

Historic Havre de Grace

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Day Trip

Come spend a day in this city by the bay. Let a step-on guide provide you with the details of how Havre de Grace was named and how it almost became our nation's capital. Today Havre de Grace is known as the "Decoy Capital of the World."

The day begins with a stop at the Concord Point Lighthouse. For nearly two centuries a light at the junction of the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay has guided boaters to safe harbors. During the War of 1812, it was the location where John O'Neill fired upon the British in his attempt to save the town. You'll then stroll Havre de Grace Promenade, a wooden walkway along the city's waterfront. There are plenty of chances to see ducks, geese and other waterfowl that call the Upper Chesapeake home.

The Promenade ends at the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum, to see first-hand, the artwork and craftsmanship of the carvers who create the wooden decoys of ducks, geese, swans and other waterfowl of the Chesapeake Bay. Perhaps a carver will be on hand to demonstrate the art of decoy making. Our next stop is the Susquehanna Museum, located at the restored lockhouse keeper's home. The museum recalls the day when Havre de Grace was the terminus of the Susquehanna & Tidewater Canal that reached into Pennsylvania.

Following lunch at one of the many fine restaurants in town, spend time browsing more than 20 antique and specialty shops for treasures to take home. We'll also make a visit to Bomboy's Homemade Chocolates, a family-owned, award-winning candy store. Our last stop is an afternoon tea at the Havre de Grace Tea Room.

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