



Maryland Office of Tourism Development Mission

- Serves as the State's official travel marketing agency, promoting Maryland's attractions, accommodations and services to increase visitor spending in the State.
- Provides residents and out-of-state visitors with information and services to ensure a positive trip experience; and
- Positions Maryland as a competitive destination through product development and tourism industry engagement.



Visitors Are Vital To Maryland's Economic Engine

➤ In 2016, Maryland welcomed **42.1** million visitors, up **4%** percent from 2015 **40.47** million.

In 2014, 38.7 million visitors.

Leisure markets continue to drive performance.
 82% Leisure travelers, 34.6 million people
 18% Business travelers, 7.5 million people



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- ➤ In 2016, visitors to Maryland spent \$17.3 billion on travel in Maryland.
- Visitor spending is an important generator of revenue to state and local governments - \$2.35 billion in state and local taxes.

Tourism revenues SAVES every Maryland Household \$1,080!



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- > 10th largest employer in Maryland.
- > 10th largest private sector employer in Maryland.
- ➤ In 2016, 146,000 Marylanders directly employed by the tourism industry.



Tourism Promotion Act of 2008

Requires OTD to grant \$2.5M to DMOs annually; and,

Eight sales tax codes are tracked and multiplied by a tourism factor –
 the amount deemed attributable to visitor spending by the

Comptroller

Sales Tax Category	Factor
108 Restaurants, Lunchrooms, Delicatessens	33%
111 Hotels, Motels Selling Food	100%
112 Restaurants and Night Clubs	33%
306 General Merchandise	5%
407 Automobile, Bus and Truck Rentals	90%
706 Airlines - Commercial	50%
901 Hotels, Motels, Apartments, Cottages	100%
925 Recreation and Amusement Places	50%

Source: MD Comptroller





Activities	All MD Overnight
Shopping	39%
Fine dining	23%
Beach/waterfront	20%
Swimming	17%
Landmarks/historic sites	16%
Museum	15%
National/state park	13%
Bar/Disco/Night club	12%
Theme park	8%





Experiencing the food and drink of a country, region, or area and is now considered a vital component of a tourism experience.

Percentage of U.S. leisure travelers who travel to learn about and enjoy unique dining experiences grew from 40% in 2006 51% in 2013.



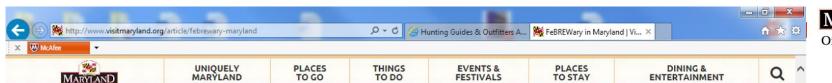
Source: 2013 "American Culinary Traveler Report"







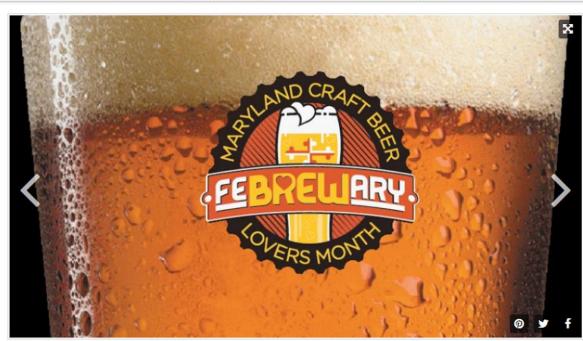






FeBREWary in Maryland FeBREWary to celebrate Maryland Craft Beer Lovers Month.





Maryland Craft Beer Lover Month - FeBREWary

What is FeBREWary?

