

Cruise Maryland

from the Port of Baltimore

Gateway to your Getaway!

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NAUTICAL NOTES



Royal Caribbean's *Enchantment of the Seas* replaces the *Grandeur of the Seas*

Baltimore Just Got A Little More Enchanting

Cruise Maryland Welcomes Royal Caribbean's *Enchantment of the Seas*®

Be enchanted by Baltimore when you vacation onboard *Enchantment of the Seas*®, Royal Caribbean International's® newest ship cruising the Northeast.

Replacing *Grandeur of the Seas*®, *Enchantment* is a larger ship that will add an additional 36 balconies and 87 ocean view staterooms. *Enchantment* will also offer expanded youth-dedicated space and Chops Grille, their signature steakhouse.

Bask in Bermuda and enjoy a two-day call at Kings Wharf where you can leisurely explore the island's unusual pink beaches, quaint shops, and fabulous night life. Or lounge in Labadee®, Royal's private beach destination on the northern coast of Haiti. These ports and so many more are just the beginning of your Baltimore crossing.

SPOTLIGHT

BALTIMORE'S TREMONT

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Thrill your senses on many exciting shore excursions, each offering a one-of-a-kind experience. Test the trade winds on Labadee® Dragon's Breath Flight Line – the longest flight line in the world over water, zipping you over the bay at speeds up to 50 miles per hour. In Bermuda, view sea creatures rarely seen by day during a fascinating night snorkel expedition.

And don't forget, every Royal Caribbean ship offers award-winning Broadway-style musical reviews, top-rated Adventure Ocean® youth and teen programs and the renowned friendly and engaging Gold Anchor Service®.

Starting in June 2010 Enchantment of the Seas® sails from Baltimore, alternating a 5-Night Bermuda and 9-Night Eastern Caribbean/Canada itinerary for the remainder of the year. In the winter she'll begin alternating between 9-Night Bahamas and 12-Night Southern Caribbean sailings. "With the great partnership we have had with the Port of Baltimore and our local trade partners, Royal Caribbean is excited to be launching a program from Baltimore for our eighth year and committing to a year round program for our second year," said Diana J. Block, Royal Caribbean International and Celebrity Cruises Vice President of Revenue Management and Deployment. "Along with an ideal cruise terminal location, this area is proving to be an outstanding cruise market and that is a key reason why we are bringing a larger ship and committing to another year round schedule."

With more space, more entertainment and more exciting activities, amenities and itineraries - Enchantment of the Seas® certainly put the "more" in Baltimore.

Hospitality with Personality – a creative combination of comfort, convenience, space, luxury, and style. At Baltimore's Tremonts, the gem of Charm City, they've spent decades crafting and developing their personality so that traveler's and locals alike can share in a unique experience of accommodations and events. Baltimore's Tremonts take pride in their legendary history of quality service, extra large and spacious suites, central downtown location, historic event venue, and fine eateries and restaurants.



Conveniently located to the Inner Harbor, sports arenas, shopping, dining, and major attractions, the Tremont Plaza hotel offers the downtown area's largest guest rooms allowing you to spread out and relax, hold an impromptu meeting, or just feel more at ease. The Tremont Plaza offers warm, cozy beds, attractive and comfortable surroundings, delicious food selections, and world-class amenities.



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The Maryland Port Administration will publish its Cruise Maryland newsletter quarterly throughout the year to bring you up-to-date news related to cruising from the Port of Baltimore and other items of interest to the cruise community. Contact our editor, Carol Vassallo (cvassallo@marylandports.com) if you are interested in having articles published.

Have an event, conference, or wedding? The Tremont Grand, connected to the Tremont Plaza and sitting proudly on historic Charles Street, boasts five floors and 19 rooms of incredible, unique space. Visit www.tremonts.com for information.

BEST WESTERN HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

The Best Western Hotel & Conference Center and Toby's Dinner Theatre of Baltimore have joined forces to offer their guests the ultimate in convenience. Just imagine...arrive in Baltimore the evening before your cruise, check into your hotel,



freshen up, then take the elevator to your evening's dinner and entertainment.

The next morning, after a wonderful hot breakfast buffet in Tradewinds Restaurant, a short shuttle ride will have you at the Cruise Maryland Terminal in no time. The Best Western Hotel offers a "Park N' Cruise" package which includes your hotel room, taxes, hot breakfast buffet, transportation to/from the Cruise Maryland Terminal, and parking while you are on your cruise.

Toby's Dinner Theatre of Baltimore offers Broadway-

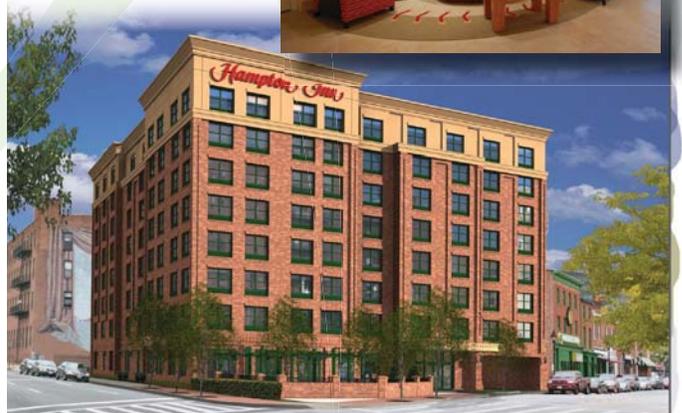
style musicals with a live orchestra and an abundant dinner buffet with a carving station. To see the show schedule and ticket prices, please visit their website at www.tobysdinnertheatre.com.

