

Crisfield, Maryland, USA

The self-proclaimed Crab Capital of the World, Crisfield sits at the tip of Maryland's Eastern Shore — a slow-paced Chesapeake Bay town built quite literally on a foundation of oyster shells.

Docked (City Dock / Somers Cove)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

US Dollar

English

Seafood destination

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Docked at City Dock or Somers Cove Marina; small-ship port only (American Cruise Lines)

Best For: Maryland blue crabs, island cruises to Smith & Tangier Islands, Chesapeake Bay history

Walk to center: 0–3 min to Main Street and waterfront from the dock

Don't Miss: A steamed crab lunch at Linton's, the J. Millard Tawes Historical Museum, and sunset over the Sound

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$8 one-way within Crisfield; \$14 round-trip · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Smith Island Day Trip** — Ferry across Tangier Sound to Maryland's only inhabited offshore island — a watermen's community reachable only by boat.
- Tangier Island Cruise** — Board a passenger ferry to Tangier Island, Virginia — a unique island community with its own distinct dialect and way of life.
- J. Millard Tawes Historical Museum** — Step inside Crisfield's story at this waterfront museum — from the region's Native American heritage and the Annemessex people through the oyster...
- Steamed Blue Crabs at Linton's** — Crisfield earned its 'Crab Capital of the World' title for good reason.
- Janes Island State Park Kayak** — Just outside town, Janes Island State Park offers a maze of undisturbed salt marsh channels perfect for kayaking.

BEST WALKS

- Waterfront & Main Street Stroll** 0.5 miles · Easy · 20-30 min — Walk from the dock along the Somers Cove waterfront to Main Street.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		63°	50°	10d
Jun		80°	70°	10d
Aug		83°	74°	10d
Sep		79°	69°	10d
Oct		68°	59°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:27AM–7:39PM · Jun 5:40AM–8:27PM · Aug 6:19AM–7:55PM · Sep 6:45AM–7:10PM · Oct 7:12AM–6:25PM

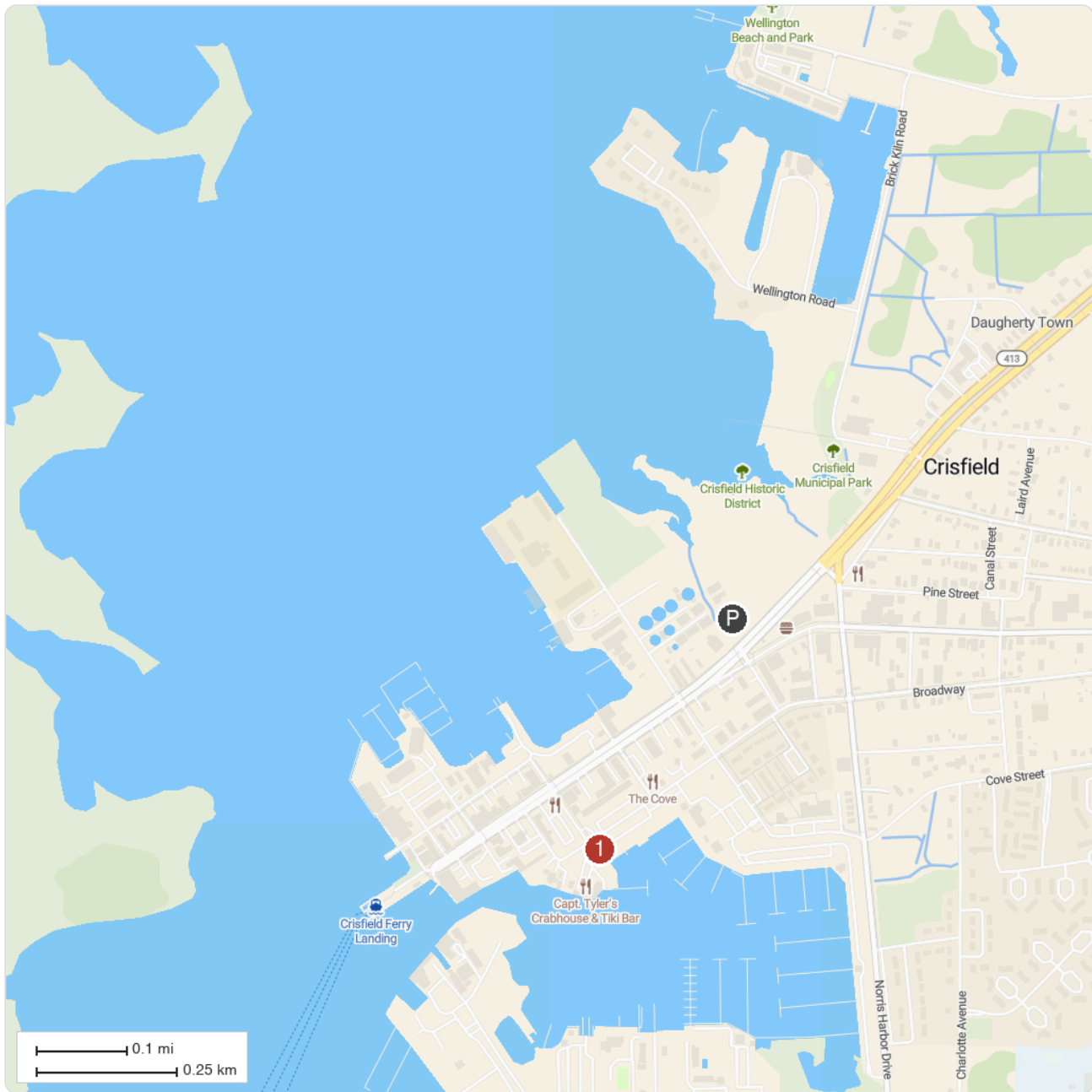
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Eat the crabs. Steamed Maryland blue crabs at Linton's Seafood or another local crab house is the definitive Crisfield experience. Go messy, use the mallets, and bring a bib.
- Book island ferries early. Smith Island and Tangier Island ferry seats fill up on cruise-ship days. Reserve in advance if your itinerary includes a shore excursion to the islands.
- Seasonal port. American Cruise Lines typically visits in spring (April–June) and fall (October–November) when the Chesapeake Bay is at its best. Summer calls do happen.
- Everything is walkable. The dock is steps from town — no taxis or shuttles needed. Comfortable shoes and you can see everything on foot.
- Stay for the sunset. Crisfield's position on Tangier Sound means western sunsets over open water. If your ship departs at dusk, the view from the waterfront is memorable.
- Bring cash for smaller spots. Some crab shacks and small vendors prefer cash, though most downtown spots accept cards.

Crisfield, 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.



1 J Millard Tawes
Historical Museum

Discover Crisfield's history and
Governor Tawes' legacy here.

P Cruise port / terminal