



## ABOUT THE MUSEUM

The mission of Fraunces Tavern® Museum is to preserve and interpret the history of the American Revolutionary era through public education. This mission is fulfilled through the interpretation and preservation of the Museum's collections, landmarked buildings, and varied public programs that serve the community. A nationally landmarked building that was once a watering hole for founding fathers like Alexander Hamilton, John Adams, and George Washington, the Museum is open Wednesday through Sunday and offers a unique experience that allows nearly 30,000 annual visitors to discover the American Revolutionary past in New York City's oldest standing structure.

Located at 54 Pearl Street, the Museum is comprised of nine galleries, two of which are period rooms, where visitors can explore a vast collection of more than 8,000 artifacts from or relating to the American Revolutionary era. Highlights include the memoirs of Benjamin Tallmadge, personal correspondence of George Washington, and a collection of paintings by John Ward Dunsmore that highlight scenes, battles, and heroes of the War for Independence. Visitors can also unfold the history of the American Flag and stand in our historic Long Room; the famous site of George Washington's farewell to his officers on December 4th, 1783.

## HISTORY

Constructed around 1719, the building that would become Fraunces Tavern was built as an elegant residence by merchant Stephen Delancey. In 1762, Samuel Fraunces bought the building and transformed it into a tavern that so on became one of the most popular meeting places in a city that was a political hotbed of thought and action.

Once war began and the Continental Army lost possession of the City, Loyalist forces occupied the tavern until peace was declared in 1783. On December 4th, 1783, nine days after the British evacuation, George Washington delivered his emotional farewell to his officers in the second floor Long Room. From 1785 to 1788, the Tavern held the first offices for the Departments of Foreign Affairs, War, and Treasury. In the 1800s, the building underwent several structural changes, which included a series of fires. Sons of the Revolution™ in the State of New York, Inc. took ownership in 1904 and completed a conjectural restoration to open Fraunces Tavern Museum & Restaurant by 1907. The block was designated in 1977 as a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places.

## RESTAURANT & BAR

Not only can visitors walk the rooms where George Washington once stood, but they can also enjoy a meal and drink at one of his favorite restaurants.

Fraunces Tavern® Restaurant & Bar occupies the first floor of 54 Pearl Street and is open seven days a week from 11am-2am.

Offering over 200 whiskeys, 130 craft beers and ciders, and classic tavern fare, Fraunces Tavern Restaurant & Bar is an unforgettable dining experience that joins the Museum in embodying the spirit and history of the Revolutionary Era and provides the public a truly unique dining experience in the oldest standing structure in New York City.



# FRAUNCES TAVERN®

ESTABLISHED 1907



FRAUNCES TAVERN® MUSEUM

[www.frauncestavernmuseum.org](http://www.frauncestavernmuseum.org)

## THE COLLECTION

*The Museum holds a unique collection of over 8,000 historic objects relating to the Revolutionary War Era.*



- Maps, letters, and journals of relevance to the Revolutionary War
- 400 pieces of Colonial and Early Republic service ware, such as Chinese export ceramics, flatware, silverware, and glasses
- Numerous 18th, 19th, and early 20th-century historical paintings
- 200 coins and commemorative medals
- Over 250 decorative art and furniture pieces including 18th and 19th century tables, chairs, clocks, chests, and desks
- Various 18th century prints, engravings and mezzotints relating to colonial New York City, the Revolutionary War and the Early Republic
- 31 groups of archeological artifacts uncovered at nearby sites



*Around 5% of the collection on exhibit at the Museum at any given time. It is also often loaned to other qualifying organizations for exhibition or used for research purposes. In order to increase public access to the collection, the first phase of an online collections database was initiated in the summer of 2017. As a result, a significant portion of the collection is now available to view online with the ultimate goal of having all 8,000 pieces documented online in the coming months.*







## MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

Support from Museum Membership has helped our public programs flourish. As a thank you to our members for their continued support and mission commitment, the Museum offers exclusive membership events and early hours access to the gallery spaces, as well as a variety of discounts on our programs, and special offers to events.

*Support the Museum by becoming a Museum Member at any of the levels below.  
It's also a great gift for the history buff in your life!*

### **Patriot Membership - \$50**

- Free, unlimited Museum admission for one
- Invitation to Member Only Events
- 50% discount on Evening Lecture Series admission for one
- Advanced reserved seating for Evening Lecture Series\*
- Special offers to Museum events
- Invitation to exhibition openings
- Subscription to monthly e-newsletter, the Museum Messenger
- 10% discount on gift items and books
- 10% discount at Fraunces Tavern Restaurant when you present your membership card (not valid for private events and/or private catering)

### **Senior/Student Membership - \$40**

- Receive all benefits from Patriot Membership
- Student workshops
- Must present with a valid photo ID. Age requirement for Senior membership is 65 or older

