants settled in the area, most notably, Welsh, Irish, German and Polish. More recently, as industry moved out, new housing and marinas have been developed along the waterfront. Canton is a perfect place to live if you are looking for easy access to downtown and a quiet area to raise kids.



Apartment Recommendations:

- Tindoco Wharf
- Domain Brewers Hill
- 1212 East
- Canton Cove
- Hangover Brewers Hill

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➤ Federal Hill

Near Fells Point in South Baltimore, Federal Hill is within walking distance of the harbor. Described as “family- and dog-friendly,” with a strong sense of its individuality, this neighborhood has beautiful brick rehabbed homes. You’ll also find condominiums and row homes. Some of the residents are even third-generation South Baltimoreans and very proud of their community heritage.

There are also some apartment houses and a few old residences divided into apartments. Federal Hill is a cohesive, inclusive neighborhood with a strong community sense which works hard to preserve its individuality. The neighborhood is a federal historic district, and the northern portion has strict preservation and urban renewal requirements.



Today, the area offers the best of Baltimore living. You can be entertained at Illusions Comedy and Magic bar, eat the best local burgers at Ryleigh’s Oysters, and enjoy a break from it all in the Federal Hill Park. There’s plenty to do here and the redevelopment of the area has attracted many new residents. Federal Hill is littered with apartments and is most suited to those who love urban living. It is a popular choice for many young professionals, and more and families are settling here as well.

Apartment Recommendations:

- Harbor Hill Apartment
- 1201 S Charles



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➤ Downtown

City Center: The historic heart of Downtown Baltimore, City Center encompasses such communities as Historic Charles Street, Charles Center, Market Place and is home to hundreds of businesses and offices. Downtown's Inner Harbor features world class attractions such as the National Aquarium and Port Discovery Children's Museum as well as thousands of hotel rooms and acres of meeting space. One can enjoy fine shopping, dining, and entertainment at Harborplace, the Power Plant, and Power Plant Live. Nearby communities include Little Italy, Historic Jonestown, Harborview, and Inner Harbor East. The focus of massive new investments, Downtown's West Side is being transformed by ambitious development projects such as the just completed Atrium at Market Center. West Side communities include University Center, and the Loft District. Home to both the Baltimore Orioles and Baltimore Ravens, Camden Yards is much more than just architecturally acclaimed sports stadiums. Camden Yards is the gateway to downtown with unparalleled access from I-395, the Baltimore/Washington Parkway and MARC's Camden Line with service to Washington DC. Enjoy the Babe Ruth Birthplace Museum, neighborhood bars and restaurants while you are here. Nearby communities include the neighborhood of Ridgley's Delight and the Carol Camden Business Center.

Apartment Recommendations:

- Camden Court
- The Munsey
- The Equitable Building
- 39 West Lexington
- Charles Towers



➤ Mount Vernon

Ten blocks north of the Inner Harbor, Mount Vernon is a National Register Historic District. This lively neighborhood not only serves as the cultural center of Baltimore but as the home to a diverse group of residents and businesses. College students who walk to class and professionals who work here, downtown, or as far away as Washington and New York are just some of the people who take advantage of Mt. Vernon's convenient location. Singles and empty-nesters who seek to avoid the monotony of the suburbs enjoy a wide array of art, entertainment, and services just steps from their front door. Living spaces include single family Victorian row homes, carriage houses, condominiums, apartments in row homes, and several high-rises. Mount Vernon is home to the Walters Art Museum, the Maryland Historical Society, Center Stage, Spotlighter's Theater, the Peabody Musical Institute, and the Enoch Pratt Library. Mount Vernon is also considered one of Baltimore's premiere dining and nightlife locations with a large variety of award-winning restaurants from fine-dining to ethnic cuisine to coffee shops plus numerous bars and clubs with live music and dancing. Housing options include historic homes, row homes and apartments for rent.



