

The best 5 off-beat tourist attractions in Maryland

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Situated in the mid-Atlantic region of the United States of America, Maryland is widely regarded as the birthplace of the country's religious freedom.

Named after the English Queen Henrietta Maria, the largest city in Maryland is Baltimore and its capital is Annapolis.

Although small in size, the state is packed with a plethora of historic and cultural destinations that attract visitors throughout the year.

Many of these can be considered quirky, so read on as we look at five of the best off-beat tourist attractions in Maryland.

Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad

The Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Centre is a gateway to the larger Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Scenic Byway.

Described as the 'Moses of her People', Tubman was a heroic leader in the fight against slavery who helped more than 70 people escape to a better life.

The byway spans a region rich in African-American heritage, taking a northerly path across a landscape that has remained mostly unchanged for the past 150 years.

If you are visiting the railroad, the Holiday Inn Express Cambridge is an ideal base with double rooms containing two double beds available at [CheapHotels.org](#) at around \$105 per night.

National Museum of Dentistry

Opened in 1996, the Dr Samuel Harris National Museum of Dentistry preserves and exhibits the history of dentistry in the US and throughout the world.

Situated on the campus of the University of Maryland in Baltimore, it exhibits more than 40,000 artifacts concerning dentistry throughout the ages.

Highlights of the collection include George Washington's dentures which were actually made of hippopotamus ivory as opposed to wood.

For visitors needing an affordable rental car to drive to the National Museum of Dentistry in Baltimore, check out [TravelMag.com](#) for the best deals in the state.

Kinetic Sculpture Race

Staged annually every May by the American Visionary Art Museum (AVAM), the Kinetic Sculpture Race is undoubtedly one of the wackiest events held in Maryland.

Teams of competitors known as 'Kinetinauts', race their creations along a 15-mile loop around Baltimore's streets, Inner Harbour waters and muddy parks.

Sculptures in previous events have included giraffes, sharks and a gingerbread house, all of which were overseen by Fifi – a huge fluffy pink mascot of the AVAM.

The Baltimore Marriott Waterfront is located within walking distance of the museum and has double rooms with two double beds available at around \$175 per night.

National Cryptologic Museum

Opened in 1993, the National Cryptologic Museum's mission is to [educate visitors](#) about the role of cryptology in shaping history, from the ancient world to modern times.

It collects, preserves and showcases unique treasures, providing visitors with a vast array of information about the people, technology and methods that have defined cryptologic history.

The museum welcomes approximately 70,000 visitors annually from all over the country and throughout the world, and is known as America's Hidden Treasure.

Queen studios at the nearby TownePlace Suites by Marriott Fort Meade National Business Park are priced at around \$123 per night.

Dr Gloom's Crypt of Curiosities

Tucked in the back room of Protean Books & Records, [Dr Gloom's Crypt of Curiosities](#) is a collection of peculiar and morbid artefacts from around the world.

Born in 1917, Gloom was intrigued by the strange and unusual from a young age, and his interests led to him being handed the moniker 'Gloomy Gus' when he was at university.

Horror filmmaker Chris LaMartina is the current curator of the museum which is now in its fourth incarnation on Leadenhall Street in Baltimore.

The Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Baltimore is located close to Dr Gloom's Crypt of Curiosities and has king rooms available at around \$187 per night.