

Baltimore

A Historical City of Black Culture & Legacy



Association of Black Women in Higher Education, Inc.
2026 National Conference Location

Region of Country



Situated along the East Coast, Baltimore enjoys a prime location that's easily accessible from major cities like New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. Attendees can fly into Baltimore-Washington International Airport, which offers numerous domestic and international flights. Once in the city, getting around is a breeze thanks to Baltimore's well-connected public transportation system, including the Metro Subway Link, Light Rail Link, and bus network.



Baltimore's Black Culture

Baltimore's Black culture is a vibrant tapestry woven through its history, arts, and community. The city's African American heritage is deeply rooted, with a significant presence in politics, religion, sports, education, and the arts.

Baltimore's Black community has been central to the city's identity, contributing to its growth and development.

Museums like the Frederick Douglass–Isaac Myers Maritime Park Museum and the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum provide educational experiences about the city's African American history.

Baltimore's Black culture is a testament to the city's resilience, creativity, and ongoing contributions to society.



Transportation

Several transportation options exist for traveling from BWI Airport to the Baltimore Inner Harbor.

1. Taxi:

An approximate 20-minute travel time to the Inner Harbor, according to BWI Airport.

2. Uber/Lyft:

Approximately \$31 for one way trip.

3. MTA Light Rail:

Connects BWI to downtown Baltimore,

4. Shuttle + Train (MARC or Amtrak):

Free shuttles run between the BWI terminal and the Amtrak/MARC station.

Both MARC and Amtrak trains offer service to downtown Baltimore.

5. Other Options:

BayRunner Shuttle offers service from BWI to the Baltimore Inner Harbor.

Amtrak Northeast

Serving as the primary transportation hub of Baltimore since 1911, [Penn Station](#) is among the busiest stations in the US, transporting millions of Amtrak and MARC riders annually. A short walk from downtown and the Inner Harbor, Baltimore Penn Station connects passengers not only to major cities in the surrounding states of Virginia and Pennsylvania, but from coast-to-coast as well. Popular destinations from Baltimore also include Buffalo, Chicago and Charlotte.

Driving

Baltimore is a relatively easy road trip for a number of ABWHE local chapters. I-95 is the major highway that runs through the Baltimore area, providing a direct route from Washington, DC.

Philadelphia- Estimated 1.5hrs

New Jersey - Estimated 2.5-3.0hrs

New York, NY - Estimated 3.5hrs

Upstate New York - Estimated 5.5hrs



Premier Conference Venue

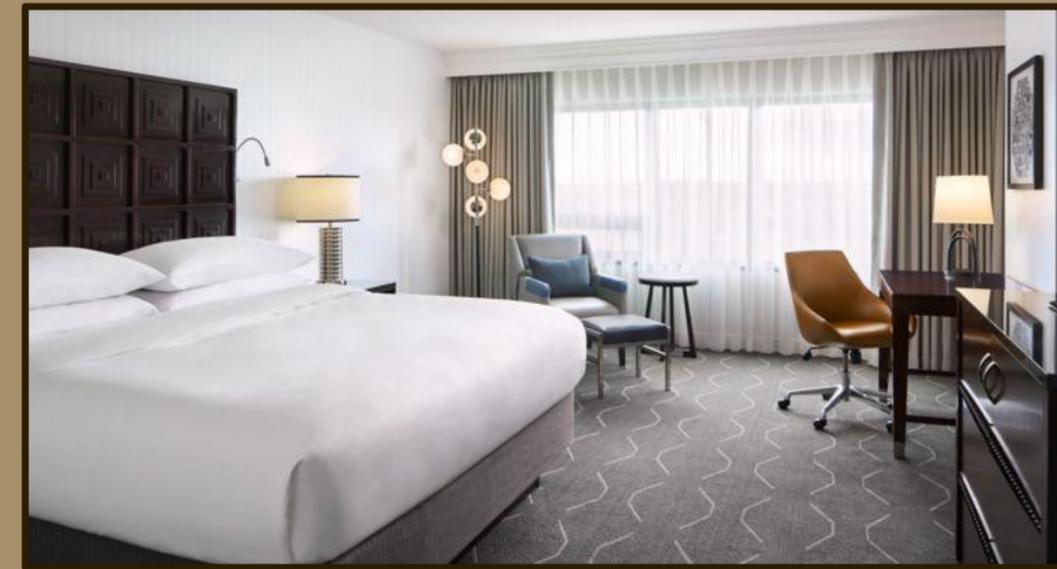
Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel

