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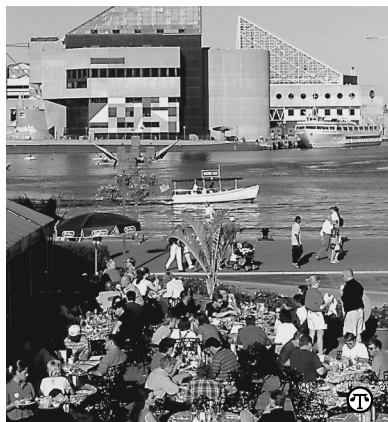


Savor The Flavors Of A Baltimore Vacation

(NAPSA)—Been to Baltimore lately? If not, you don't know what you're missing. Nearly overnight, a citywide marketplace of stylish restaurants, shops and bakeries has taken the city by storm. Baltimore is rapidly earning its "chops" as an emerging culinary hot spot and must-see destination for culture, art and cutting-edge cuisine.

When you think of Baltimore, you conjure up thoughts of classic Baltimore crab cakes, the scenic Inner Harbor, unique water taxis transporting people from neighborhood to neighborhood and, of course, historic Camden Yards. After all, oftentimes the Inner Harbor is where the Baltimore experience begins, but visitors are quickly learning there's so much more to explore. And you need several days to do it. Distinctive Baltimore offerings include rising-star chefs and eclectic eateries nestled in cozy, historic neighborhoods rich with character, as well as cultural and educational attractions that send you home with a lifetime of memories. In today's Baltimore, the city's diverse cuisine and one-of-a-kind attractions have visitors coming back for seconds.

Baltimore's up-and-coming dining scene satisfies every palate and every budget. The bustling public markets provide a fun alternative to traditional supermarkets and offer a variety of high-quality yet affordable meals, incorporating fresh Baltimore seafood and produce—not to mention a dash of authentic Baltimore flavor from the locals. Those visitors looking for a more upscale



Baltimore has become a city with a food scene that features fresh Chesapeake-influenced menus, innovative dishes and numerous new restaurants.

dining experience can turn to the creations of celebrity chefs, such as John Shields at Gertrude's at the Baltimore Museum of Art and Cindy Wolf at Charleston in Harbor East.

The best part about Baltimore is that you can easily explore the city with your own two feet. A veritable buffet of culinary offerings is mere steps from wherever you find yourself. You've heard of paint by numbers? Try eating by neighborhoods as you simultaneously sample your way through funky locales and a vast range of options, from beloved neighborhood diners to the elegant five-star restaurants. Any way you slice it, Baltimore has something for everyone in your family.

For value-added vacation packages or to plan a trip to Baltimore, visit www.baltimore.org today.