By official proclamation of Governor Larry Hogan, FeBREWary is Maryland's official month-long celebration of craft



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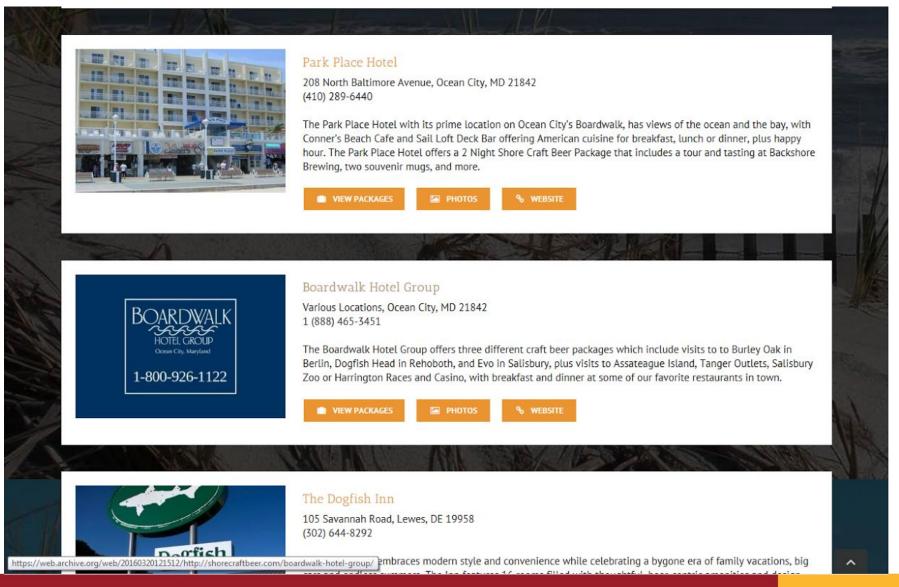






Hotel Packages—Your Local Tourism Office will help!









Cupid's Curse FeBREWary 1st at 5:00 pm

Welcome to the Cupid's Curse Challenge.

- . The first rule of Cupid's Curse is: You do not talk about Cupid's Curse.
- . The second rule of Cupid's Curse is: You DO NOT talk about Cupid's Curse!
- Third rule of Cupid's Curse: the Governor yells "Cheers!", raises a glass, kegs are tapped, then you
 must drink.

In honor of FeBREWary, we have challenged the Maryland breweries to craft a unique beer to be called; "Cupid's Curse".

Each and every recipe will be unique and will remain a *complete secret* until the first pour. Breweries will be tapping their Cupid's Curse on <u>February 3rd at 5pm</u> after the governor's toast to FeBREWary.

Help us put their brews to the test! See the list of participating breweries below and try to taste them all throughout the month of FeBREWary. Use your social media to tell us which you liked the best using the hashtag #CupidsCurseMD.

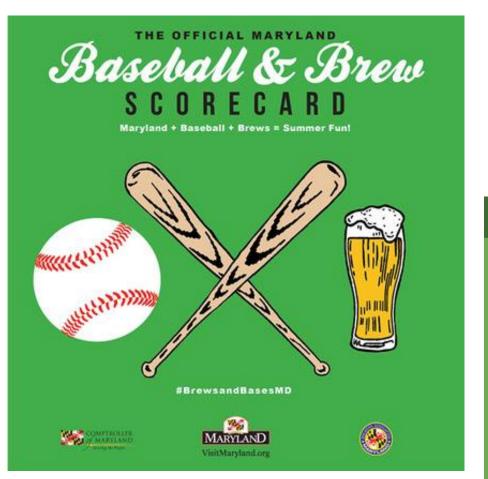




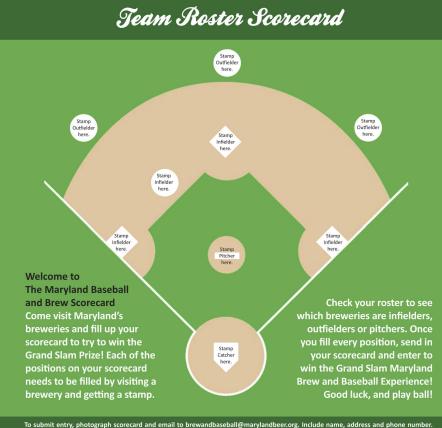


Ideas for FeBREWary:

- Create an event(s) around your FeBREWary beer or Cupid's Curse beer.
- Host a date night. Prepare a special meal that pairs with your brews.
- Partner with local restaurants/bar for a tap take-over.
- Be a part of your local restaurant week--Beer infused foods!
- Partner with local attraction to highlight you both in a creative way—museum,
 historic house, zoo, nature center, hiking/biking trail, national/state park.
- Have a party! Invite a band and food trucks and show off your featured brew.
- Work with your local Destination Management Organization—they will help!







