

# Maryland Historic National Road



## 3 Day/2 Night Itinerary

*Maryland Historic National Road* – Known as the first federally funded highway in America, construction began in 1806. From Baltimore to Cumberland, the “bank” road established the vision and laid the ground work for what would eventually become known as the Historic National Road (Cumberland, MD to Vandalia, IL).

Today, travelers can enjoy a variety of experiences that appeal to all ages and interests along the 170.0 mi / 273.6 km scenic byway. From the cosmopolitan feel of Baltimore to the scenic views of Allegany and Garrett County, Maryland’s Historic National Road is the perfect destination for automobile and motorcycle clubs. There are endless annual festivals and events that take place on weekends in all eight jurisdictions of the Maryland National Road. Be sure to check the MNRA website for event related details while planning your journey. Look for interpretive panels that tell the story of the Road and its relation to the site you are touring. Don’t forget to look for the many original mile markers located along the Road.



### Day One (Baltimore, Ellicott City)

Begin your journey in Baltimore at the **B & O Railroad Museum**. While here be sure to stop at the world famous **Lexington Market**. Reminisce about America’s favorite past-time baseball by taking a tour of **Camden Yards** or the **Babe Ruth Museum**. All sites are conveniently located two blocks from Baltimore’s famous **Inner Harbor**.

Hop onto 40 west and travel through Baltimore County to Ellicott City, for an afternoon of shopping and dinner at **Tersiguel's French Country Restaurant**. Feeling brave? We dare you to take the **Ye Haunted History of Olde Ellicott City Ghost Tour**. A short drive leads you to a comfortable night’s rest at the award winning, **Turf Valley Resort**.

## Day Two (Mt. Airy, Frederick, Hagerstown)

Pick up the road, known as Frederick Road or the Old National Pike and head to the **Mount Airy Inn** for a delicious breakfast. Hop back on the Road and tour and taste at **Linganore Winecellars**. Pass through historic **New Market** and browse through several antique shops before heading to Frederick, Maryland's second largest city and home to a magnificent 50-block historic district.

Once in Frederick, make your first stop at the new **Frederick Visitor Center**, a state of the art site welcoming visitors, is sure to check out the unique exhibits and orientation film. Visitors receive three hours of free parking in one of the local parking garages with validation of ticket at visitor center.

Next visit the **National Museum of Civil War Medicine**, also documented to be the most haunted building in downtown Frederick.

Depart for nearby Sharpsburg to visit **Antietam National Battlefield**, enjoy a self-guided tour and the visitor center. 2012 marks the 150th Anniversary of this important Battle which created the single most deadly day of casualties in American history.

Enjoy dinner at the **Braddock Inn**. Travel to the quaint town of Boonsboro and overnight at **Nora Robert's Inn Boonsborough**. It time allows take in a visual performance at the historic **Maryland Theatre** in Hagerstown.

## Day Three (Cumberland, Frostburg, Grantsville)

Arrive in Cumberland. Home of mile marker #1, construction of the Historic National Road began in 1811 and would continue on through several states eventually ending in Vandalia, Illinois.

Board the **Western Maryland Scenic Railroad** headed for Frostburg, another Main Street destination located along the Road. Be sure to tour the **Thrasher Carriage Museum** before departing back to Cumberland. Enjoy authentic German cuisine for lunch at **Werner's Restaurant**. No trip is complete without viewing the seven-sided, **LaVale Toll House**, Maryland's first and last remaining toll gate house. Ice cream fans should definitely stop at **Queen City Creamery**.

Continue west to **Penn Alps Restaurant**; afterward walk over to the **Spruce Forest Artisan Village** where you can view artisans at work in their trade. Travel over the famous **Casselman Bridge** towards Grantsville. Finally be sure to check out Garrett County's famous **barn quilts** before you hit the MD/PA line. Keep your camera ready for the **Variation Star** and **Ohio Star**.

For more information about the Maryland National Road visit:

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