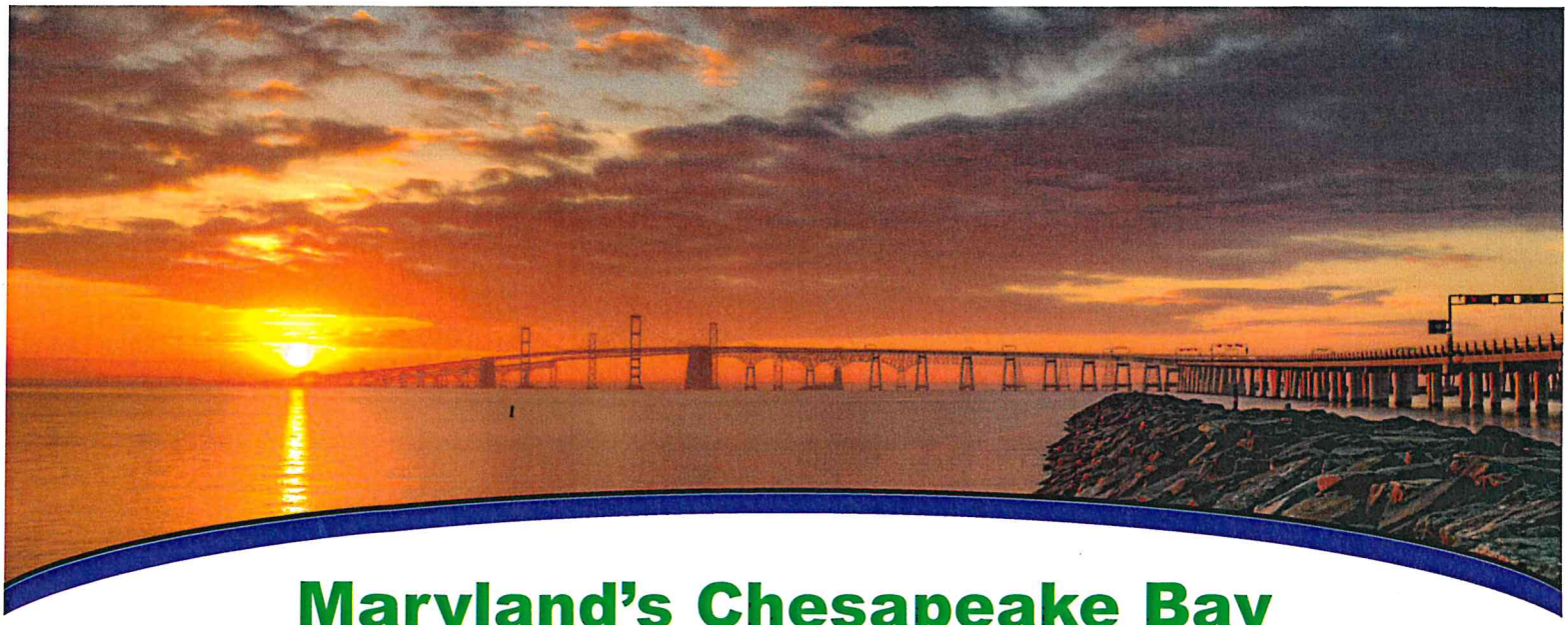


Maryland's Chesapeake Bay

Hoopers Island, Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, Madhouse Oyster Farm & Choptank River Lighthouse

June 16-18, 2027

3 DAYS * 4 MEALS Come along and explore Maryland's Chesapeake Bay! Visit charming St. Michaels, a shipbuilding town, and enjoy a cruise on the Miles River aboard Patriot Cruises. Explore quaint Hoopers Island, a hidden gem and home of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge; discover an aquaculture oyster farm; and enjoy a visit to Choptank River Lighthouse.

Day 1 - Wednesday - June 16
Travel to Maryland
Cruise on the Miles River

All aboard! We're on our way north to St. Michaels on the Chesapeake Bay. This quaint shipbuilding town located on Maryland's Eastern Shore features handsome churches and Colonial, Federal and Victorian homes. We'll enjoy a cruise on the Miles River aboard a Patriot Cruises vessel. See historic homes and native wildlife, and watch local watermen harvesting seafood from the waters. Afterwards enjoy dinner at Chesapeake Landing Restaurant, a local favorite for over 34 years. Then continue to Cambridge for a two-night stay. (D)

Day 2 - Thursday - June 17
Hooper Island Touring
Old Salty's Restaurant

A beautiful morning drive takes us over the sweeping arched bridges to Hoopers Island, another hidden gem on the Chesapeake Bay, offering a mix of history and culture. Here, watermen still harvest the bay just as their ancestors did in the 1600's. Step back in time as we ride through the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, home to one of the largest bald eagle populations, on our way to the Blackwater Visitors Center. Soon we arrive at Madhouse Oyster Farm, an aquaculture farm raising oysters from larvae and moving them to sites in the bay. After touring this facility we get to taste their products known for their saltiness and sweetness. Then its time for an included lunch at Old Salty's Restaurant for an enjoyable true Eastern Shore buffet featuring some mighty good seafood. Later we'll return to Cambridge for free time and dinner on our own. (B,L)

Day 3 - Friday - June 18
Choptank River Lighthouse
Travel Home

Rise and shine! This morning we'll visit Choptank River Lighthouse, a majestic, fully operational replica of a historic screw pile lighthouse, standing proudly at the end of Long Wharf Park. Take a self-guided tour inside the lighthouse museum to learn about the brave keepers who navigated these waters. From this point we may enjoy uninhibited panoramic views of the massive Choptank River. Later today we board our coach heading home to the Shenandoah Valley. Fond memories of our summer escape to the Chesapeake Bay linger as we return to our respective areas. (B)

Tour Highlights:

* Cruise on the Miles River
* Hooper Island Touring
* Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge
* Madhouse Oyster Farm
* Choptank River Lighthouse
* Also included: Accommodations, Motorcoach Transportation, Shenandoah Tours Escort, & Luggage Handling.
* 4 Meals = 2B, 1L, 1D

Tour #27015
Cost of Tour - Per Person
Twin $789 Single $989

Optional Travel Protection Plan Available
$66 Per Person
(Rates subject to change)

Deposit & Final Payment:
A deposit of $100 per person is due when reservations are made. Balance is due by May 15, 2027.