



MY HOMETOWN

Josh Charles' **BALTIMORE**

The star of CBS's *The Good Wife* provides a sightseeing guide to the city where he grew up

1. THE INNER HARBOR To see Baltimore at its best, “get out on the water as much as you can,” says Charles. “Get on a boat, get on a water taxi. Go to Fort McHenry and hear about the history of the city and how our national anthem came to be.” Other neighborhoods Charles recommends: Federal Hill, Mount Vernon and Hampden. “I find them incredibly charming.” **Info:** baltimore.org



2. EDGAR ALLAN POE GRAVE SITE

“I remember as a younger person learning about Edgar Allan Poe and going to his house, which is also a museum, and thinking that was really cool,” Charles says. The grave site of the poet—whose work “The Raven” inspired the city’s NFL team name—is in walking distance from the house. **Info:** eapoe.org

3. THE COSTAS INN RESTAURANT

Baltimore has become famous for its crab cakes, and the Costas Inn “is a fantastic place for crabs,” Charles says. “I always have a good time there.” If you’re more in the mood for Italian fare, Charles also recommends Sabatino’s in Little Italy. “I’ve been going there since I was so young,” he admits. “It’s so close to my heart.” **Info:** costasinn.com, sabatinos.com



4. THE AMERICAN VISIONARY ART MUSEUM

The AVAM “is incredibly unique and inspiring,” says Charles. “It features self-taught artists, long-term prisoners’ art—which I find fascinating—and a full sculpture of Divine, who I had the privilege of doing my first movie with, *Hairspray*.” **Info:** avam.org