



THE ROAD THAT BUILT THE NATION

BALTIMORE CITY

Directions

- » You will start your tour at the Inner Harbor, the beginning or end of many journeys along the Historic National Pike.
- » Follow Lombard Street (return on Pratt Street) past the old Bromo Seltzer Tower and the University of Maryland Hospital complex.
- » Cross Martin Luther King Boulevard, and continue through several well-preserved historic neighborhoods. One of these, settled by European immigrants, grew up around Hollins Market. More recent residents have made this an artistic community, which contributed to the existence of the neighborhood's many coffeehouses, small restaurants, and cafes.
- » A little farther west is Union Square, one of several such squares developed in the 19th Century. In the next century, the square attained fame when renowned newspaperman H. L. Mencken made his home at 1524 Hollins Street.
- » South of Lombard and Pratt streets is the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum at Mt. Clare Station, the oldest passenger railroad station in the country and the birthplace of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The museum's collection includes more than 120 railroad cars and engines used from 1830 to the 1960s.
- » You will continue on Lombard Street to Frederick Avenue, which is a two-way street that is the only direct link to the original turnpike. Still in use today are many hotels, taverns, and warehouses that once served travelers and transport on the Historic National Pike.
- » The road crosses Gwynns Falls where the Gwynns Falls Greenway, a 14 mile hiking and biking trail, is under construction from nearby Leakin Park to the Inner Harbor.
- » The pike enters the Victorian village of Irvington, which is bordered by several notable cemeteries, including Mount Olivet, where rests Francis Asbury, the "Father of American Methodism" and Loudoun Park, the burial place of H.L. Mencken and other well-known Baltimoreans.
- » You will also pass St. Joseph's Monastery and a National Cemetery containing the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers.
- » Frederick Avenue becomes MD 144, or Frederick Road, as it crosses the city line into Baltimore County.