Estimated Rate (20 room min.)

\$179.00 plus tax

Located steps away from the Baltimore Inner Harbor and conveniently close to some of the city's other top attractions, the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel offers modern rooms, sophisticated meeting spaces and ballrooms with stunning waterfront views. The hotel's 21,000 square feet of event space includes outdoor terraces perfect for networking receptions or post-conference gatherings, a modern gym and indoor pool, and a restaurant and coffee shop.

Please Note: The block quote was provided by the Renaissance Sales Office. Rates and availability are subject to change until an agreement is in place.



Local Attractions

The National Aquarium is located in the heart of downtown Baltimore on the Inner Harbor. a leading favorite for locals and visitors alike. See 20,000 different animals in award-winning habitats, including a tropical rainforest and an Australian river gorge.

Just one block away from the water, **The Reginald F. Lewis Museum** features more than 13,000 square feet of permanent and temporary exhibition space holding about 10,000 objects. The Lewis Museum has over 400 years of history in its permanent collection. Take a journey through Maryland African American history in the areas of industry, politics, leisure activities, sports, media, the arts, education, the military and more.

Since its opening, **The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum** has become a prominent, nationally recognized institution. It has also evolved into a powerful compendium of wax figures. The Museum houses approximately 150 figures of people from the past, like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks, and from the present, like President Barack Obama.



Pennsylvania Avenue Black Arts District

Baltimore's newest arts and entertainment district spans most of **Pennsylvania Avenue** from Penn North to Upton. It's full of history and culture, and aims to expand and uplift the community.

While this area's designation as a Black arts and entertainment district may be new, the neighborhood has had a long history as a cultural center for the city's African American community. During the 1940s, 50s and 60s, Pennsylvania Avenue was the place to go to see the latest singers and musicians perform—most notably at the Royal Theater, which hosted entertainers like Cab Calloway, Billie Holiday, Ray Charles and James Brown.



Fell's Point

Fell's Point is a historic waterfront [neighborhood](#) in southeastern [Baltimore, Maryland](#). Located 1.5 miles east of Baltimore's downtown central business district, Fell's Point is known for its maritime history and character. The neighborhood has numerous antique, music, and other stores, restaurants, coffee bars, a municipal market house with individual stalls and more!

Fell's Point is a 15-minute ferry ride to the Inner Harbor at Harbor Place. The express service operates with scheduled departures every 15 minutes, making it a convenient option for travelers.



Weather & Climate

October in Baltimore generally brings cooler temperatures, with highs averaging around 59°F (15°C) and lows dipping to about 41°F (5°C). It can feel moderately chilly and breezy at times.

Rainfall: There's a roughly 41% chance of rain on any given day in October, with an average rainfall of 0.42 inches (10.6 mm) on days with precipitation. This is considered light rain.

Sunshine: You can expect about 11 hours (46% of the day) of clear or sunny skies (partly cloudy or less) in October.

Daylight: The average day in October has 11.1 hours of daylight, with sunrise around 7:11 AM and sunset around 6:17 PM.

Humidity: October is typically quite humid, with an average relative humidity of 86%, described as humid but cool.

Wind: The wind blows at an average speed of 11.0 mph (17.7 kph).

In summary: October in Baltimore offers cool, often breezy weather with moderate humidity and a decent amount of sunshine. It's advisable to dress in layers to accommodate temperature fluctuations throughout the day.

