GROUP VISIT GUIDE

REDISCOVER THE REVOLUTION
DEAR GROUP LEADER,

We are delighted to welcome you and your group to the Museum of the American Revolution! Located just steps from Independence Hall in the heart of Historic Philadelphia, the Museum brings the stories of our nation’s founding to life in exciting and unique ways.

Enclosed is some information that we hope will help you to plan your visit, including museum highlights, tips for getting here, a museum map, and more! Please feel free to contact us with any questions you might have.

We look forward to safely seeing you at the Museum!

Sincerely,

The Museum of the American Revolution
Group Sales Team

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The American Revolution was dramatic, gritty, and full of uncertainty — an era of unparalleled political and social upheaval, even by today’s standards. The Museum invites you and your group to explore this rich and complicated era and its connections to our world today.

**GROUP RATE:** $16 per person, self-guided tour, minimum 15 people

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**WASHINGTON’S WAR TENT FILM**
Follow General Washington’s remarkable journey and sit in the presence of his original Revolutionary War headquarters tent.

**INDEPENDENCE GALLERY**
Read the list of grievances leveled against the King from authentic printings of the Declaration of Independence.

**ONEIDA NATION GALLERY**
Stand among life-size replicas of members of the Oneida Indian Nation and listen to the intense debate that led to their decision to break with the Iroquois Confederacy and join the American cause.

**THE WAR AT SEA GALLERY**
Climb aboard a replica privateer ship to experience the war at sea. A favorite of adults and kids of all ages!

**FINDING FREEDOM DIGITAL INTERACTIVE**
Learn about the wartime reality that faced many freed and enslaved African Americans and explore the contradictions between the fight for American liberty and the persistence of American slavery.

**ENHANCE YOUR VISIT**

**AUDIO TOUR**
Additional $4 per person, limited to 55 people

**GUIDED TOURS**
*Subject to availability*
Additional $10 per person, limited to 40 people

**STORIES OF THE REVOLUTION GUIDED TOUR**
Learn how soldiers, women, African Americans, Native Americans, children and others experienced the tumultuous events of the Revolution through the stories and objects they left behind.

**REVOLUTIONARY WOMEN HIGHLIGHTS TOUR**
Take a closer look at the stories and contributions of the many diverse women who shaped the Revolution.

**BLACK VOICES OF THE REVOLUTION GUIDED TOUR**
Explore the diverse stories, experiences, and objects related to people of African descent and consider what words like freedom, liberty, and equality meant for different people within the Revolutionary era.

**EARLY ACCESS GUIDED TOUR**
*Available at 9am on Fridays – Sundays — ask a group sales representative for details.*
$45 per person, groups of 12-20
Special flat rates available for groups under 12 people
This 60-minute guided tour offers visitors an exclusive opportunity to see the Museum’s exhibits prior to opening.

**VIRTUAL TALKS**
Consider supplementing your in-person visit with a live virtual session with a museum educator. Ask Group Sales for more information.
**Black Founders**

The Forten Family of Philadelphia

**Special Exhibition** February 11 – November 26, 2023

Free with Admission

60-minute guided tour:
$10 per person plus Museum admission

Discover the unique journey and exceptional story of James Forten and his descendants as they navigated the American Revolution and cross-racial relationships to become leaders in the abolition movement in the lead-up to the Civil War. Using objects, documents, and immersive environments, this exhibit will explore the Forten family’s roles in the Revolutionary War, business in Philadelphia, and abolition and voting rights from 1776 to 1876.

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**BOOK YOUR VISIT TODAY!**

267-579-3623
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Join a museum educator for illuminating talks that expand on your visit! These programs take place in the Museum’s classrooms located in the John M. Templeton, Jr. Education Center. Programs must be scheduled in advance.

Make it a Lunch & Learn with our boxed lunch package! More details on page 6.

Programs are 45 minutes (includes Q&A)
$8 per person

**PHILADELPHIA: A REVOLUTIONARY CITY**
Eighteenth-century Philadelphia was a complex place where global trade brought new goods and new ideas to the people who became revolutionaries. Follow one artifact — a punchbowl uncovered in an archaeological dig on site of the Museum of the American Revolution — on a virtual tour of the city, and find yourself in market stalls, coffeehouses, illegal taverns, churches, and the halls of government.

**WHEN WOMEN LOST THE VOTE**
Few people know that for about 30 years during the Revolutionary Era, certain women and free people of African descent had the right to vote in New Jersey. Learn the little-known history of the nation’s first women voters and examine the political conflicts that led to their voting rights being stripped away in 1807.

