

ANNAPOLIS & ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY 250 ITINERARY



Day 1: Give Me Liberty

Morning

Begin your journey by taking in the view of Annapolis from the water on the iconic **Harbor Queen** during an [Annapolis Harbor & USNA Cruise](#) -- a special narrated boat tour by Watermark Tours. Get an overview of the nautical heritage of Annapolis, as well as the history of the U.S. Naval Academy.



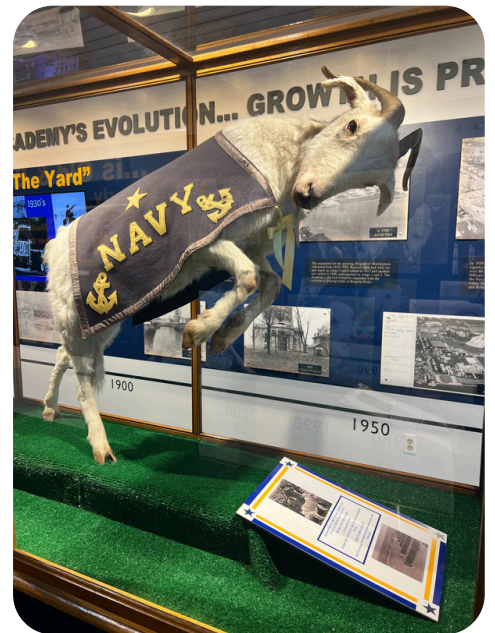
Harbor Queen

Lunch

Proceed to the [Federal House](#) in Market Square for lunch for classic Maryland fare like cream of crab soup or lump crab cakes in a comfortable old-world historic setting.

Afternoon

Visit the [U.S. Naval Academy](#). The American Navy was founded on October 13, 1775, when the Continental Congress voted to outfit two sailing vessels to intercept British ships bringing supplies to the British army. Today, the United States Naval Academy shapes future leaders with access to the highest standards of education and technology. The [Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center](#) and the Halsey Field House have a wide variety of interactive exhibits and videos to familiarize you with the Academy and get you in the Navy spirit. Visit the **crypt of John Paul Jones**, the man considered to be the "Father of the U.S. Navy." Nearby is the **Brigade of Midshipmen Chapel**, built between 1904-1908. Its stunning Tiffany-glass dome is an iconic component of the Annapolitan skyline. Make sure to visit the [U.S. Naval Academy Museum](#), located in Preble Hall and see the original "Don't Give Up the Ship" flag—the battle cry of the Navy.



U.S. Naval Academy

Evening Activity

Head to [Live! Casino & Hotel](#) for world class live entertainment, an international selection of fine food and beverages, and high-end casino games of all kinds. Washington himself enjoyed games of cards and horseracing, while Jefferson's account books record a number of wagers between 1760-1780.



Live! Casino & Hotel

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Day 2: Give Me Liberty

Morning

Start the day with a walking tour from [Watermark Tours](#), taking in the same sites and views our Founding Fathers once did. The [Colonial Annapolis & Maryland State House Walking Tour](#) shares four centuries of Annapolitan history and introduces visitors to the people and events which influenced the landscape of the city today. Proceed to the Maryland State House, which served as the nation's capital, and is where George Washington resigned his commission as head of the Continental Army in 1783 and the Treaty of Paris was signed formally ending the Revolutionary War.



Maryland State House

Lunch

Eat like a colonial at [Reynold's Tavern](#), a beautifully maintained 18th century tearoom, inn, and tavern with meticulously handpicked tea blends (including those favored by Washington and Jefferson), and delicious homemade sweet and savory offerings.



Reynold's Tavern

Afternoon

Take a leisurely stroll to the [William Paca House & Garden](#), the home of one of Maryland's four signers of the Declaration of Independence. Built in the 1760's by William Paca, this National Historic Landmark is one of the finest 18th-century homes in the country. Take a tour inside and hear the stories not only of William and Mary Paca, but also the enslaved individuals in the home: Denby, Affey, Poll, Sall, and Bett. Stroll through the terraced garden parterres, naturalistic wilderness, and practical kitchen garden.



William Paca House & Garden

Walk to the [Museum of Historic Annapolis](#) at 99 Main Street for their exhibition Annapolis: An American Story, which tells the multifaceted story of Annapolis and the patriots and revolutionaries throughout time who pursued life, liberty and happiness.