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Sitting on the Dock of the Bay *Maryland's Eastern Shore* *5 Days – 4 Nights*

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Day One

- Arrive in **Annapolis** and enjoy lunch on your own in the harbor area.
- Take a **walking tour of historic Annapolis**. Visit the **U.S. Naval Academy**. Stop for a **photo opportunity** of the **Maryland State House**.
- Enjoy a **Maryland style crab feast** this evening.
- Continue to Cambridge. **Check in** to our local Cambridge area Maryland hotel. **Baggage handling** included.

Meals: D

Day Two

- Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning.
- Arrive in historic **Cambridge, MD** and meet our **GUIDE** at the **Sailwinds Visitor Center**.
Depart for a tour of the following:
 - Learn about **FDR's secret**. *Hint* – a bridge, a ship, and a false smokestack.
 - See the **Nathan of Dorchester** (*pending dockside schedule and availability*). Since the 1880s, skipjacks have sailed the **Chesapeake Bay**. While there once were as many as 800 or more of these beautiful vessels, today fewer than two dozen of the original dredge boats remain. Only a handful still dredge for oysters, the last remnant of America's only surviving commercial sailing fleet. The **Nathan of Dorchester** offers visitors a unique opportunity to experience the vanishing skipjack heritage of Maryland's Eastern Shore.
 - Drive by **Annie Oakley's House**. Currently a private residence, 28 Bellvue Avenue was once the former home of Wild West sharpshooter Annie Oakley.
 - **Harriet Tubman (Marker)**. This location on Greenbriar Road was the home of "The Moses of her People" because of her courageous work on the Underground Railroad. She freed more than 300 slaves.
 - **Historic High Street**. Here along a brick-lined street, one can find the homes and public buildings important to those who pioneered this community. Christ Church, with its spectacular stained glass windows, its graveyard, and the historic County Courthouse are the beginning of a walk through history that leads to the waterfront and the Choptank River. You will find the homes of many prominent citizens. The architecture represents different periods and styles, including Federal and Queen Anne.
- Tour **Phillips Seafood Processing Plant**. With over 100 years of history the company operates seven high-volume restaurants in the eastern United States and a growing network of franchises and retailers for its seafood products.
- We'll journey out and stop to enjoy **lunch included** at **Old Salty's Restaurant**, offering the freshest fish, homemade rolls, and delicious desserts. Our lunch today will include **Maryland's famous crab cakes**.
- Visit **Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge**. Blackwater guests are provided with **binoculars** to see the wildlife. The Refuge includes over 27,000 acres, composed mainly of rich tidal marsh characterized by fluctuating water levels and varying salinity. The Refuge is a popular place during the November migration when upwards of 35,000 geese and 15,000 ducks visit Blackwater. The Refuge is also a haven for several troubled species including the American bald eagle, the endangered Delmarva fox squirrel, and the migrant peregrine falcon. The Refuge is unique in that it hosts the largest remaining natural

population of Delmarva fox squirrels and is also host to the largest breeding population of bald eagles on the East Coast, north of Florida. See up close the terrain slaves traveled under the cover of night using Maryland's Underground Railroad.

- Meet our **local docent** telling us about the ways and culture of Dorchester County. The docent will escort you to experience some of our local treasures.
 - Visit the **Bucktown General Store** where Harriet Tubman displayed her first public act of defiance against slavery. Her injury would be a life-long source of suffering for her. In the mid-19th century, Bucktown was a larger community with two stores, a blacksmith shop, and shipyards on the *Transquaking River*. Here, between 1834 and 1836, Harriet Tubman received a blow to her head that fractured her skull while she attempted to assist a fellow enslaved man. This has been called Tubman's first public act of defiance. As a result of the injury, she experienced life-long health problems and spiritual visions that changed her views and guided the rest of her life.
- Arrive at the hotel to rest and freshen up for the evening. **GUIDE DROPS.**
- **Dinner included** at the **Robert Morris Inn** (*or similar restaurant*). Located on the scenic *Tred Avon River*, the Inn's hallmarks are simple comfort, quiet hospitality and good food, especially from the *Chesapeake Bay*.

