

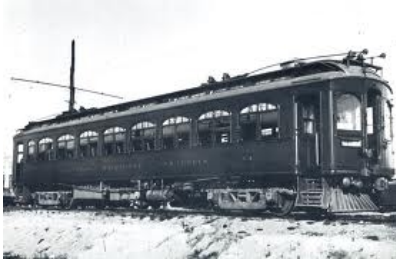
## BALTIMORE, WASHINGTON & ANNAPOLIS

. . . originally served by an electric railroad . . . built by a group of Clevelanders

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In 1888 the Potomac and Severn Electric Railroad changed its name to the Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis Electric Railway to better describe those most populated areas it served. Much as it sounds from recent discussions in the State of Ohio, a group of entrepreneurs from Cleveland had the foresight to see that these three cities would be best served by a "high speed showpiece line using the most advanced technology of the time". This group even added a streetcar line between Baltimore and Washington D.C. and the service did well for 27 years until the Great Depression and the rise in the utilization of automobiles . . . but these three cities continue to thrive. We'll be seeing all three during this inclusive four-day tour.

Through the narrations of our guides, we'll be seeing each of these cities and learning of many of the highlights. As an example, in Washington D.C., we'll be seeing the government buildings, visiting the memorials as well as spending time at Arlington Cemetery, walking or taking the tram to see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Eternal Flame and the Kennedy Grave Site. This evening we'll be dining at one of the Flagship restaurants along the Washington Channel.



Annapolis, the capital of Maryland, was originally named Providence, founded on the shore of the Severn River by Puritan exiles from Virginia. During our visit to this city, our first stop will be at the United States Naval Academy which was founded in 1845. You'll be seeing the facilities during our walking tour (for a close-in, personal experience) and learn of the training that these recruits now go through, just as the U.S. Navy has moved from a fleet of sail and steam-powered ships to a high tech fleet of nuclear-powered submarines, and surface ships as well as supersonic aircraft. We'll be having a lunch break in Annapolis as well as touring the Maryland State House.



This evening we'll be enjoying a dinner-theater where, following our buffet, we'll sit back and enjoy a lively musical performance of "Grease", the 1980 romantic musical. The original production starred Olivia Newton-John (as "Good Girl Sandy") and John Travolta (as the "Greaser") who fall in love over the summer.

In the third destination, Baltimore, we'll be attending a moving performance at Fort McHenry, the "Birthplace of the National Anthem". The valiant defense of the fort, during the Battle of Baltimore, inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star Spangled Banner". And after we'll be seeing the city highlights. Since these three cities that we've selected for this tour grew and prospered with the assistance of the WB & A Electric Railway, we'll be making a stop at a museum dedicated to the birthplace of American railroading. During our time here you'll be enjoying some of the beautiful historic steam, and electric locomotives housed in an unbelievably beautiful roundhouse. All Aboard for this tour, first introduced last year.