



BREWS AROUND THE BAY

DAY ONE: THURSDAY

Arrive in Baltimore and head straight for fun, touring the Guinness Open Gate Brewery and Barrel House, the first Guinness brewery on U.S. soil since 1954, just eight minutes from BWI Airport in Halethorpe. Their motto “Céad míle fáilte” translates as “You are welcome, a thousand times, wherever you come from, whosoever you be.”

DAY TWO: FRIDAY

Begin your day in Baltimore’s Inner Harbor with a Healthy Harbor EcoTour by Downtown Partnership. The hour-long walking tour along our waterfront promenade highlights projects restoring the health of the harbor, including floating wetlands, Pierce’s Park rain gardens and the beloved Mr. Trash Wheel.

Next, stroll over to the National Aquarium to learn about aquatic wildlife from here in the harbor to the Atlantic Ocean and beyond. Stay for lunch at Pier 3 Cafe, where you can sip SeaQuench Ale, the official craft beer of the Aquarium, created through a partnership between Dogfish Head Craft Brewery and the Aquarium’s water quality scientists who helped replicate the salinity of Chesapeake Bay waters.

Next, head uptown to Peabody Heights Brewery in Charles Village. Take a tour and learn how Peabody not only brews its own beer, but also opens its facility to local microbrewers. Stop at the taproom to try Peabody’s philanthropic brews: Mr. Trash Wheel’s Lost Python Ale, Professor Trash Wheel Blinded Me Wit Science or Mr. Trash Wheel’s Solar Power Sour, proceeds from which support Healthy Harbor programs.

Please contact group sales at reserve@aqua.org or visit aqua.org/groups for more information.

Next stop is Union Craft Brewing at Union Collective in nearby Woodberry. The taproom offers a delicious array of beers, plus games and bites from Well Crafted Kitchen. Make sure to try Chessie, a Barleywine-style ale aged in oak bourbon barrels. The beer's name refers to the Chesapeake Bay monster of urban myth once adopted as a conservation mascot by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

No beer lover should miss Max's Taphouse back downtown in Fell's Point. Max's boasts a rotating selection of 1,000 bottles, 102 taps and five casks of beer. Let your knowledgeable server direct you to can't-miss local offerings.

DAY THREE: SATURDAY

After breakfast at your hotel, check out and head to Annapolis, just 30 minutes from Baltimore. See Maryland's beautiful capital and paddle through its rich history on a two-hour tour fit for beginners from Kayak Annapolis.

After lunch, cross the Bay Bridge and head south to Cambridge, where you'll tour RAR Brewing. Just steps from the Chesapeake Bay, this brewery produces multiple beers in homage to local waterways and features none other than Chessie, the Chesapeake Bay monster.

Next stop is charming Salisbury, Maryland, home to Evolution Craft Brewing Co., which prides itself on brewing beer made to be enjoyed with great food. Enjoy brewery tours, a tasting room and quintessential brewpub all in one stop!

Travel just a few minutes to Burley Oak Brewery in Berlin, where brewers partner with a local soil scientist to grow their grains locally on the Eastern Shore. Their grain-to-glass series called Home Grown Ales gives new meaning to the term "drink local."

DAY FOUR: SUNDAY

Spend your morning on the beach in Ocean City before driving to Milton, Delaware, home of Dogfish Head Craft Brewery. Tour one of the country's most successful and eco-aware microbreweries, play some bocce and take part in a complimentary tasting. Named after a species of shark, Dogfish Head is a dedicated National Aquarium partner, supporting shark research and seafood sustainability. Grab a six-pack or fill up a growler so you can share a new brew and your vast Chesapeake Bay beer knowledge with friends back home.

