

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2012 – OPSAIL PARADE OF SHIPS IN BALTIMORE, MD

An international parade of ships will sail into Baltimore to launch Star-Spangled 200, the celebration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the penning of the National Anthem. More than two dozen ships, including U.S. Navy, British and Canadian "grey hulls" and tall ships from around the globe are expected for the festivities.



7:30 AM - leave Carroll Plaza, Westminster

7:45 AM - leave Reisterstown Shopping Center

9:00-11:00 - Group exclusive **ship tours** – Board and view some of the ships that will be docked at the Inner Harbor.
(Listing of ships will not be available until closer to day of trip.)

12:00-2:00
(11:30 board) - Luncheon cruise onboard the *Spirit of Baltimore* – Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch and spectacular views from the water along with narration about the ships and the War of 1812 from the Inner Harbor to Ft. McHenry.

2:15-3:15 - Guided tour of **The Star Spangled Banner Flag House** – Built in 1793, the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House was the home and place of business of Mary Pickersgill, maker of the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key's famous poem that later became our national anthem.

3:30-5:00 - **Fort McHenry** – Enjoy a self-guided visit of the star-shaped fort best known for its role in the War of 1812 when it successfully defended Baltimore Harbor from an attack by the British navy in the Chesapeake Bay. It was during the bombardment of the fort that Francis Scott Key was inspired to write "The Star Spangled Banner." Take in the orientation film, exhibits and gift shop that are available in the Visitor Center, walk around the fort and enjoy the outdoor exhibits, and participate in the daily flag change program at 4:30pm.



6:00 PM - return to Reisterstown

6:15 PM - return to Westminster

PRICES:

ADULTS \$100.00

CHILD (12 & under) \$ 73.00

(PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation, luncheon cruise with tax & gratuity, & admissions)