

# ANNAPOLIS & ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY 250 ITINERARY



## Day 1: Don't Give Up the Ship

### Morning

Spend the day at the [U.S. Naval Academy](#) and learn about this iconic American military institution. Begin your visit at **Halsey Field House** and learn about the mission of the Academy, student life, and its graduates' incredible service to America. Learn about the history of the Navy at [The U.S. Naval Academy Museum](#), located in Preble Hall and see the original "Don't Give Up the Ship" flag. At noon, make your way to T-Court outside of Bancroft Hall to view **noon meal formation**, a tradition going back to 1905.



*U.S. Naval Academy*

### Lunch

There are all sorts of lunch options on the Yard ranging from casual food trucks to coffee and pastries at [1845 Coffee](#), to **the Alley** in the lower level of the Naval Academy Club. Nearby in the incredible **Dahlgren Hall**, see the **Wright Flyer** – a replica of a plane used by naval pilots in 1911. A visit to the Naval Academy must include a visit to the **Brigade of Midshipmen Chapel** with its Tiffany-glass dome (an iconic component of the Annapolis skyline) and the nearby **crypt of John Paul Jones**, the man considered to be the "Father of the U.S. Navy." End your day with a reflective visit to the **Triton Light**, a monument and active navigational point on the water's edge dedicated to the safe return of all submariners and honoring those lost at sea.



*1845 Coffee House*

### Afternoon

End the afternoon 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.



*Harbor Queen*

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## Day 2: Don't Give Up the Ship

### Morning

Start your day with a visit to the [Maryland State House](#), the oldest continuously used legislative building in the United States. Journey through time and visit one of the most important spots in American history—the very place where George Washington resigned as Commander of the Continental Army and where, a year later, the Treaty of Paris was ratified. Later, during the War of 1812, the dome served as a look-out point out into the Bay. Take a self-guided tour or go on the [Historic Maryland State House Tour](#) given by **Watermark Tours**.



*Maryland State House*

### Lunch

Stop at [Broken Oar Bar & Grill](#) in Glen Burnie for waterfront views and creative local cuisine, or if you prefer something a little more eclectic, [Crabtowne USA](#) provides steamed crabs in a fun and quirky atmosphere.



*Crabtowne USA*

### Afternoon

After lunch, take a visit to the [National Cryptology Museum](#) adjacent to National Security Agency (NSA) Headquarters at Fort Meade. Not only does it house artifacts from the NSA, its' collection also holds the German Enigma Machine from WWII, as well as the U.S. Army's Sigaba cypher machine—the only machine to remain completely unbroken during the war. Learn about spy rings under Washington, Native American code talkers, modern encryption and more at this unique museum, just a few steps away from where the real action takes place.



*National Cryptology Museum*