

Annapolis, Maryland, USA

America's sailing capital packs 300 years of colonial history, the U.S. Naval Academy, and blue-crab waterfront culture into one of the most walkable cities on the East Coast.

Docked — City Dock (small/expedition ships)

Typical call: 7-10 hrs

US Dollar

English

Famous for Maryland blue crabs

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: City Dock (Ego Alley) — small & expedition ships only; large cruise ships use Baltimore (~30 mi)

Best For: Colonial history, U.S. Naval Academy, waterfront dining, sailing excursions

Walk to center: Steps — City Dock is the heart of historic downtown

Don't Miss: Maryland State House, USNA Chapel & John Paul Jones crypt, William Paca House garden

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$5–\$15 · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Colonial Annapolis Walking Tour** — Guided tour (Watermark or self-guided NPS app) hits the Maryland State House — America's oldest state capitol in continuous use — plus the Kunta...
- U.S. Naval Academy Visit** — Tour the 338-acre USNA campus: Bancroft Hall (one of the world's largest dormitories), the Naval Academy Museum, and the domed Chapel housing John...
- Chesapeake Bay Schooner Sail** — Sail aboard the 74-foot wooden Schooner Woodwind — help raise the sails, take the helm, and glide past the Bay Bridge and Thomas Point Shoal...
- Harbor & Naval Academy Cruise** — Narrated 40-minute cruise aboard the Harbor Queen (Watermark Journey) glides past the Naval Academy waterfront and historic Annapolis Harbor — great...
- Maryland Blue Crab & Waterfront Dining** — Annapolis is ground zero for Maryland blue crabs.

BEST WALKS

- Historic Downtown Loop** 1.5 miles · Easy · ~45 min — From City Dock walk up Main Street past colonial storefronts, turn left on Maryland Avenue to the Maryland State House, continue to State Circle, then back down Church...
- Naval Academy & Historic Mansions** 2 miles · Easy · ~1 hr — From City Dock, walk along Compromise Street to the USNA Visitor Center, tour the campus, then return past the William Paca House & Garden on Prince George Street and...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		64°	47°	12d
Jun		81°	66°	13d
Aug		83°	70°	14d
Sep		78°	65°	11d
Oct		68°	54°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:29AM–7:43PM · Jun 5:40AM–8:33PM · Aug 6:19AM–8:00PM · Sep 6:47AM–7:13PM · Oct 7:15AM–6:26PM

