Step back in time and immerse yourself in the immigrant experience. Through interactive tours of our historic tenement building and our Lower East Side neighborhood, K-12 students investigate the universal themes of cultural identity, discrimination and human rights and make personal connections to history. All programs explore the interplay between past and present and incorporate storytelling, interactive lessons and primary source investigation. Programs are led by experienced educators and are customized for students of all ages and abilities.

Our school programs support New York State Learning Standards and facilitate the New Jersey Core Proficiencies for basic social studies skills, attitudes and knowledge reservations

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Reservations are required for all groups and must be made at least 4 weeks in advance. Programs often fill up, so please call us as far ahead as possible. For more information visit www.tenement.org

**PROGRAM LENGTH**

All school programs are 90 minutes with the exception of Taste of the Tenement Neighborhood Walking Tour, which is 75 minutes, and Off-Site programs, which is 1 hour.

**FEE**

NYC Public Schools
$7 per K-12 student; $11 per adult chaperone

K-12 Schools
$10 per K-12 student; $14 per adult chaperone

There is an additional cost of $2 per participant for the neighborhood walking tours. Taste of the Tenement and Foods of the Lower East Side.

Please call for information about subsidized rates for school groups. Free Shared Journeys workshops are available for a limited number of high school ESL classes.

### ACCESS

We strive to support students of all abilities. Touch tours, FM assistive listening devices, and ASL Interpretation are available upon request. Please call for more information on how we can accommodate your students’ unique needs.

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**NOTE**

MEET THE RESIDENTS: LIVING HISTORY PROGRAMS
Living history programs use costumed interpreters to bring past residents of 97 Orchard Street to life. Students meet costumed interpreters portraying actual residents and hear first-hand about their experiences.

VICTORIA CONFINO
How do you get started in a new place?
Play the part of a new immigrant family in 1916 searching for your first home. Get help from Victoria Confino, a 14-year-old immigrant who lives at 97 Orchard Street. Students ask Victoria questions to prepare them for their new lives in America and learn about the universal immigrant experience of starting your life over.
Capacity: 15 – 30 persons
Made Possible by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation

BRIDGET MOORE
What does it feel like to be far from home?
Travel back to 1868 and help Bridget Moore prepare for her housewarming party. Students talk to Bridget about her experience as one of only two Irish families at 97 Orchard Street, and draw connections between Bridget’s experience and homesickness and discrimination today.
Capacity: 15 – 30 persons

TENEMENT INSPECTORS
How do you know if a home is safe?
Take on the role of housing inspectors in 1906. Interview a tenant and a landlord and investigate 97 Orchard Street to determine if the building is up to code. As students explore the Gumpertz and Baldizzi apartments, they learn how families cope with hard times and who they can turn to for help.
Capacity: 15 – 45 persons

TOUR THE BUILDING: EXPLORE FAMILY STORIES
Interactive building tours tell the stories of immigrant families that lived at 97 Orchard Street. Educators use storytelling, activities and objects to engage students in history.

HARD TIMES
Who can you turn to for help?
See how life at 97 Orchard Street differed for a German-Jewish family in the 1870s and a Sicilian-Catholic family during the 1930s. As students explore the Gumpertz and Baldizzi apartments, they learn how families cope with hard times and who they can turn to for help.
Capacity: 15 – 45 persons

IRISH OUTSIDERS
What is it like to be an outsider?
Experience the immigrant saga through the music of Irish America. Visit the 1869 home of the Moores, Irish immigrants coping with the death of a child and explore issues of discrimination, healthcare and survival.
Capacity: 15 – 30 persons

SWEATSHOP WORKERS
How does your job affect your life?
Visit the homes of two Jewish families who lived at 97 Orchard Street during the great wave of immigration. Learn about the jobs the Levine and Rogarshevsky families found in the garment industry and how work influences family’s home, cultural traditions and social life.
Capacity: 15 – 45 persons

NEIGHBORHOOD WALKING TOURS
Neighborhood walking tours explore the Lower East Side and uncover the history and culture within the city streets. Walking tours take place outside, rain or shine and do not enter the tenement building.

TASTE OF THE TENEMENT
How does food tell a story?
Elementary school students embark on a culinary journey. As they investigate the neighborhood restaurants and markets, they sample foods and learn about the role immigrants play within American food culture.
Capacity: 15 – 30 persons

FOODS OF THE LOWER EAST SIDE
How has immigration shaped American food culture?
Students investigate the food culture of the Lower East Side. As they sample local treats representative of the neighborhood’s rich history, they explore the interplay between American and immigrant foodways.
Capacity: 15 – 25 persons

OUTSIDE THE HOME
What does it mean to be American?
Investigate communal spaces and places central to immigrant life a century ago. Sites include the Jarmulowsky Bank, the Jewish Daily Forward and PS 42.
Capacity: 15 – 25 persons

THEN AND NOW
Who controls a neighborhood?
Every few years, a new wave of people and buildings transforms the Lower East Side. Learn how to read the history of change in the neighborhood. Visit a tenement that became a Chinese laundry, a synagogue that became a church, and a public school that became a Latino cultural center.
Capacity: 15 – 25 persons

ESOL WORKSHOPS
Shared Journeys
ESOL workshops for high school students provide a unique context for English language learning, help students place their own immigration experience within a broader historical and political framework, and promote critical engagement with civic issues.
Capacity: 15 – 30 persons

OFF-SITE PROGRAMS
Can’t visit the Tenement? We offer two opportunities to experience the Museum from afar.

OFF-SITE VISITS
We will send a Museum educator for an off-site visit for New York City groups of at least 10 students. Images, handling objects, and activities bring the story of the tenement to your classroom.

VIRTUAL VISITS WITH VICTORIA
Assume the role of a new immigrant family in 1916 and virtually ‘visit’ a costumed interpreter portraying 14-year-old Victoria Confino in her tenement apartment via video conferencing. Ask Victoria questions about her family, her home and adjusting to life on the Lower East Side.
For more information, visit http://tenement.org/tours_offsite.html

TEACHER WORKSHOPS
Full and half-day professional development programs teach content and strategies related to meaningful social studies instruction. Teachers learn about the Museum’s innovative methods of teaching history through narrative, primary source documents and artifacts, and leave with techniques and resources to enrich their classroom learning. Programs can be customized and support national, state and common core curricular standards.