Meals: B, L, D

Day Three

- **Breakfast included** at the hotel this morning.
- Depart with our **GUIDE**.
- Stop at Wye Mills and visit the **Wye Grist Mill**, in operations since 1682. Discover the long and colorful past of this National Register Historic Landmark. Watch the waterwheel turn the heavy stones to grind the grain as millers explain the milling process. Explore exhibits that feature over 325 years of grinding technology.
- Arrive in **Chestertown** and visit the **Geddes Piper House**, a fine example of Federal architecture, **Emmanuel Church**, the present church dating from 1767, there are many notable stained-glass windows including a Tiffany window, and **Sultana Pier**, home dock of the Sultana 1768 a reproduction of a Colonial schooner (**Note, the Sultana 1768 cannot be guaranteed to be in port due to its colonial history and environmental educational programs**).
- Then we head to another world, **Rock Hall**, and enjoy **lunch included** at the **Bay Wolf**.
- After lunch enjoy we'll enjoy **homemade ice cream** at **Durding's Store**.
- **Enjoy a wagon tour of SB Farms**. SB Farms raises Bison and markets bison products. Enjoy an up close guided tour of the herd from a wagon.
- Return to the hotel to rest and freshen up for dinner. **GUIDE DROPS.**
- Enjoy **dinner included** this evening at **Suicide Bridge Restaurant**. Set on the bank overlooking Cabin Creek, Suicide Bridge Restaurant offers a stunning panorama view, true waterfront dining, and a casual and authentic seafood experience.

Meals: B, L, D

Day Four

- **Breakfast included** at the hotel this morning.
- Depart with our **GUIDE**.
- Visit the **Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art**. The most comprehensive collection of wildfowl carving in the world invites you to explore this unique, indigenous North American art form from antique working decoys to internationally acclaimed contemporary sculpture and painting. Named for brothers Lem and Steve Ward of Crisfield, MD, whose skill and vision elevated decoy carving to fine art, the museum works to promote, preserve and perpetuate wildfowl art.
- Depart for Crisfield.
- Arrive in **Crisfield**. All aboard the **ferry to Tangier Island**.
- Cruise across *Tangier Sound* and arrive on **Tangier Island**. Enjoy **lunch included** today on *Tangier Island*.
- After lunch stroll through the island or join your **guide** for a walking tour of **Tangier** where the lifestyle has changed little since it was first settled and the population still speaks with an Elizabethan accent.
- Board the ferry and return to the mainland.
- **Enjoy a crab feast this evening at the Red Roost**. Our dinner feast includes All you can eat steamed crabs, Red Roost recipe fried chicken, shrimpies, clam strips, homemade hush puppies, and fresh local corn on the cob. Soda, iced tea, coffee and dessert are all included.
- Enjoy a **sing-a-long** this evening featuring the styles of American Standard, Dixieland, and Swing music.
Return to the hotel for the evening. **GUIDE DROPS.**

Meals: B, L, D

Day Five

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel prior to **checking out**. **Baggage** handling included.
- Depart with our **GUIDE**. Drive by **historic homes and buildings in Easton** en route to *Tilghman Island*.
- Arrive at **Bay Hundred Seafood** observe a **crabmeat picking demonstration** and visit a **local seafood market** where crabmeat and other local seafood are available for purchase and packed for travel.

- Arrive on **Tilghman Island**, a true working watermen's village with excellent fishing and fresh seafood. It's also home to the last commercial sailing fleet in North America, the skipjacks, which are on display at Dogwood Harbor.
- Enjoy a snack upon arrival and **learn to make crab cakes, pocketbook rolls, and other Traditional Tilghman Island fare from the Ladies of Tilghman Volunteer Fire Company** and then try it out later for lunch.
- Arrive at **Phillips Wharf Environmental Center for a Tour** and a **1 hour History/Nature Boat Cruise**. Board the *Express Royale* for a scenic cruise past the beautiful waterfront mansions along the *Choptank River*. Your tour guide will tell you about the history and ecology of the area, as you view the watermen harvesting the bounty of the *Bay*.
- **Return to the Firehouse to feast on your labors of earlier in the day.**
- Enjoy free time in **Saint Michael's**, "*The Town That Fooled the British.*" Three centuries of colonial heritage abound! You'll find charming antique shops, galleries and superb restaurants. The quaint streets are lined with Federal, Colonial and Victorian era homes. **GUIDE DROPS.** Depart for home this afternoon.
Meals: B, L

OCEAN CITY MARYLAND OPTION FOR THIS TOUR:

- **Overnight** in our Ocean City hotel. **Baggage handling** included.
- Enjoy **dinner and a show** at the **OC Jamboree**.

NEXT DAY

- Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to **checking out**. **Baggage handling** included.
- **Free time in Ocean City, Maryland!** What a great, unique vacation beach resort! The ocean and white sand beaches sparkle. The famous **Boardwalk** buzzes with activity and the entertainment is unsurpassed. Ocean City is an *Atlantic* coastal island created by a ferocious hurricane at the dawn of the 20th century. The ocean rushed in during the storm and dredged out the bay now separating the island from the mainland.

Tour includes: 4 nights hotel accommodations, baggage handling, 4 breakfasts or deluxe continental breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners, admission into attractions and guide service as stated in the full itinerary, taxes and gratuities. **Guide and Driver tips are not included.**

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