

Ellis Island Immigration Museum

The Ellis Island Immigration Museum is a symbol of America's history. It chronicles America's immigration heritage, looking at four centuries of national history and the people who have travelled from all comers of the world to make American society what it is today.

The Museum was restored and developed in the 1980s, and reopened in 1990. It is now one of New York's major museums." Its exhibits portray and give voice to the immigrants themselves. Each of their stories is unique and bears witness to the courage and determination that motivated these men and women to leave their homes and seek unknown opportunities in an unknown land.

These exhibits occupy over 40,000 square feet on three floors of the museum's main building. They include museum objects, photographs, prints, videos, interactive displays and personal histories. The largest exhibit is the building itself, with an imposing French Renaissance Revival Structure, which was built in 1900 and later restored to its 1918-1924 appearance.

Popular exhibits include the American Immigrant Wall of Honour, which is inscribed with the names of over 600,000 immigrants, as well as - of course - the famous Statue of Liberty.