



**On American Soil:
The 1814 British Invasion of the Chesapeake**
Saturday, August 24, 2024

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- 8:00 a.m. Depart the **Holiday Inn Capitol**
- 8:30 a.m. **Upper Marlboro, MD**
Visit grave site of Dr. William Beanes and drive by Darnall's Chance House
- 9:15 a.m. Depart
- 10:15 a.m. **Battle of St. Leonard Creek**
Visit overlook for a view of where the battle took place
- 11:15 a.m. Depart
- 11:45 a.m. **Lunch at Coast 2 Coast, Solomons, MD**
Menu: Starter of House Salad followed by Choice of 1) Crab Cake Sandwich – Jumbo Lump Crab Cake served Broiled or Fried with Butter Lettuce, Tomato, Horseradish, Aioli, and a side of Chips; 2) Chicken BLT Sandwich served Fried or Grilled with Applewood Smoked Bacon, Butter Lettuce, Tomato, Lemon Aioli, and a side of Chips; or 3) Blackbean Burger served with Arugula, Tomato, Roasted Red Pepper Remoulade, and a side of Chips. Coffee, tea, and sodas included.
- 1:15 p.m. Depart
- 1:30 p.m. **Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons, MD**
View exhibition on the excavation of maritime and boatshed for period replicas
- 2:30 p.m. Depart
- 3:15 p.m. **Benedict, MD**
Site where British troops came ashore to invade the Capitol
- 3:45 p.m. Depart
- 4:30 p.m. Visit the grounds of the **Mount Calvert Mansion**
- 5:00 p.m. Depart
- 5:45 p.m. **Fort Lincoln Cemetery**
Site where marines and flotillamen fought against the British at the Battle of Bladensburg
- 6:15 p.m. Depart

Drive by Capitol Building
- 6:45 p.m. Arrival at the **Holiday Inn Capitol**