

For beauty, variety, protected waters and nearly endless choice of cruising grounds, there's no where else quite like the Chesapeake Bay. It is America's largest estuary and home to the nation's most historic rivers, cities and towns. All accessible by yachts of any size.

Arriving in the Chesapeake Bay from points south:

1 Cape Charles

Just inside the Virginia Capes, Cape Charles is a deepwater port with a new marina built expressly to welcome superyachts. The town, just across the basin, offers shops, restaurants and a golden-sand glorious beach.

2 Yorktown

Located a few miles up the wide and deep York River, York River Yacht Haven can accommodate yachts large and small. Step off the boat and you'll be in historic Yorktown, with its battlefield and colonial era homes and ambiance. You are a short drive to nearby Williamsburg and Jamestown, VA or anchor around the bend in Mobjack Bay...Want to get away from the world? There's no better place than an anchorage up the East River on Mobjack Bay. Watch dolphins play and waterman work their crabpots, while osprey fish and pelicans fish the waters.

3 Potomac River

Take a side trip up the nation's most historic waterway. Here are just a few of the places that can accommodate deep-draft vessels:

National Harbor: Dock at the area's explosive new entertainment and residential complex, with the National Wheel, MGM Grand Casino, dozens of restaurants and shops. Take a ferry to a Nationals baseball game.

Alexandria: This historic town is well worth a visit. The city marina regularly hosts large historic boats at its deepwater facedocks. Step off and you'll be in the middle of Old Town Alexandria.

Washington, D.C.: See the Nation's Capital by Water! Washington Channel has plenty of water and two marinas that can accommodate larger vessels (undergoing renovations due to complete in 2018). Walk to The Smithsonian, The White House, The Capitol and the monuments.

4 St. Michaels

This is the Eastern Shore's favorite destination, with restaurants, shopping, charming homes and the excellent Chesapeake Maritime Museum all within a stroll of the marinas.

5 Annapolis

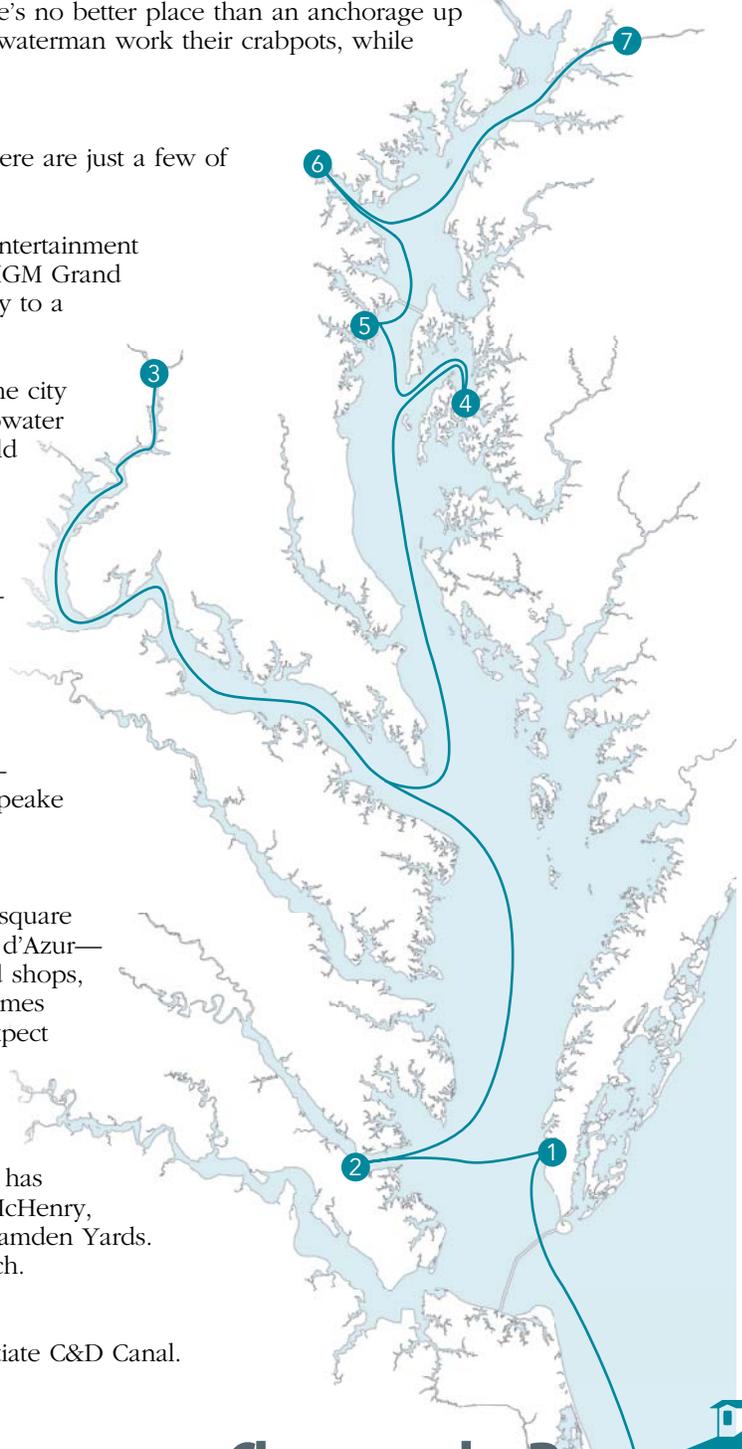
Home to the U.S. Naval Academy and more sailboats per square feet than you could possibly imagine—including the Cote d'Azur—Annapolis is a must-visit destination. It has restaurants and shops, to be sure, but also the largest number of 18th century homes in the country. Wander the narrow streets and you will expect to meet George Washington on his way to give his Farewell Address at the capital building.

6 Baltimore

One of the nation's largest ports of call, historic Baltimore has wide channels and charming modern marinas. Visit Fort McHenry, Fells Point, Canton and more. Enjoy an Orioles game at Camden Yards. Visit the National Aquarium. Everything is well within reach.

7 Chesapeake & Delaware Canal

Exit the Bay on your way north through the easy to negotiate C&D Canal.



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