If unable to send as photo, mail card to 6247 Falls Rd., Suite G, Baltimore, MD 21209. Include name, phone number and email address.



For directions and information on all breweries go to: marylandbeer.org

7 Locks Brewing	Capital Region
Antietam Brewery	Western Maryland
Attaboy Beer	Capital Region
Backshore Brewing Company	Eastern Shore
Barley And Hops	Capital Region
Black Flag Brewing Company	Central Maryland
Brewer's Alley	Capital Region
The Brewer's Art	Central Maryland
Brookeville Beer Farm	Capital Region
Bull and Goat Brewery	Eastern Shore

Outfielders

Circles	
Franklins Brewery	Capital Region
Full Tilt Brewing Company	Central Maryland
Growlers of Gaithersburg	Capital Region
Heavy Seas Beer	Central Maryland
Hysteria Brewing Company	Central Maryland
Independent Brewing Company	Central Maryland
Jailbreak Brewing Company	Central Maryland
Johansson's Dining House	Central Maryland
Key Brewing Company	Central Maryland
Mad Science Brewing Company	Capital Region
Manor Hill Brewing	Central Maryland
Market Street Public House	Eastern Shore
Midnight Run Brewing	Capital Region
Monument City Brewing Compan	yCentral Maryland
Mully's Brewery	Southern Maryland
Ocean City Brewing Company	Eastern Shore
Oliver Brewing Company	Central Maryland
Peabody Heights Brewery	Central Maryland
RavenBeer (Peabody Heights)	Central Maryland

Calvert Brewing CompanyCapital Reg	jion
Chesapeake Brewing CompanyCentral Mar	ryland
Cushwa Brewing CompanyWestern Ma	aryland
Denizens Brewing CompanyCapital Reg	gion
Diamondback Brewing CompanyCentral Mai	ryland
DuClaw Brewing CompanyCentral Mar	ryland
Rockwell Brewery	ion
Union Craft Brewing CompanyCentral Mar	yland
Waverly Brewing CompanyCentral Mar	yland
Wet City BrewingCentral Mar	ryland

Pitchers / Catchers

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Distillery Lane Ciderworks	Capital Region
Eastern Shore Brewing Company	Eastern Shore
Evolution Craft Brewing Co.	Eastern Shore
Falling Branch Brewery	Central Maryland
Flying Dog Brewery	Capital Region
Olde Mother Brewing Company	Capital Region
Milkhouse Brewery	Capital Region
Monocacy Brewing Company	Capital Region
Push American Brewing Company	Central Maryland
Pub Dog Brewing Company	Central Maryland
RAR / Real Ale Revival Brewing	Eastern Shore
Red Shedman Farm Brewery	Capital Region
Ruddy Duck Brewery & Grill	Southern Maryland
Ruhlman Brewery / "OUR ALES".	Central Maryland
Scorpion Brewing Company	Southern Maryland
Smoketown Brewing Station	Capital Region
Steinhardt Brewing Company	Capital Region
Waredaca Brewing Company	Capital Region
White Marsh Brewing	Central Maryland
at Red Brick Station	



Hit a Home Run!

As you travel in Maryland this summer, circle the bases each trip:

1st Base - Drink at a brewery
2nd Base - Eat at a local restaurant
3rd Base - See a unique attraction
Home Plate - Stay overnight

For more summer fun and trip ideas see VisitMaryland.org

Please enjoy Maryland Beer responsibly.