**THE SAME PRINCIPLE LIVES IN US:**
**People of African Descent in the American Revolution**
American Revolutionaries struggled with a key question: would the words of the Declaration of Independence, that “all men are created equal,” apply to all people? From the outbreak of the Revolution, people of African descent asked and answered this question through their words and actions. In this talk, hear the stories and explore the objects that we use at the Museum to help imagine what the Revolution was like for Phillis Wheatley, Elizabeth Freeman, James Forten, Harry Washington, and others.

**REVOLUTIONARY WOMEN: WRITING ABOUT WAR**
The Revolutionary War offered new opportunities for women from all backgrounds. Thousands of women chose sides and contributed to the American Revolution. They made supplies for the armies, managed and defended their households, and challenged the old political order. What do their individual experiences, documented in travel diaries, memoirs, court records, and commonplace objects tell us about their experiences, the War, and its legacy?

**MAKING THE MUSEUM**
The Museum of the American Revolution opened in 2017, but it has a history that reaches back over a century. Where did our collection come from? How did an Episcopal minister in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, acquire Washington’s war tent, and what did that acquisition have to do with the American Civil War? How did our Museum end up in downtown Philadelphia? What new discoveries have we made from recent acquisitions? This presentation highlights key artifacts and reveals how things work behind-the-scenes at the Museum.
Begin your visit with a self-guided tour of the Museum’s main exhibition. Then, delve deeper into the American Revolution with a private lecture while enjoying a delicious boxed lunch.

**CHOOSE FROM 5 EXCITING TOPICS:**
- Philadelphia: A Revolutionary City
- When Women Lost the Vote
- The Same Principle Lives in Us
- Revolutionary Women: Writing About War
- Making the Museum

*See page 5 for program descriptions.*

**INCLUDES**
- General Admission to the Museum – Self-Guided Tour
- Boxed Lunches by Brûlée Catering (tax & gratuity may apply)
- 45-minute Lecture in the Museum’s classrooms (includes time for Q&A)

*Package available 7 days a week July through March. Available weekends only in April, May, and June. Package subject to availability.*
YOUR VISIT

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

- Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your scheduled admission time. If your group is late, it is at the Museum’s discretion to modify or cancel your reservation. Refunds are not issued for late arrivals.

- Buses are welcome to drop off and pick up in the bus zone located in front of the Museum.

- Upon arrival, please send the group leader to the admissions desk to check in your group.

MUSEUM VISIT

- All group reservations are self-guided, unless otherwise noted on your invoice.

- Your admission includes the feature film, Washington’s War Tent.

MUSEUM SHOP

- Discover unique gifts, books, and artifact reproductions in our gift shop.

- The Museum Shop will be open during museum operating hours.

RESERVATIONS

RESERVATION BASICS

- Groups of 15 or more will receive discounted admission rates of $16 per adult, $11 per youth ages 6-18. Children 5 and under are admitted free of charge with a paying adult.

- Reservations must be made in advance.

- A 20% deposit is due within 14 days of receipt of group reservation invoice.

- Final head count and payment in full are due 14 days prior to your scheduled group visit.

- The Museum welcomes up to 100 people per admission. Admission times run every 30 minutes beginning at 10am.
Don't miss Revolution Place! Take the elevators and hit the button for "0".
Bus unloading and loading will take place in the designated bus zone located in front of the museum on the right-hand lane on Third Street between Chestnut and Walnut Streets.

Buses can park for the day at the Callowhill Bus Center located on Callowhill Street between 2nd and Front Streets. The daily parking rate is $20 per bus with in and out privileges. Overnight parking is an additional $10 per bus.

Directions from the Museum of the American Revolution to the Callowhill Bus Center
Head North on S 3rd St. toward Chestnut St
Turn right at first cross street onto Chestnut St
Turn left toward South Christopher Columbus Blvd
Turn right onto South Christopher Columbus Blvd
Turn left onto Callowhill St
Destination is ahead on the left

Direction from the Callowhill Bus Center to the Museum of the American Revolution
Head West on Callowhill St toward N 2nd St
Turn left on second cross street onto N 2nd St
Turn right onto Walnut St
Turn right onto S 3rd St
Museum is just ahead on the right

Please be advised that the Callowhill Bus Center is run by DLC Parking Philadelphia, not by the Museum. For information or questions, please contact DLC Parking at 215-546-1706.