The Best Western Hotel is conveniently located right off I-95 in Baltimore with plenty of parking and just minutes to the Cruise Maryland Terminal and area attractions including the Inner Harbor, the National Aquarium in Baltimore, the Maryland Science Center with IMAX, Ft. McHenry, and so much more. . . for full information, please visit www.bwhotelbaltimore.com.

Correction from Spring issue

Our apologies to Hampton Inn Baltimore for running the wrong photos in the Spring issue.

This beautiful property is conveniently located near the Camden Yards sports complex and many of the exciting downtown attractions, and is minutes away from the Cruise Maryland Terminal. Contact the hotel at 410.685.5000 or visit their website at www.baltimorecamdenyards.hamptoninn.com.



FEATURE

CRUISE MARYLAND'S ECONOMIC IMPACT

2009

Results of the recently released Economic Impact study show the cruise industry in Maryland is strong and growing.

The growth of the cruise industry in the State of Maryland impacted the state economy by \$91 million and created approximately 500 jobs providing \$30.2 million in personal wage and salary income in 2009. Business revenues and local purchases generated \$72.5 million and \$3.3 million in state, county, and municipal tax revenue.

In 2010, the Cruise Maryland Terminal at the Port of Baltimore will be the homeport of the *Carnival Pride*, *Celebrity Century*, and Royal Caribbean's *Enchantment of the Seas*. Carnival and Royal Caribbean will be sailing year-round with *Celebrity* joining them for the fall/winter season beginning in October. Cruise Maryland will host a total of 91 homeport calls and four ports of calls in 2010.

A total of 167,000 passengers sailed from Baltimore in 2009, one fourth of which stayed in a Baltimore hotel either before or after their cruise. Approximately 52% of our guests booked their cruise through a travel agent; of which approximately 75% are between the ages of 26-65. The most popular states in our source market are Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New York, New Jersey, and Delaware.

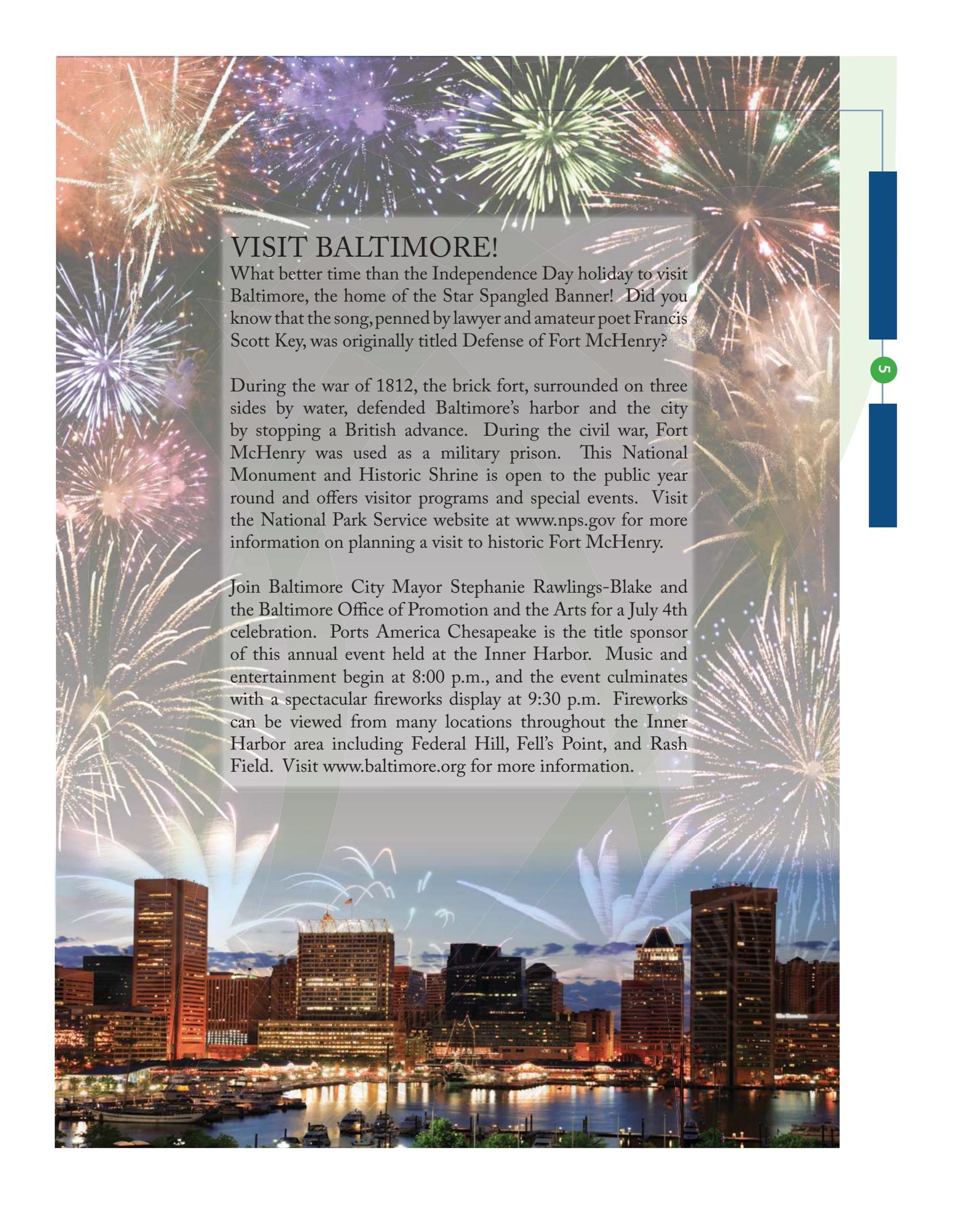
We are looking forward to our continued growth in 2010 and beyond, and we would like to thank you for your support of Cruise Maryland from the Port of Baltimore.