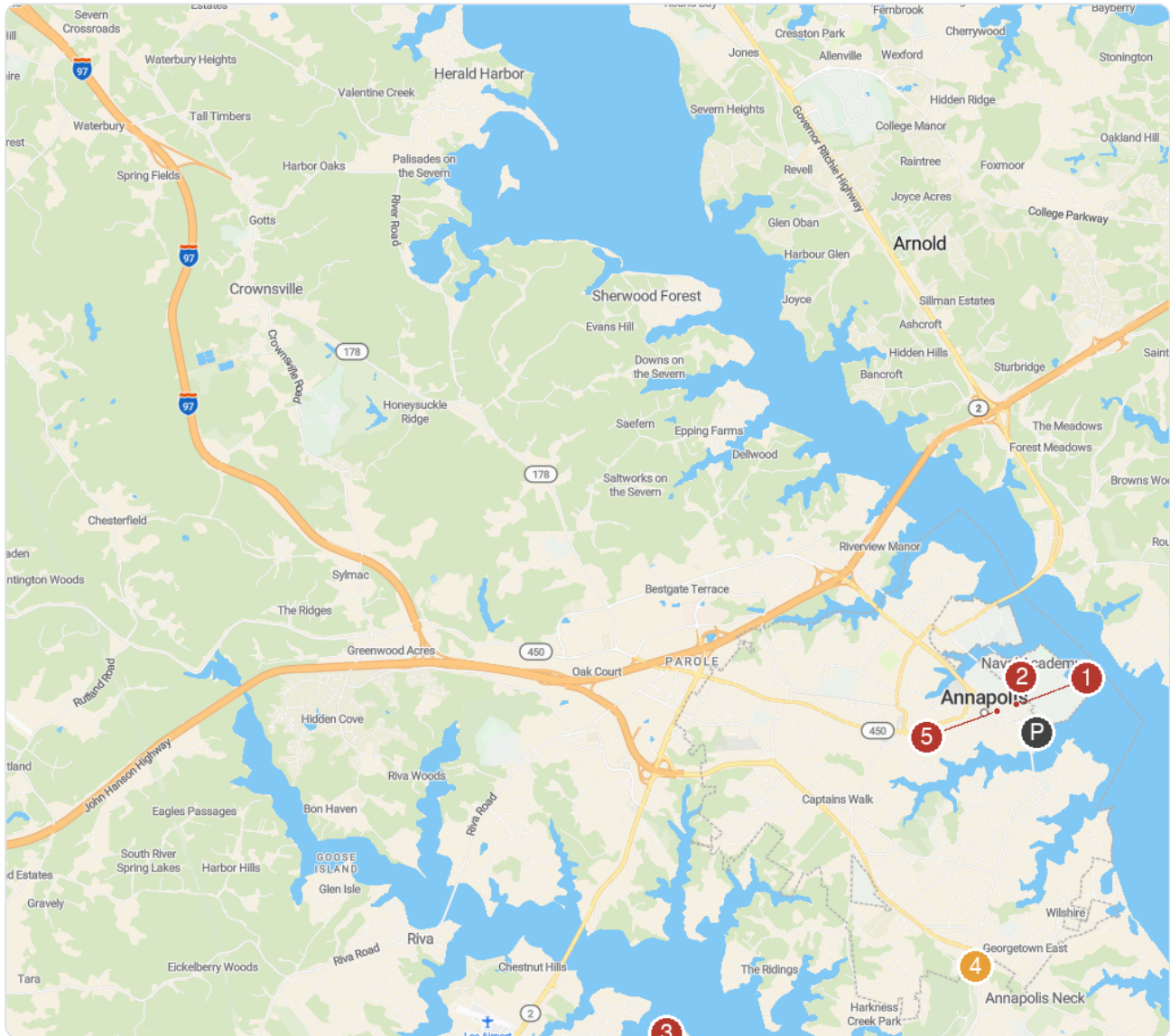
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring REAL ID or passport to USNA. Visitors over 18 need federally compliant ID to enter the Naval Academy grounds — a driver's license from a REAL ID-compliant state works.
- Blue crabs are seasonal. Peak season is May–October — if you're visiting in spring through fall, eating steamed Maryland crabs at a waterfront spot is a must-do.
- City Dock is your front door. Historic Annapolis is entirely walkable from the dock — no shuttle or taxi needed for the main sights.
- City Dock Resiliency Project (2026–2028) is underway. Expect some construction near the waterfront; the historic district remains fully accessible.
- Book water tours early. Schooner Woodwind and Watermark cruises fill on weekends — reserve online before your ship arrives if possible.
- No need to rent a car. Everything worth seeing is within 15 minutes on foot of City Dock. Save your time and budget — skip the rental.

Annapolis, Maryland, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 William Paca House & Garden | A restored 18th-century Georgian mansion and terraced colonial garden built by a Declaration of Independence signer and Maryland governor. | 2 U.S. Naval Academy Museum | A museum inside the U.S. Naval Academy grounds covering the history of the Academy and the U.S. Navy through ship models, art, and artifacts. |
| 3 Historic London Town & Gardens | An archaeological site and reconstructed colonial village on the South River, with period gardens and the restored 1760 London Town Publik House. | 4 Quiet Waters Park | A large county park on the South River with wooded trails, formal gardens, and a dog beach along the waterfront. |
| 5 Maryland State House | The oldest state capitol in continuous legislative use in the U.S., completed in 1779 and briefly the nation's capitol under the Articles of Confederation. | 6 Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse | A screw-pile lighthouse on the Chesapeake Bay near Thomas Point Park, one of the last of its kind still in its original location. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |