Baltimore than you expect.
Of Baltimore’s many nicknames, “Charm City” says it best. Whatever anyone tells you about Baltimore, they all agree: it’s different. One hour north of Washington, D.C., and three hours south of New York, Baltimore is either the most northerly southern American city or the other way around. In the mix is the heart of the charm.

We collected comments from some of our most celebrated residents, past and present. Then we surveyed hundreds of Johns Hopkins University graduate students and interviewed dozens more to get their impressions of the city where they live.

Discover the Baltimore they call home.
What is Baltimore?

“A city of tattoos” is how one Johns Hopkins graduate student describes it. “Duckpin bowling was invented here,” notes another. Most important, though, “people who live here, work here. There is a lot of local pride.”

The biggest city in the Baltimore-Washington Metroplex and home to some 8,500 Johns Hopkins graduate students, Baltimore offers something for everyone.

A few of our favorite things:

• “I love crab cakes in Baltimore!”
• “Hahn A. Reum Asian Grocery, Punjab Deli, and Halal Meats: cheap spices and rare ingredients for cooking at home.”
• “Spring: it brings the most beautiful tulips.”
• “Faidley’s at Lexington Market, one of Baltimore’s hidden gems.”
• “Hidden parks in Canton, on Baltimore Street and Ann Street.”
• “The Inner Harbor—charming and beautiful.”
• “Tons of great restaurants and parks.”
• “The Sunday farmers market downtown.”
• “Lighting the Washington Monument at Christmas.”
• “The American Visionary Art Museum’s kinetic sculpture race is awesome.”

78% of surveyed graduate students agreed that “quirky charm” is a good way to describe Baltimore.
Welcome home, hon.

Lively, convenient neighborhoods near JHU’s Baltimore campuses include:

Near Homewood campus:
• Charles Village: home to Homewood bookstores, coffee shops, restaurants
• Waverly: farmers market, bookstores, thrift shops
• Hampden: cheap eats, antiques, clothing stores, bars and clubs
• Remington: row homes, quiet streets, all-night eats
• Roland Park: tree-lined streets, upscale markets, cafes and haute cuisine
• Guilford: stately homes and swank apartments

Near Peabody and Downtown campuses:
• Mount Vernon: history, museums, nightlife, farmers market
• Federal Hill: historic fun, marinas, museums, city lights

Near East Baltimore campus:
• Fells Point: waterfront charm, live music and dancing
• Patterson Park: Baltimore’s “pagoda,” bucolic heart of East Baltimore
• Canton: hip eateries, art galleries, waterfront

Top-Rated Neighborhoods
1. Charles Village
2. Mount Vernon
3. Hampden
4. Roland Park
5. Fells Point

*Graduate student survey

Survey notes: “I enjoy being able to walk or bike to work if I want to and being able to walk or bike when I go out at night.”

A note on security: Watching The Wire on HBO could lead you to believe that Baltimore is a dangerous place. The truth is, living in any city calls for a certain amount of caution. Campus Safety and Security at Johns Hopkins offers a wealth of tips for staying safe and detailed statistics on crime activity near JHU campuses. Get the facts at www.jhu.edu/~security.

“I live right across from the Homewood campus on North Charles Street in what is called Charles Village or ‘The Chillage.’ There’s a nice coffee house nearby called XandO’s. It’s next to a good record, CD, and DVD shop, a Kinko’s, and restaurants. I like most to walk around the neighborhoods that surround campus. There are lots of hidden parks to hang out and do homework in.”
— Frank Galimore, Eugene, OR, Master of Fine Arts Program in Poetry, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences

Baltimore has more to offer than the Inner Harbor! This is a city of neighborhoods, each with its own attractions and attitude: ‘To find the city’s hidden treasures, travel off the beaten path.’

— Erica Reeves, Columbus, OH, Doctoral Program in Neuroscience, School of Medicine

Mary Pickersgill, who lived most of her life in Baltimore, designed the flag that flew over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812.