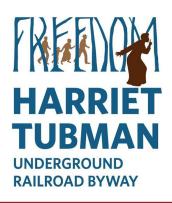






Maryland Office of Tourism Development Sustain Existing Initiatives

- Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad
- Civil War Sesquicentennial
- Bicentennial of the National Anthem/Star-Spangled Banner
- Maryland and America's Byways

















HOW CAN I WORK

WITH THE MARYLAND OFFICE OF TOURISM DEVELOPMENT?

Checklist of How I Can Market with the Maryland Office of Tourism Development



Work with your local Destination Marketing Organization	35.56
and/or Heritage Area, Main Streets, Arts & Entertainment Distr	rict

- □ Visit with a Travel Counselor at any of the 8 Maryland Welcome Centers and your local Visitor Center.
- □ Distribute your brochures through and display marketing materials at the Welcome Centers.
- Send your press releases and participate in travel media familiarization tours (FAM tours).
- ☐ Review VisitMaryland.org to make sure your content is up-to-date.
- ☐ Add your events to the VisitMaryland.org calendar.
- ☐ Connect with Maryland Office of Tourism on social media.
- Utilize the resources and information on the new industry.visitmaryland.org website.
- ☐ Submit photos to our WebDAM (Web Digital Asset Management).
- ☐ Create group tour opportunities and let us know about them.
- ☐ Host OTD staff for a tour of your district or industry.
- □ Maryland Office of Tourism Development promotes world-wide through our partners at Capital Region USA and Brand USA. Make sure we have a great product to promote!













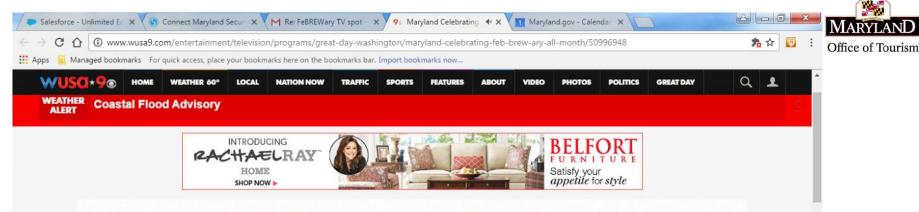
Maryland Craft Beer and Distilleries

Raise a glass to the best batches of locally made beers and spirits.

By Patricia McNamara







Maryland Celebrating "Feb-Brew-Ary" All Month



Leslie Troy from the Maryland Office of Tourism and Keith Kohr of Waredaca Brewing Company join Chris Leary to celebrate FeBREWary!

INDULGE ALL 5 SENSES

IN MARYLAND







UPCOMING EVENTS

Western Maryland Blues Fest June 1-4 Hagerstown

Capital Jazz Fest June 2-4 Columbia

Delmarva Soap Box Derby June 3 Federalsburg



June in Maryland Means Craft Beers and Baseball

Try a frosty Baltimore Brown while catching an O's game at The Yard, or find the perfect farmhouse ale for your trip to the farm at one of Maryland's six amazing minor-league stadiums. Retrace the history of barnstorming Negro League legends and pay homage to Hall of Fame greats like Babe Ruth, Lefty Grove and Jimmie Fox while exploring Maryland's unparalleled craft brew scene. You'll find lots of great suggestions from our Craft Brew and Baseball tour and Maryland Baseball History roundup here on our website.



Dynamite Doings for Dads

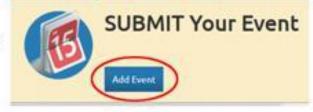
Father's Day may be only 24 hours, but Manyland has



Add events to VisitMaryland.org calendar

4 EASY STEPS:

- Visit http://visitmaryland.org/events-calendar
- 2. Click "Add Event"



- 3. a. Enter login information
 - b. If not registered, create an account
- Enter required information and click "Save"

The Maryland Office of Tourism will review and post your event

