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The Skyscraper Museum reaches for skies

Located in New York City, The Skyscraper Museum celebrates the city's rich architectural heritage and heralds the individuals who shaped its iconic skylines.

This architecture museum, located in Lower Manhattan, focuses on highrise buildings as products of technology, objects of design, sites of construction, investments in real estate, and places of work and residence.

Carol Willis, a professor of architectural history and urban studies at Columbia University, founded the museum in 1997. It moved to its present home in 2004.

The museum includes two exhibition spaces for both permanent and temporary exhibitions as well as a bookstore With models, interactive displays and films, the main gallery features core exhibits on the History of Height, Building the Empire State Building, Supertall Skyscrapers Worldwide and rebuilding

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the World Trade Center. In addition, the museum looks out on the skyline of Low er Manhattan as well as the panorama of New York harbor at its front door.

Perfectly situated in Lower Manhattan, the world's first and foremost vertical metropolis, the museum is a just a short walk from the historic skyscrapers and canyons of lower Broadway and Wall Street. The museum also is convenient to the embarkation point for boats to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty.

"We are the only museum in New York to focus exclusively on architectural his-tory," said Josh Vogel, gallery manager of the museum. "With twice-yearly exhibitions and an innovatively designed gallery space full of architectural models, interactive displays and historic photographs, the museum offers trips that help children and adults alike understand the history of the built environment around them."



Forty-minute guided tours are available during non-public hours. The museum is wheelchair accessible.

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Tenement Museum shares tales of the past

A visit to the Tenement Museum allows groups to listen to the stories and ask questions of the immigrants who helped shape New York City.

"The Tenement Museum tells one of America's most important stories, how immigrants became American, and how America became a nation," said Jamie Salen, marketing manager for the Tenement Museum.

Groups have three ways to learn about what the Tenement Museum has to offer: touring the buildings, meeting the residents or taking a walk of the neighborhood. Guided tours of the museum are the only way for visitors to hear the stories told by costumed interpreters and to see the apartments where people once lived.



"Groups enjoy guided tours of recreated homes and businesses inside the museum's two restored historic tenement buildings, which were home to over 15,000 immigrants from over 20 nations between 1863 and the turn of the 21st century," Salen said. "Groups can also take a walk with guides and explore the Lower East Side then and now on one of our walking tours, sample immigrant cuisine, and 'meet' the residents."

Groups should plan to spend two hours for a private group tour at the museum. The museum has evening experiences that range from 90 minutes to four hours. The Under One Roof tour features

the stories and re-created homes of three families who lived at 103 Orchard St. in the decades following World War II. Operators are advised to make reservations in advance, as tours sell out. A visit to the museum in the evening can be tailored to include multiple programs with advance notice.

The museum offers special group rates for daytime visits and custom proposals for programs that take place in the evening.

Free motorcoach parking can be reserved in advance. The drop-off point is outside the museum.

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