UPCOMING EVENTS

A Great Small Town Christmas
Through December 14
Oakland

Candlelight Tour – Historic Chesapeake City
Through December 14
Chesapeake City

Candlelight Tour of Havre de Grace
Through December 14
Havre de Grace

Make the Holidays a Little Easier with Maryland “Home for the Holidays” Hotel Packages

There’s nothing like coming home for the holidays. The whole family gathered together. Seeing how big your 6-year-old nephew has gotten. Sleeping in that same, 6-year-old nephew’s four-foot-long race car bed. Bah, humbug. This year, how about being near home for the holidays, while enjoying the comforts and flexibility of a hotel? Because nothing makes you feel closer than juuuust a little space. Check out our “Home for the Holidays” page for great rates on a holiday hotel stay.

Have an Over-Stuffed Stocking’s Worth of Holiday Fun

Pop in on your favorite Santa for a quick present pow-
Candlelight Tours at Seton Shrine
Through December 14
Emmitsburg

Festival of Trees
Through December 15
Frederick

Ice & Fire Festival: A Winter Wonderland
Through December 22
Columbia

Holiday Lights Walk to the North Pole
Through December 23
Severn

A Christmas Carol at Chesapeake Shakespeare Company
Through December 24
Baltimore

Baltimore Christmas Village
Through December 24
Baltimore

Garden of Lights at Brookside Gardens
Through December 31
Wheaton

The B&O’s Magical Holiday Express
Through December 31
Baltimore

Miracle on 34th Street
Through December 31
Baltimore

Annmarie Garden in Lights
Through January 1
Solomons

wow. Take in the quirky Free State beauty of a lighted boat parade in Annapolis, Baltimore, or OC. Make the rounds checking out your favorite holiday light show. And of course, head down to National Harbor for ICE! at the Gaylord National Resort. With holidays in Maryland, there’s always more than enough holly and jolly! Head to our website for the lowdown on all of the holiday doings!

Put a Thrill in the Chill with a Winter Sports Adventure
As the mercury drops, things heat up in Maryland’s part of the great outdoors. Whether it’s hitting the slopes at Wisp Resort for opening day on December 13, snowshoeing in your favorite state park, ice fishing on Deep Creek Lake, or living your own Olympics dreams, wintertime is the perfect time to get outside in Maryland. For even more rad ideas, visit our Winter Sports page.

Find One-Of-A-Kind Gifts for Your One-Of-A-Kind Friends this Holiday Season!
Find One-Of-A-Kind Gifts for Your One-Of-A-Kind Friends this Holiday Season Maryland is a land of makers. Experience the wonder of creativity and find hand-sewn quilts, beautiful artworks, Old World wooden crafts, and even cutting-edge 3-D printed creations at these fantastic holiday crafts shows or at the Maryland Artist Marketplace.

Celebrate the Start of Kwanzaa
Honor African heritage and rich African-American culture and traditions during the seven days of Kwanzaa. Join celebrations at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum in Baltimore and across Maryland.

Ring in the New Year at These Awesome Only-in-Maryland Events
Kick it with the kids at “Noon-Year’s Eve” celebrations at tiny-tyke hotspots such as Port Discovery and the Calvert County Marine Museum. Thrill to spectacular fireworks as the clock strikes 12 at Baltimore’s Inner
Six Flags America Holiday in the Park  
Through January 1  
Upper Marlboro

Lights on the Bay at Sandy Point State Park  
Through January 1  
Annapolis

Merriweather Symphony of Lights  
Through January 1  
Columbia

Kris Kringle Market  
December 13-14  
La Plata

Christmas in St. Michaels  
December 13-15  
St. Michaels

Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade  
December 14  
Annapolis

Charm City Ballet presents, “A Christmas Carol”  
December 14-15  
Owings Mills

Nutcracker on Ice  
December 14-15  
Columbia

A Christmas Carol  
December 20-22  
Frederick

BSO Presents Holiday Spectacular  
December 21  
Baltimore

Harbor or National Harbor. Check out only-in-Maryland events like the Midnight Muskrat Dive in Princess Anne and Krumpe’s Donut Drop in Hagerstown. Or get together with friends for a night you’ll remember forever at these Maryland New Year’s Eve sizzling celebrations!

Choo-Choo-Choose Your Perfect Holiday Railroad Adventure  
Whether it’s huffing and puffing around the bend on the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad’s real-life Polar Express train, or marveling at the delicate craftsmanship of a traditional train garden, in Maryland the holidays come by rail. So whether it’s a journey through the mountains, or a jaunt over to the local firehouse, we’ve got the lowdown on Maryland’s great holiday train events. All aboard!

Stuff those Stockings with Maryland Main Street Treasures  
From the mountains to the sea, Maryland is home to vibrant downtowns and welcoming communities that make perfect holiday shopping destinations. Whether it’s a classic waterfowl decoy for dad, a funky, one-of-a-kind ornament for mom, or a delicious Smith Island cake for the whole family, Maryland’s one-of-a-kind Main Street shopping destinations have the perfect gifts to fit under every tree.

Governor’s Sticker Contest  
Attention parents - do your children have Maryland pride and an artistic bent? Help them submit artwork for Governor Hogan’s Sticker Contest! Winning designs will be placed into packets that are mailed to students around the country who are studying Maryland. Follow this link for contest rules and instructions.

Enter to Win on Maryland Mondays!  
Don’t miss your chance at free tickets for amazing events across the state. Every Monday on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, the Maryland Office of Tourism is joining with our sponsors to give away great Maryland travel experiences. We call them Maryland Mondays, but you can enter all week. This week’s contest is for a pair of adult tickets to Historic Ships in Baltimore’s New Year’s Eve Deck Party aboard the USS Constellation December 31. Follow