Apartment Recommendations:

- Professional Arts Building
- The Fitzgerald at UB Midtown
- Symphony Center Apartment



➤ Mount Washington

Mount Washington, an upscale enclave, lies just west of the Jones Falls Expressway (I-83) above Northern Parkway. The neighborhood is comprised of approximately 1600 residences surrounded by attractions, natural and man made. On the Northwest edge, Luckman Park is a lovely setting in which to play tennis, picnic or walk through the woods. At the other (southeast) end of the



neighborhood, the University of Baltimore Fields include playing fields for lacrosse and rugby, and a golf driving range open to the public. The Mount Washington Village, part of the eastern section of the neighborhood, includes restaurants, salons, clothing stores, specialty shops and even a veterinarian. Also in the village is Baltimore Clayworks, a nationally recognized non-profit educational

art institution that promotes the exploration of ceramics in the setting of an old library building. Across the Jones Falls from the village is the Mount Washington Mill, an historic mill complex along the Jones Falls reborn as a shopping center including a Whole Foods natural foods grocery store, Starbucks, Framin Place, Amazing Glaze and Smith & Hawken. Mt. Washington boasts two swim clubs: The Mt. Washington Swim Club, a neighborhood non-profit summer time swim club, and Meadowbrook, a year-round swim club and fitness center with Olympic-size swimming pools that actually produce Olympic swimmers such as Michael Phelps and Anita Nall.

To the south is the beautiful Cylburn Arboretum, which includes specimen trees, well marked nature trails and bird watching. The Mt. Washington Arboretum is also a lovely venue for walks and learning about native flora. The neighborhood is served by the Light Rail, with service to Camden Yards and the Airport, and several bus lines. Major employers in or near Mt. Washington include the Johns Hopkins Conference Center, Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital and Sinai Hospital.



❖ Suburban Area

If you're more interested in a suburban lifestyle, but would still enjoy being close to a large city, you might choose to move to one of the Baltimore suburban neighborhoods that afford both.

➤ Towson, MD

Towson, MD is an unincorporated community (population around 54,000) and the county seat of Baltimore County. Convenient to some of the area's largest employers, Towson is just north of Baltimore City and inside the Beltway. Towson began as a farming community; it now houses families and Towson State University's 20,000 students. Towson is a sought-after location due to its excellent K-12 public schools, which are part of the Baltimore City School system. There are also established private schools in the area.

If shopping is your thing, you're in luck. Towson Town Center is Baltimore County's largest indoor mall and the Towson Marketplace is another popular retail location.



➤ Cockeysville, MD

Cockeysville is the perfect contrast to the hustle and bustle of city living. It's a quieter area that boasts wide open fields and local farms, making it the ideal retreat for families or those who are looking for a break from the noise of inner city life.

You can find plenty of local farms selling fresh meat and vegetables, as well as the gourmet mega store Wegmans, which has all the grocery shopping facilities you could ask for. Plus, in less than half an hour, you can travel to downtown Baltimore and still enjoy all the conveniences of having the city at your doorstep. Parks are plentiful in Cockeysville, but a firm local favorite is the Oregon Ridge Park, as it boasts a nature reserve and two awesome playgrounds for the kids. There's a real sense of community in this neighborhood, and it's a prime area to raise a family.



V. TRANSPORTATION

❖ City Public Transportation

There are 4 major options--bus, MARC train, Light Rail, and Metro subway. Much of this info (fares, routes, etc.) can be found at <http://www.mtmaryland.com>.

A one-way bus or subway fare is \$1.70, and a day pass with unlimited daily use on the bus and the subway is \$4.00, a weekly pass is \$22.00 and a monthly pass is \$68. The buses run throughout the city and into Baltimore County. The Charm City Circulator (CCC) is a fleet of 30 free shuttles that travel four routes in Baltimore City. CCC serves residents, downtown employees, students and tourists and anyone else

The shuttle is intended to reduce congestion and pollution by offering a convenient, reliable and eco-friendly form of public transportation. The separate routes—which runs from City Hall to Johns Hopkins, which runs from



who wishes to ride. The Green Route runs from City Hall to Fells Point and the Purple Route runs from 33rd Street to Federal

Hill, the Orange Route which runs from Hollins Market to Harbor East and the Banner Route which runs from the Inner Harbor to Fort McHenry.