### **Fraunces Family Membership - \$75**

- Receive all benefits of Patriot Membership
- Free, unlimited Museum admission for two adults and children (18 and younger) residing at the same address
- Secondary Membership card issued in the name of the second holder
- 50% discount on Evening Lecture Series admission for two
- Discount on all Walking Tour Programs for two

### **Spymaster Circle - \$150**

- Receive all benefits of Fraunces Family Membership
- Free admission for one to Evening Lectures Series
- Free membership to the Museum's Book Club

- 15% discount on Museum gift items
- 15% discount at Fraunces Tavern Restaurant when you show your membership card
- Discount on Museum space rentals (up to 80 people; catering not included)

### **George Washington Fellow - \$500**

- Receive all benefits of Spymaster Circle Membership
- Free admission for two to Evening Lecture Series
- Be recognized in the Journal at the George Washington Ball annual Museum fundraiser
- VIP seating for Evening Lectures Series\*
- Behind-the-scenes Curator-led tour for four†

### **Minuteman Militia - \$1,000**

- Receive all benefits of George Washington Fellow Membership
- Free admission for two to one annual Walking Tour Program\*
- Invitation for two to private reception honoring our high-level members

### **Benjamin Tallmadge Benefactor - \$5,000**

- Receive all benefits of Minutemen Militia
- Free unlimited admission for guests accompanied by card holders during public Museum hours
- Invitation to private event with select speakers following public event

### **Presidential Patron - \$10,000**

- Receive all benefits of Benjamin Tallmadge Benefactor
- Free admission for two to all Walking Tour Programs
- Private exhibition previews for up to 10 people

\* - To reserve seats, please contact [development@frauncestavernmuseum.org](mailto:development@frauncestavernmuseum.org).

† - Must schedule in advance. Contact [development@frauncestavernmuseum.org](mailto:development@frauncestavernmuseum.org)





## PRESS

Come walk the rooms that inspired America's founding!

Fraunces Tavern is a museum, restaurant, and bar, all housed inside five historic buildings in Lower Manhattan. It is the only museum in New York City dedicated to preserving the history of America's fight for independence with nine galleries, a historic artifact collection of more than 8,000 pieces, and family friendly pricing.

Visit the press page on our website to view photos, access press releases, and sign up for our press list.



## MEDIA INQUIRIES

All inquiries for images and interviews, as well as any on-site filming or photography requests should be directed to:

### Allie Delyanis

Communications & Marketing Manager  
marketing@frauncestavernmuseum.org  
212-425- 1778, x218

## RIGHTS & REPRODUCTIONS

The collection of Fraunces Tavern Museum is in the process of being digitized and a selection of artifacts is now accessible by visiting [www.frauncestavern.pastperfectonline.com/](http://www.frauncestavern.pastperfectonline.com/). All inquiries regarding the rights to publish and reproduce images of material in the collection should be directed to:

### Lisa Goulet

Collections Manager  
collections@frauncestavernmuseum.org  
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## FAST FACTS

### LOCATION

54 Pearl Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10003  
(Corner of Broad St. & Pearl St.)

\*The Museum Is WheelChair Accessible

### CONTACT

(212)- 425- 1778

### GENERAL ADMISSION

Adults (18+): \$7

Seniors (65+): \$4

Students (w/ valid ID): \$4

Children (6-18): \$4

Children (under 5), Active Military: FREE

\*Tickets cannot be purchased in advance.

\*An introduction loop, for our audio components is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users.

### GROUPS

General Museum admission for groups of 14 or more is \$5 per person.

### HOURS

Wednesday - Sunday, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Office Hours are Monday- Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

\*Fraunces Tavern Museum is closed to the public on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

### EDUCATION

For teachers interested in engaging in hands-on programs that will bring the Revolution to life, the Museum offers a variety of opportunities for students of all ages.

\*Book online or call (212)-425-1778 x213

### GUIDED TOURS

Guided Museum tours are offered to the public FREE with the price of regular admission on the following days:

Thurs. 2 pm

Fri. 1 pm & 2 pm

Sat. 1 pm & 2 pm

Sun. 1 pm & 2 pm

\*No reservations required.

### AMENITIES

#### GIFT SHOP

The gift shop offers a variety of apparel, collectibles, books, and educational materials

#### FRAUNCES TAVERN RESTAURANT & BAR

Enjoy craft beer, a selection of whiskey, traditional & modern tavern fare at the restaurant on the first floor.

(212)-968-1776


[www.frauncestavern.com](http://www.frauncestavern.com)


### SPACE RENTALS

Host your event surrounded by historic ambiance and early NYC and American history. The Museum offers daytime and evening availability. Spaces can accommodate up to 100 guests for cocktails and 60 guests for a lecture style event.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

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