

NEW YORK TOUR 1

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Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Tour

Learn, Experience, Remember

Experience first-hand the political, social and economic impact of two of the country's most historic monuments. Rather than just reading about immigration, walk in the footsteps of the thousands of individuals who risked everything and would later go on to shape the future of America. Your group will come to understand how slavery, revolution and economic equality led to a single idea- an idea that would later spark inspiration in millions of immigrants, visitors, patriots and creators. The only way to understand the present state of our country is by exploring its past, through two of the most famous monuments in the world.

- ❑ What would America be like without Ellis Island? The impact of mass immigration on cities and states, how the opening of Ellis Island would change the composition of the country and re-define what it means to be American.
- ❑ As the first public health hospital in the country, Ellis Island changed the field of medicine. Using advanced methods and state-of-the-art equipment, countless hours of work saved the lives of hundreds of immigrants, and ushered in a new era of care.
- ❑ Why the Statue of Liberty would not exist today without the combined influence of the Declaration of Independence, the American Revolution, the French Revolution and Civil War- with slavery and aristocracy as the most fundamental motivations.
- ❑ The history of New York Harbor and the importance of preserving what natural resources we have, even within the growth of a giant city. Discover how the once most pristine natural environment in the world was impacted by colonization and the development of the New York metropolis.
- ❑ How one woman alone would change the world's entire perception of the Statue. By writing her sonnet, Emma Lazarus' would initiate a new chapter in the legacy of Lady Liberty, by associating her with the hope many immigrants would be searching for and the opportunity the country provides.
- ❑ Battery Park and the series of forts that surround New York Harbor. The islands of the Hudson became a battleground. The remnants now stand as a reminder of the costs and sacrifices of war.
- ❑ The efforts of Joseph Pulitzer and the first crowdfunding campaign in history.
- ❑ Ellis Island is one of the biggest restoration projects in American History. The dedication and hard work put into its' rehabilitation exemplifies the importance of taking care & valuing our nation's landmarks, and the lessons we can learn from them decades later.