RED, WHITE, AND BLUE CRAB

DAY ONE
Arriving in the afternoon, begin your Baltimore experience uptown at the historic Mount Vernon neighborhood. Climb 227 steps to the top of the first major monument to honor George Washington, predating the D.C. monument by more than 50 years! Enjoy dinner at one of the neighborhood’s eclectic restaurants.

DAY TWO
Start your day off at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine. Join park rangers as they raise the Fort’s enormous American flag and learn about Fort McHenry’s role in defending our nation’s shores during the War of 1812. Next, visit the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House, the home of Mary Pickersgill where the flag that inspired our national anthem was sewn.

For lunch visit Lexington Market, where you can try Baltimore’s most iconic foods—including massive crab cakes—while learning about this historic market.

Next, make your way to the National Aquarium to find red, white, and blue fish among 20,000 amazing animals. Add a custom tour to your admission for an up-close look at the Aquarium and keep your eyes open for the blue crabs that reside within the tidal marsh habitat.

Right outside the Aquarium, tour Historic Ships in Baltimore—including WWII submarine the USS Torsk and the USS Constellation, the last sail-only warship.

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designed and built by the U.S. Navy—before popping into an Inner Harbor restaurant for dinner with a view.

**DAY THREE**

Check out of your hotel and drive to Annapolis, Maryland’s capital, to tour the U.S. Naval Academy and its museum, celebrating the history of the school and the U.S. Navy.

After lunch, continue to Washington, D.C., check into your hotel and head to the International Spy Museum, which features the largest collection of international espionage artifacts currently on public display. Next, head to the National Archives Museum to view the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights all in one place. End your day with a relaxing driving tour of many of the nation’s famous monuments.

**DAY FOUR**

Visit Ford’s Theater, the site of President Abraham Lincoln’s assassination, and explore this dramatic series of events at the Petersen House and Aftermath Exhibits across the street. Then, visit the National Museum of American History to see the original Star-Spangled Banner, the flag you learned about in Baltimore, which is on display here.

Enjoy lunch before heading to the U.S. Capitol for a guided tour, including a history of Congress and this iconic building.

After your tour, head to Old Town Alexandria and spend your evening exploring dozens of quaint shops and restaurants.

**DAY FIVE**

Begin your day with a tour of President Washington’s Mount Vernon homestead. The historic mansion and grounds include functional reconstructions of Washington’s distillery and gristmill as well as the museum that celebrates our first president’s life and career.

Conclude your visit to the region at Arlington National Cemetery, paying your respects to American veterans and observing the hourly changing of the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Enjoy a safe trip home, reflecting on the patriotic treasures of the capital region!