FILM NIGHT IN LITTLE ITALY: CINEMA PARADISO, BALTIMORE-STYLE.
In the Heart of the Action

“There’s an amazing amount of intellectual energy between Washington, D.C., and New York. From Baltimore, my students have easy access to all the region’s resources.” — Alice McDermott, Johns Hopkins University writer-in-residence, Writing Seminars, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, 1998 National Book Award winner for Charming Billy

“I moved here from New York City and lots of people tried to tell me that living in Baltimore was not going to be easy. But I took as an instant liking to this place with its warm and affectionate people. In many ways, Baltimore reminds me of home. Whatever the season, I always relate Baltimore to monsoons in India—refreshing!” — Pritika Chatterjee, New Delhi, India, Doctoral Program in Mental Health, Bloomberg School of Public Health

“The Environmental Health Sciences Department here has high-quality, established research under way in my areas of interest, carcinogenesis and food toxicology, with collaborators as near as Washington, D.C., and Boston. Cancer research and risk assessment—areas I plan to pursue professionally—thrive here with the proximity of the National Cancer Institute and the Environmental Protection Agency.” — Shoba S. Iyer, Long Beach, CA, Doctoral Program in Environmental Health, Bloomberg School of Public Health

37% of surveyed graduate students said proximity to New York and Washington, D.C., is a Baltimore asset.

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• “The benefit of Baltimore is that it’s close to D.C., Philadelphia, NYC. And it’s only a few hours’ drive to the Appalachian Mountains.”
• “There are plenty of natural parks surrounding the city for great hiking and outdoor activities.”
• “We’re close to the ocean. Ocean City, Dewey Beach, and Rehoboth Beach are so much fun!”
• “My favorite quirky things about Baltimore? Crab. The way people hail a cab (not quite the same as in NY or D.C.). The phrase, ‘Bawlmore hon.’”
• “The Peabody Conservatory always has concerts to go see — usually for free!”

Well connected: Baltimore: a short train ride to the trading floors and publishing houses in New York, the halls of power in Washington, D.C., and the high-tech labs and offices of businesses headquartered throughout the mid-Atlantic. Get out of town through one of several nearby international airports, via interstate highways, or public transportation, which connect all the major cities of the East Coast.

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EDGAR ALLAN POE DIED IN BALTIMORE IN 1849 AND IS BURIED ON THE GROUNDS OF WESTMINSTER HALL AND BURYING GROUND IN DOWNTOWN BALTIMORE.
**The Scene**

**The perfect day? Start with chocolate chip pancakes at Pete’s Grill. From there, it’s a short walk to the Baltimore Museum of Art where you can browse through some Matisse and Picasso. For lunch, take a picnic over to Sherwood Gardens and enjoy the tulips. Then catch an evening movie at the Charles Theatre and a late dinner at the tapas restaurant right next door, talking over good sangria and paella.” — Mariko Yamaguchi, Los Angeles, CA / Tokyo, Japan, Doctoral Program in Psychological and Brain Sciences, Krueger School of Arts and Sciences

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**Favorite places to go**

- Out to eat with friends: 52.0%
- Concerts, plays, art openings, dancing: 13.1%
- Hanging out at home: 9.3%
- The great outdoors: 6.4%
- Bars and clubs: 6%
- D.C. for the day: 4.6%
- Other: 8.5%

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**Radio Personality IRA GLASS, Host of “This American Life” on National Public Radio, Was Born in Baltimore, As Was His Cousin, Composer Philip Glass.**
Hopkinsville, Collegetown, U.S.A.

“The Johns Hopkins University, Johns Hopkins Hospital, and related educational institutes around Baltimore provide an environment full of world-class authorities for graduate students in just about every arena. It is a great place to learn and a great place to work.” — Benjamin S. Carson Sr., MD, director of Pediatric Neurosurgery; professor of neurological surgery, oncology, plastic surgery, and pediatrics; Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions

“I wanted to do research directly related to human disease, and with the many researchers here at Hopkins I am able to do just that. It makes me feel like my research has a real impact on society.” — Rebecca Deering-Brose, Cooperburg, PA, Doctoral Program in Human Genetics, School of Medicine

“I’m a writing major, and Hopkins has one of the best writing programs in the country. I take classes with celebrated authors. I live within walking distance of at least four different bookstores. I stayed in Baltimore during the summer of my sophomore year and really got a feel for the city. Since then, my impression of Baltimore only keeps improving.” — Carey Polis, Bethesda, MD, Undergraduate Program in Writing Seminars, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences

71% percent of surveyed graduate students said Baltimore was a good place for their field of study.

