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**EVEN MORE IN BALTIMORE**

A fresh slate of hotels and restaurants cater to visitors drawn to a thrumming cultural scene that gets stronger with the opening of each new gallery and bookshop. And now you can taste the freshest Guinness this side of Dublin.

by Rachel Tepper Paley

**1. Where to Stay**

The city's first art-focused boutique hotel, **Revival**, opened its doors last May amid the brownstones of Baltimore's leafy Mount Vernon neighborhood. Set in a former Baltimore Museum of Art exhibition space, the hotel's 107 rooms are filled with works by local and established artists, plus chic touches such as vintage rugs and midcentury light fixtures. Other newish lodging options include the 128-room **Sagamore Pendry Baltimore**, a historic warehouse in Fell's Point that once served as an entry gate for thousands of immigrants; today, it's a dreamy hangout for locals who gather at the Cannon Room whiskey bar and Rec Pier Chop House restaurant. Also, downtown, there's the **Ivy Hotel**, whose 18 rooms occupy an elegantly restored 19th-century mansion.



Revival

Elk Room

**2. Where to Drink**

From his neon sign in Brewers Hill, Mr. Boh, the one-eyed, mustachioed mascot of local brewery National Bohemian, watches over a more diverse drinking landscape than he used to. In August 2018, **Guinness** opened its first stateside brewery and taproom since the last one closed down in 1954. It's on the site once occupied by Maryland's first post-Prohibition distillery. Ten minutes north of town, the warehouse complex **Union Collective** opened last summer in the Hampden-Medfield neighborhood, anchored by the taproom and beer garden at **Union Craft Brewing**. **Baltimore Spirits Co.** also makes its whiskey, brandy, and gin on site. In the Canton neighborhood, cocktail options abound at the delightful **Regal Beagle** tiki bar. Round out an evening of living large at the **Elk Room** in Harbor East, a modern speakeasy with an unmarked entrance.



**3. Where to See, Hear, and Make Art**

Every first-time visitor to the city should explore the whimsical **American Visionary Art Museum**, which opened in 1995 and is dedicated to self-taught artists. Once you've done that, investigate the newer additions to the city's creative community. **Resort** is a downtown contemporary gallery that provides a spotlight for emerging as well as established avant-garde artists. The crates at **Hare's Breath Records**, in Fell's Point, are filled with thousands of new and used vinyl discs of all genres, including limited-edition experimental recordings put out by the Hare's Breath label. For a more hands-on experience, learn how to knot a macramé wall hanging and handstamp a set of tea towels at **Maker Practice** studio in nearby Catonsville, or take a candle-making workshop at the **Homegrown Baltimore** co-op in Harbor East. The boutique and workshop space are operated by a handful of local companies owned by women.

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Red Emma's

**4. Where to Read**

Print is alive and well in Edgar Allan Poe's beloved city, where the long-running annual **Baltimore Book Festival** presents more than 200 celebrity and local authors, plus a host of readings, workshops, and panel discussions. The next festival, slated for early November, is being combined with Baltimore's popular **Light City** festival, during which fantastically lit-up art is installed along 1.5 miles of city waterfront. In the meantime, swing by the newly opened **Co\_Lab Books**, a highly curated architecture- and design-focused bookstore in the historic Old Goucher neighborhood. And don't miss **Red Emma's** downtown, the popular worker-run collective bookstore and café that doubled in size last October. Come for the organic, ethically sourced coffee; stay for the author talks on Black Lives Matter, feminism, and other timely topics. If you're still looking for a book that suits you, you'll likely find it at **Greedy Reads**, a cozy independent bookstore that set up shop in Fell's Point last March. Be sure to say hi to Audie, the owner's Labrador-greyhound mix.



Rye Street Tavern

**5. Where to Eat**

Take in the 29th-floor view at the **Bygone**, the Gatsby-inspired hangout on top of the Four Seasons Hotel, which specializes in tableside-carved steaks and caviar service. The seats here look out over Baltimore's aquarium and the Domino Sugar factory in the Inner Harbor, and Camden Yards, and downtown's newest darling, the down-to-earth French bistro **Chez Hugo**, serves ruby-red steak in green peppercorn sauce. Longtime Fell's Point favorite **Peter's Inn** recently reopened after a fire and serves such dishes as smoked bluefish pâté smeared on hearty pumpernickel bread. There's also a spate of new restaurants by New York City chefs who celebrate American classics through a Mid-Atlantic lens. Andrew Carmellini's **Rye Street Tavern** serves daily crab specials, and the **Turn House**, owned and run by Thomas Zippelli, offers oyster mushroom tacos and other seasonally inspired dishes.



Bygone

