

TRUE TALBOT. TRUE CHESAPEAKE.

Talbot  
COUNTY  
MARYLAND

Easton • Oxford • St. Michaels • Tilghman Island

Talbot County is home to some of the most beautiful and historic small towns in America.

Bring your group for a true Talbot County experience with fresh-from-the-Bay seafood, engaging attractions, and enlightening tours about life on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

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### St. Michaels Offers a Taste of the Chesapeake Bay Way of Life

St. Michaels earned fame when it thwarted a British Army attack during the War of 1812. Today you'll find more yachts and powerboats than battleships, and the lively waterfront town's main artery, Talbot Street, is lined with distinctive shops and galleries, eateries, and museums.

Treat your group to a tour of the [Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum](#) alongside the Miles River. Visit the working boatyard, enjoy the views atop the Hooper Strait Lighthouse, and take a guided tour of their exhibits presenting the cultural and environmental history of the Bay region.

Step aboard the [Patriot](#), a replica 1930s steam ferry, for a narrated historical river cruise on the Miles River, a tributary of the Chesapeake Bay. Or Sail with Capt. Ed on the H. M. Krentz, a 1955 authentic skipjack. Learn about these oyster boats while enjoying view from the Chesapeake Bay.

Savor a true Talbot County culinary experience at the [Crab Claw Restaurant](#), offering steamed crabs, crab cakes, and more. Not a seafood crowd? There are plenty of other choices in the area!

### Like an Old-fashioned Postcard, Oxford is Picture Perfect

Surrounded by rivers, Oxford's waterways bustle with the passing of sailboats and crab boats. Stroll the idyllic tree-lined streets, peppered with historic homes with picket fences and lead to charming inns, shops, and taverns.

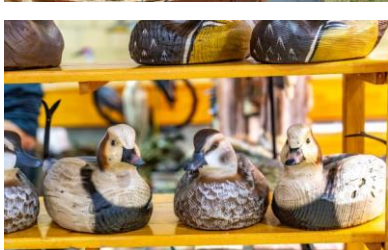
Take the [Oxford Museum Walking Tour](#), and listen to the stories of the people who built this significant town. Stops include the Robert Morris Inn, Oxford Customs House, and The Strand, Oxford miniature beach.

Chef Mark Salter of the [Robert Morris Inn](#) follows the seasons of Eastern Shore artisan growers with a two-hour cooking demonstration followed by a two-course luncheon paired with wine.

Taste the unique flavors of handmade ice cream by the [Scottish Highland Creamery](#) with flavors such as Boston Cream Pie, Coffee Donut, and Italian Lemon Cookie.

Combine Tours for a Two, Three, or Even Four-Day Stay

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## A Quintessential Historic American Watermen's Village

Tilghman Island is a world away, where watermen reign, pristine landscapes abound, and crowds only exist at the annual crab feasts and docking contests. Nestled between the Chesapeake Bay and Choptank River, the island offers fishing and crabbing excursions, boat rides, and history.

Visit the [Tilghman Watermen's Museum](#), celebrating the work and culture of the Island's watermen and families with indoor and outdoor exhibitions, artifacts, boat models, and audio and video recordings of the stories and experiences of island residents who grew up in "paradise."

Taste the Island's bounty and hospitality with a crab feast at [Tickler's Crab Shack](#) at the Wylder Hotel, chef prepared oyster and crab dishes at the [Tilghman Island Inn Restaurant](#), or a wine tasting at the Island's [Country Store](#).

## The African-American Experience on the Eastern Shore

Maryland's founding Black families made significant contributions to Eastern Shore life, and Talbot County has a number of museums and tours that bring this history to light.

The [Frederick Douglass Driving Tour](#) highlights the life of the famed orator, author, statesman, and abolitionist, born into slavery in Talbot County in 1818. Follow his life from early childhood through his triumphant return to the County, visiting the land of his birth, sites where he labored, and memorials to his legacy.

The [Hill Community Project](#) tours one of the oldest free Black neighborhoods in the U. S. still in existence today; the [Water's Edge Museum](#) interprets the Black experience through music and art; and the [John Wesley Church](#), an integrated abolitionist church since before the Civil War.

## A Farm Tour of Maryland's Eastern Shore

Step into the past at the [Old Wye Mill](#), America's oldest water-powered grist mill continuously grinding grain on Maryland's Eastern Shore for over 300 years and the [Tuckahoe Steam and Gas Association](#) with its Rural Life Museum, Machine Shop Museum, Mini Train, and more.

The Spies family, owners of [Triple Creek Winery](#), have been involved in agriculture on Maryland's Eastern Shore for five generations. They started growing grapes in 2015 and offer tastings of their wide variety of wines, and run the [Chesapeake Bay Balloon and Wine Festival](#) in August.

[Chapel's Country Creamery](#) is an independent, family-owned and operated dairy and Maryland's first producers of raw-milk cheese. Taste their award-winning artisan cheeses made with fresh raw milk from their herd of registered Jersey and Holstein cows.

A popular stop for groups looking to get a feel for fall down on the farm, [Councill Farm's](#) stand includes fresh produce, countless varieties of pumpkins and gourds, fall ornaments, ice cream, and pies. Their Family Fun Field features a Corn Maze, games, and pick-your-own pumpkin patch.

## Events Fit for a Group

**July:** Juried artists from around the Nation and beyond take part in [Plein Air Easton](#), the largest, most prestigious juried outdoor painting competition in the U.S. The week-long event culminates with amateur and juried artist paint-out. All artwork is for sale through the week.

**April & November:** The [Eastern Shore Sea Glass Festival](#) showcases artisans of coastal and sea-glass related jewelry, home décor, and art. Event includes boat rides, food and beverages vendors, and entry to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.

**November:** For more than 50 years, thousands come for the best of Eastern Shore heritage, art, food, and fun at the [Waterfowl Festival](#). Activities include wildlife art exhibitions by renowned masters, vendors selling everything from decoys to gear, retriever demonstrations and Diving Dogs competitions, national goose and duck calling contests, and Chesapeake Bay cuisine.

## Distance Information

Baltimore: 71 mi. | Gettysburg: 119 mi. | New York: 201 mi. | Ocean City MD: 75 mi.  
Philadelphia: 109 mi. | Richmond: 181 mi. | Washington D.C.: 85 mi.