CRUISE SMART

Cruise like a pro with these savvy booking suggestions to make the most of your cruise experience.

Sign up for frequent cruiser programs – many of the programs provide membership perks that increase with the number of cruises you take.

- Use a travel agent – the cruise fare will probably be the same as you would book on-line, but agents can offer incentives such as free travel insurance, on-board credit, and other enticing perks
- Book early if you plan to take a cruise on a popular itinerary – these cruises usually sell out quickly with little to no chance for last-minute discounts
- For itineraries that are fairly standard keep an eye out for last minute deals – sometimes the fares are discounted by the cruise line when a ship is not fully booked
- Check the deck plans of the ship before you book to be sure that your cabin isn't located near or below an area with a high level of traffic
- Book your next cruise while on-board – many cruise lines offer discounts when you put a deposit on a future cruise when already sailing



VISIT BALTIMORE!

What better time than the Independence Day holiday to visit Baltimore, the home of the Star Spangled Banner! Did you know that the song, penned by lawyer and amateur poet Francis Scott Key, was originally titled Defense of Fort McHenry?

During the war of 1812, the brick fort, surrounded on three sides by water, defended Baltimore's harbor and the city by stopping a British advance. During the civil war, Fort McHenry was used as a military prison. This National Monument and Historic Shrine is open to the public year round and offers visitor programs and special events. Visit the National Park Service website at www.nps.gov for more information on planning a visit to historic Fort McHenry.

Join Baltimore City Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts for a July 4th celebration. Ports America Chesapeake is the title sponsor of this annual event held at the Inner Harbor. Music and entertainment begin at 8:00 p.m., and the event culminates with a spectacular fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. Fireworks can be viewed from many locations throughout the Inner Harbor area including Federal Hill, Fell's Point, and Rash Field. Visit www.baltimore.org for more information.

AROUND ANNAPOLIS

Celebrate our Nation's birthday in Annapolis and join friends and family at the William Paca House and Garden on Sunday, July 4 at the home of Declaration of Independence signer William Paca. Begin your day witnessing immigrants become American citizens and then tour the Paca house and interact with costumed interpreters as they portray William Paca and members of his household. Enjoy live musical performances and a Revolutionary War encampment.

Children can participate in patriotic craft activities, and even have the opportunity to add their "John Hancock" to the Declaration of Independence with a quill pen. For more information on this free celebration visit www.annapolis.org.

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History on the High Seas! Be there as the Schooner Woodwind departs from the Annapolis Marriot Waterfront Hotel. People have arrived in Annapolis via the waterways for 300 years - view the city as it was intended to be seen! Learn about the people who have walked the streets in Annapolis and the places they have inhabited in this waterside mecca.

Join interpreters aboard the schooner Woodwind for an evening of amazing facts and amusing tales about Annapolis' past. Dates are available through August. Visit www.annapolis.org for more information.





WANDERING AROUND WASHINGTON

For those of you who missed the summer blockbuster *Avatar*, you have a chance to view it in IMAX, 3D. The Samuel C. Jackson IMAX Theater in the Natural History Museum is hosting the film through September 5, 2010. Visit a spectacular world beyond your imagination as a reluctant hero embarks on a journey of redemption, discovery, and unexpected love. Visit www.si.edu/imax for more information. Revisit the classic songs from *Oklahoma*, *South Pacific*, and *The King and I*, among many others as Emil de Cou and the National Symphony Orchestra present *A Rodgers and Hammerstein Celebration*. The show will be performed at the Filene Center at Wolftrap National Park on July 23. Ticket information is available at www.wolftrap.org.

Fancy yourself a sleuth? Join the History on Foot Walking Tour : Investigation : Detective McDevitt as he investigates clues from the investigation into the Lincoln Assassination Conspiracy. The investigation stops at numerous sites along the route from the Ford Theatre to the White House. Tours are offered through the end of August. Visit www.fords.org for more information.