

Sleep

Spend the night in an admiral's quarters—after your ghost walk.

O, Say, Can You Sleep?

Art Deco panache or urban sophistication, Baltimore's hotels hit all the right notes.

Hilton Baltimore

Adjacent to the Baltimore Convention Center, the Hilton is right in the middle of the action. The Francis Scott Key Grand Ballroom can accommodate nearly 2,500 people, while more intimate gatherings will feel at home in one of the more than two dozen smaller meeting spaces. *Rooms start at \$209. baltimore.hilton.com*

Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore

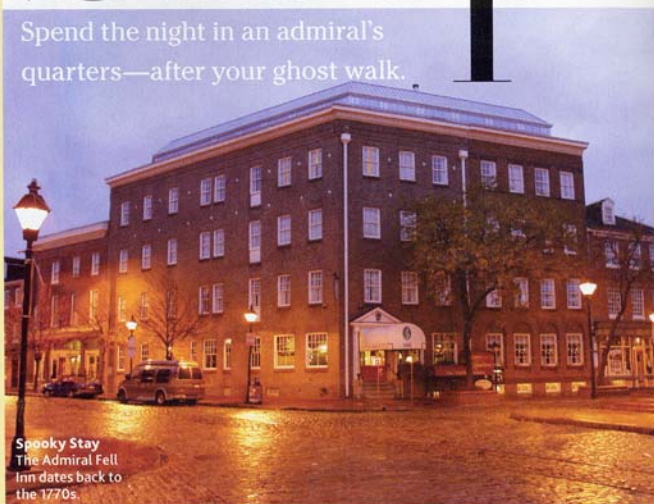
At 23 stories high, this Art Deco-style building is the last classical high-rise building constructed downtown. First opened in 1928, the Lord Baltimore features 439 guest rooms and suites, plus elegant meeting spaces. Murals in the Calvert Ballroom illustrate the history of Charm City. *Rooms start at \$159. radisson.com/lordbaltimore*

Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel

If modern accommodations are more your style, the Renaissance Harborplace is just the thing. Taking advantage of its proximity to the water, the hotel features sweeping views of the Inner Harbor. Convenient to Baltimore landmarks such as Fort McHenry, the inspiration for "The Star-Spangled Banner." *Rooms start at \$199. marriott.com*

Scarborough Fair Bed and Breakfast

Choose from six cozy rooms and suites at this Federal Hill retreat. Linger over breakfast (try the vanilla-apricot scones), then stroll through this historic neighborhood—the American Visionary Arts Museum is just blocks away. *Rooms start at \$199. scarboroughfairbandb.com*



Spooky Stay
The Admiral Fell Inn dates back to the 1770s.

WITH A RICH HISTORY and a Federal style, the Admiral Fell Inn offers the quintessential Baltimore experience. Perched on the city's deep-water port in the Fells Point neighborhood, the 80-room lodge is just steps from The Horse You Came In On Saloon, where it's said Edgar Allan Poe sipped his last drink before his mysterious death in 1849.

Keeping Poe in mind, the Admiral Fell embraces its spooky side with a historical ghost walk through the hotel on Friday and Saturday evenings. (If you prefer to keep your ghosts at arm's length, stay in the lobby and sample a cookie; one of the ghosts inspired the recipe.) Its resident historians offer more stories during the Admiral's Tea on Saturdays. And on August and September afternoons, the town crier—local volunteer Jack Trautwein, clad in waistcoat,

breeches, and a tricorne hat—rings his bell just outside the inn and reads the news of the day from 1814, when the young United States was at war with Britain.

The hotel occupies what used to be several structures, spanning a corner that affords a stunning view of the harbor. Each room is appointed with period pieces but also offers the comforts of modern technology, such as wireless Internet access.

Local restaurants and shopping abound; on site (accessible via the hotel lobby), try Meli Patisserie and Bistro for brunch, or stop at Broadway Market, a few blocks north, for fresh produce, baked goods, and prepared lunch items.

Blending history, a touch of mystery, and modern amenities: That's how to stay in Admiral Fell style. *Rooms start at \$129. harbormagic.com*