



# Did you know?

## *Fun Facts About Baltimore*

Baltimore has more than 56,000 buildings listed in 52 National Register historic districts (second only to New York City).

In 1814, celebrated artist Rembrandt Peale opened a museum at 225 Holliday Street. It was the first building in the Western hemisphere designed specifically to serve as a museum.

Launched in 1854, the *USS Constellation* was the last all-sail ship built by the U.S. Navy before steam replaced wind as the standard means of power. Today the ship is a star attraction docked at the Inner Harbor.

Baltimore's World Trade Center, located at the Inner Harbor, is the tallest pentagonal building in the world. It was designed by legendary architect I. M. Pei.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall grew up in Baltimore. He lived at 1632 Division Street and attended the Henry Highland Garnet School a few blocks away.

The Jewish Museum of Maryland, located at 15 Lloyd Street, is the largest regional Jewish museum in the United States.

The Phoenix Shot Tower, built for the manufacturing of buckshot for shotguns, was the tallest building in the United States when completed in 1828.

The Battle Monument was the nation's first war memorial. Completed in 1825, it is dedicated to those who gave their lives defending the city during the War of 1812.

Baltimore native Joe Gans was the nation's first African American boxing champion. He won boxing's lightweight title in 1902 and held the title until 1908.

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