America’s smallest big city
As one student put it: “Baltimore is the country’s smallest big city. It has the institutions and cultural resources of any great city, and the quaint, undefined charm of a small town.” It also has Johns Hopkins University. One of 14 institutions of higher education in Baltimore, Johns Hopkins (and Baltimore) offers unexcelled resources for students.

Johns Hopkins in Baltimore:
• Homewood campus
  • Krieger School of Arts and Sciences
  • Whiting School of Engineering
  • School of Education
• Downtown Center
  • Carey Business School
  • Peabody Conservatory
  • George Peabody Library
• East Baltimore Medical Campus
  • School of Medicine
  • Bloomberg School of Public Health
  • School of Nursing
• Historic houses
  • Evergreen Museum
  • Homewood Museum
Easy Town

“Baltimore is an awesome place to live. I love city life, and there are so many things to do. The Inner Harbor is home to many tasty restaurants, taverns, and bars. Sports fans stop at Camden Yards to watch the Orioles play baseball or catch a Ravens football game. After living here for a couple of months, I started loving this place. It has a good blend of city and suburban living.”

— Harish Nathani, Kanpur, India, Doctoral Program in Materials Science and Engineering, Whiting School of Engineering

“I’ve always loved the water, and it has become more special to me since I joined the Baltimore Rowing Club. The Patapsco River is beautiful, the company is great, and the feeling of sliding back and forth to send your blade in the water and power the boat is amazing. I probably wouldn’t have started rowing if I didn’t live here, and now it’s hard to imagine enjoying any other exercise more!”

— Megan Hoffmann, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, Master of Science Program, School of Nursing

Top Five Baltimore “best-kept secrets”

1. Less expensive living
2. Great restaurants
3. Free admission to major museums
4. Beautiful architecture
5. Music scene

*Graduate student survey

What’s not to like? There is an ease about Baltimore. Many people don’t find in other East Coast cities such as Philadelphia or Washington, D.C. Maybe it’s the characteristic friendliness of the people, calm induced by the lapping waters of the Inner Harbor, or the pace—down a notch or two from nearby cities but still full of energy and fun.

Overheard

• “The famous Inner Harbor is only a 10-minute walk from the Peabody Conservatory. It can’t get much better than that!”

• “I’ve lived in Baltimore my whole life and I am still finding new things in this city.”

• “Whether it’s salsa dancing at the Belvedere or watching a football game at one of the great bars and pubs in Fells Point, there is something for everyone.”

• “I love the old architecture and the beautiful trees that line the old streets. It also has the vibe in Baltimore. It’s a real American city.”

• “I really enjoyed a cute little fair on Abell Avenue that I accidentally biked into.”

• “Baltimore has a great underground music scene, cheap concerts, and good underground rap.”

• “Every year a mysterious man appears at Edgar Allan Poe’s gravesite, reads one of his poems, and leaves a rose and a bottle of whiskey.”

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Discover BaltiMORE

To find out more about the charms of living in Charm City, start by logging on to www.livebaltimore.com, a good clearinghouse of event calendars, cultural institution listings, clubs and concert halls, and descriptions of goings on around town.

Better yet, come discover Baltimore for yourself. Contact us today to help plan your visit to one of the many campuses of The Johns Hopkins University.

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From top left: Lady Baltimore sails into the harbor; a young member of the Peabody Prep; Babe Ruth goes duckpin bowling; the historic Senator Theatre; “showing down” at Loc’s Hembre; one of over 600 species residing at the National Aquarium in Baltimore; Sherwood Gardens in spring; cricket game at Homewood; biking around town; JHU student tutoring a Baltimore City child; canoeing on the Gaspawder River; tech lab at JHMI; renowned Baltimore jazz guitarist Carl Filipiak; Baltimore crab feast; “Nipper,” the RCA logo dog, displayed on the roof of the Maryland Historical Society; Charles Village Festival; Inner Harbor water taxi.