The subway runs East-West only, and does not link up with either of the other two rail systems. If you're coming to Baltimore to go to Johns Hopkins Hospital, this is your best bet. It runs from Owings Mills Mall, on the west side of Baltimore County off of 795, to Johns Hopkins Hospital, with stops in between. Here is a link to the system map. It is pretty reliable and a nice option if it's limited stops go where you need to go.

Next, there is the Light Rail. This is the North/South option. It does not link up with the other two rail systems. For a while now, either one half or the other of the light rail was totally shut down to double track the rails, and ridership has plummeted. You can grab this at the airport.

Then there is MARC. The train schedules are mostly for commuters, and are unidirectional. You can get to Frederick, MD, DC and WV using this rail system.

Employees of Hopkins are eligible to use pre-tax dollars to purchase monthly passes for the bus, light rail and Metro subway. Details and where to buy passes on campus (JHED ID login required).

❖ Hopkins Shuttles

If you work or go to school at Johns Hopkins Medicine or Johns Hopkins University, you may take advantage of courtesy shuttles. These free shuttles provide transportation around the East Baltimore campus, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, JHU's Homewood campus, and several other satellite offices and parking lots. You must display your ID badge to ride.



Employee/Student Shuttle (Route #3)

Stops: McElderry & Wolfe, Wolfe & Lamley, Baltimore & Washington, Baltimore & Chester, Patterson Pk. & Baltimore, Patterson Pk. & Fayette, and McElderry & Madeira (city lot)

Hours: Monday - Friday

5:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

3:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Employee/Student Shuttle (Route #4)

Stops: Rutland & Monument, Washington Garage, Ashland & Collington (Henderson-Hopkins), Chase & Patterson Pk., Chase & Washington, Broadway & Eager, Eager & Bond, Caroline & Ashland, Caroline Garage, Monument & Broadway.

Hours: Monday - Friday

5:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

3:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Employee/Student After Hours Shuttle (Route #7)

Stops: Picks up passengers in the Wolfe Street Circle and travels anywhere within the boundaries of Lakewood Ave. (east), Central Ave. (west), Biddle St. (north), Eastern Ave. (south) and the Monument Satellite Lot, as well as to the Mt. Vernon area.

Hours: Monday - Friday, 6:00 p.m. - 12:45 a.m.

Church-Ashland Shuttle (Route #12)

Stops: Ashland Garage, Wolfe St., Church-Home Bldg. (at N. Broadway), Church Garage, Weinberg Bldg. (N. Broadway at Jefferson St.), Dome, Monument St. (curbside by JHH Employee Entrance).

Hours: Monday - Friday, 5:00 a.m. - 9:56 p.m.

For real-time shuttle tracking visit <http://jhmi.transloc.com/>

To view route maps and schedules, visit

http://intranet.insidehopkinsmedicine.org/security_parking/transportation/shuttles.html#courtesy

VI. SAFETY

To Potential Residents,

At Hopkins, we care about our employees' safety. Prior to moving to Baltimore, you might hold negative impressions toward the city and might have safety concerns in your mind. We fully understand that safety is an important and inevitable issue to address in this city. But just as Chris Everett, a 62-year-old Baltimorean, said in a Baltimore Sun report (2015), we want the world to know that Baltimore is far more than looted buildings, protesters lobbing rocks and police in riot gear.

The April riot has marred the image of the city. According to Councilman Nick Mosby, the rage and destruction after the death of 25-year-old Freddie Gray lays bare the "truth about urban life in America". But Mosby found inspiration in the hundreds of residents who came out to help Tuesday morning. "Out of that full-fledged riot, the next day people are sweeping the streets, people are cleaning together, people are getting together to take the city back. It shows the resiliency of Baltimore. That's how I know this is not going to have a damning impact on our city " Mosby said.

Crime and gang violence are the top threats in major cities in the United States. We feel sad and unfortunate about what happened in our city this April, while still believing in the city and its people. We also admit that the safety condition varies greatly among neighborhoods, or even streets. And that is why we cautiously selected the neighborhoods in the previous chapter for your housing reference. And we would like to address any questions and concerns you have about moving to and living in the city. Feel free to contact us. We are here to help.

Sincerely,

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