



Fraunces Tavern® Museum

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History of Fraunces Tavern

Fraunces Tavern was built in 1719 as an elegant residence for merchant Stephan Delancey. In 1762 tavern-keeper, Samuel Fraunces, bought the building and transformed it into one of the most popular meeting places of the day. Named the Queen's Head Tavern, after England's Queen Charlotte, it eventually came to be known as Fraunces Tavern as Fraunces' reputation as a great cook spread around the city.

Before the American War for Independence, New York City was a political hotbed of thought & action. Once war began & the Continental Army lost possession of the city, Loyalists forces occupied the area until peace was declared in 1783. During the British occupation the Tavern was run by Sam's Loyalist son-in-law, Charles Campbell, irregularly providing food, drink & community throughout the War.

By 1783, the Tavern resumed normal operations and the American Commissioners setup headquarters at the Tavern while negotiations with the British concerning their evacuation from the City were underway. The Americans also hosted a dinner for their British counterparts at the Tavern. George Washington gave his emotional farewell to his officers in the Long Room on the 2nd floor nine days after the British evacuated the City on the December 4th, 1783.

From 1785 to 1788 the Tavern held the first offices for the Departments of Foreign Affairs, War, and Treasury.

In the mid-1800s there was a high demand for housing & the Tavern operated as a boarding house & bar. During this time the building underwent many structural changes, including re-

pairs from fires & two additional stories with a flat roof were added. In the 1890s the 1st floor was dropped to street level & a modern façade of glass and cast iron was added.

The Tavern was threatened with demolition in 1900. By 1904 the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York took ownership 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. In 1981, the 2nd floor Long Room was opened as an interpretation of a Colonial urban tavern public room.

About The Museum

The museum complex includes four 19th century buildings in addition to Fraunces Tavern. Visiting the Museum today, you can stand in the room where General George Washington said farewell to his officers and explore seven additional galleries that focus on America's War for Independence and the preservation of early American history.

Public Hours of Operation

Monday through Sunday
12:00PM–5:00PM

Closed New Year's Day, MLK Day, Thanksgiving Day, & Christmas Day

Admission Pricing

Adult (18+)	\$7.00
Senior (65+)	\$4.00
Student (w/ proof of ID)	\$4.00
Children (6-8)	\$4.00
Children (under 5)	FREE
Active Military (w/proof of ID)	FREE

Group Tickets

Family Group (1 adult w/ 4+ children OR 2 adults w/ 2+ children)	\$20.00
General Group Rate (14+ adults)	\$5.00

Museum

Events

2014

*All Lectures Begin At 6:30pm**

Cost: \$10/ free for FTM members
Includes Museum admission
& light refreshments

Before the Revolution

America's Ancient Pasts

Presented by Dan Richter †

Thursday, January 30th

America began, we are often told, with the Founding Fathers, the men who waged a revolution and created a unique place called the United States. We may acknowledge the early Jamestown and Puritan colonists and mourn the dispossession of Native Americans, but we rarely grapple with the complexity of the nation's pre-revolutionary past. In this path-breaking revision, Richter shows that the United States has a much deeper history than is apparent. Far from beginning with a clean slate, it is a nation with multiple pasts that stretch back as far as the Middle Ages, pasts whose legacies continue to shape the present and further reveal the deepest origins of American history.

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Fraunces Tavern® is located at 54 Pearl St, at the corner of Broad St, in Lower Manhattan. Subway: R to Whitehall St, 4/5 to Bowling Green, 2/3 to Wall St, 1 to South Ferry, J/Z to Broad St. Buses: M1, M6, M15

