

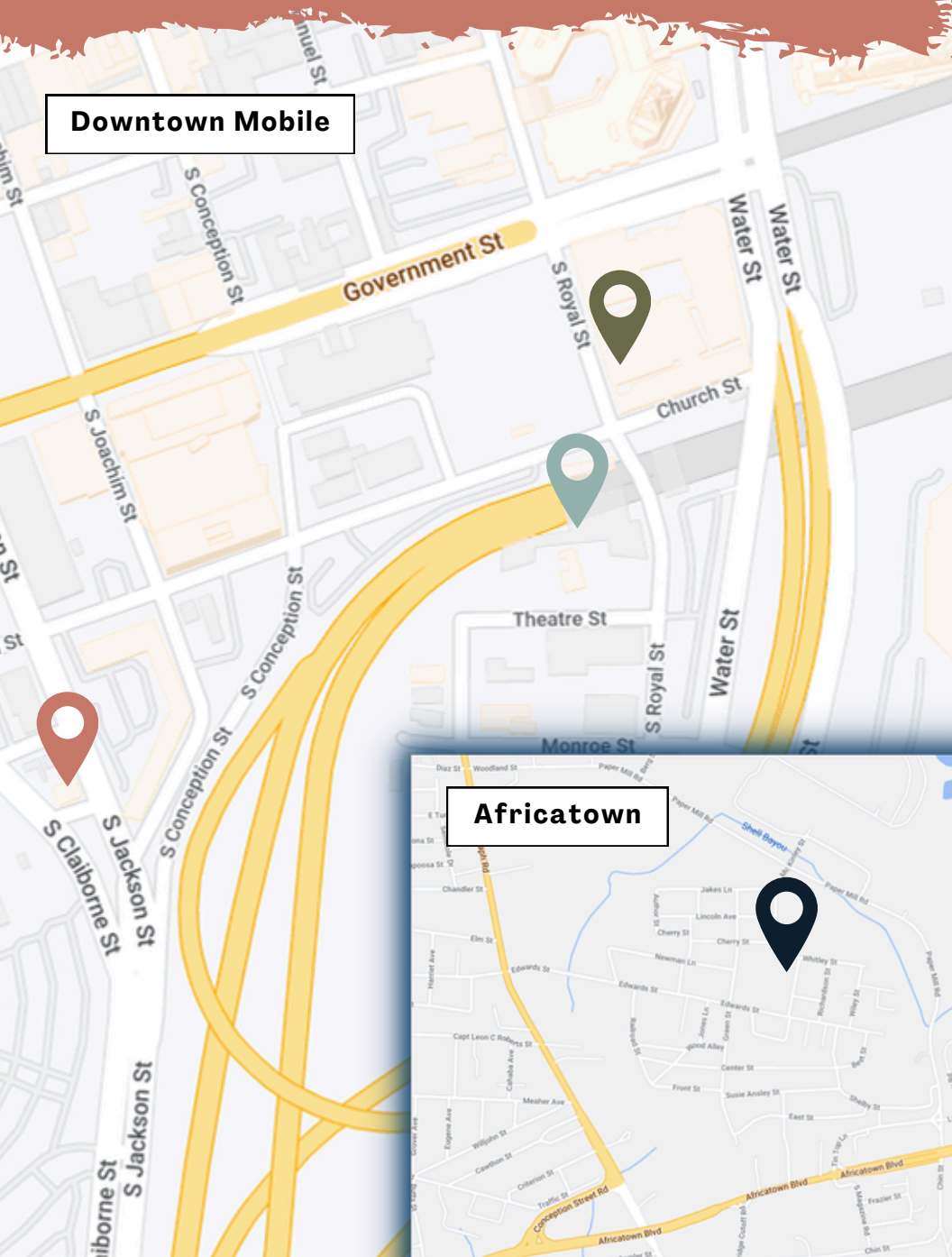


School Tour Planner

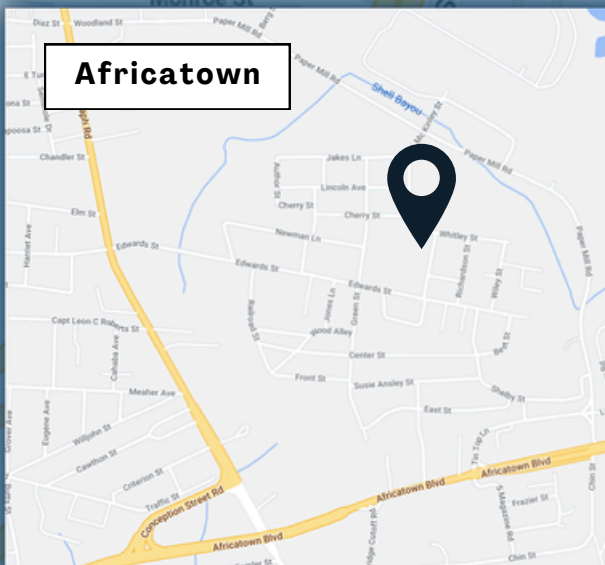
2026-2027

Four Historical Locations

Downtown Mobile



Africatown

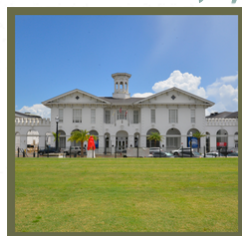




History Museum of Mobile

111 South Royal Street

Over 20,000 square feet of artifacts, text, audio, video, and hands on interactives in the History Museum of Mobile bring Mobile's history to life. Our special exhibition galleries also change periodically so visitors discover something new with each returning visit.



Colonial Fort Condé

150 South Royal Street

Colonial Fort Condé is a modern replica of the French fort that once stood in the same location over two hundred years ago. This 4/5 scale section of the fort serves as a museum for Mobile's Colonial history.



Phoenix Fire Museum

111 South Royal Street

The Phoenix Fire Museum traces the history of firefighting in Mobile from its beginnings to the present. Visitors can explore antique fire trucks and fascinating equipment.



Clotilda: The Exhibition

AT AFRICATOWN HERITAGE HOUSE

2465 Winbush Street | (251) 206-5268

Africatown Heritage House is the home of *Clotilda: The Exhibition*. This exhibition tells the story of the 110 remarkable people who survived the voyage of the *Clotilda*, the last known slave ship to enter the United States. The exhibition highlights their West Africa beginnings, their time of enslavement, their creation of the Africatown community, and the discovery of the shipwreck.



Call for admission rates. Group rates available.

Please call (251) 301-0270 for more information.

For information on *Clotilda: The Exhibition*, please call (251) 206-5268.

Booking Information

How to Book:

- To be eligible for a group tour of the History Museum of Mobile, Colonial Fort Conde, and Phoenix Fire Museum, your group must consist of at least 10 people. For every 10 students, one chaperone is required. **(For tours of Clotilda: The Exhibition at Africatown Heritage House, please see page 10.)**
- Tours must be booked at least 2 weeks in advance.
- Reservations must be made through the Education Department by phone at (251) 301-0270 or email at tours@historymuseumofmobile.com. Reservations are finalized upon receipt of confirmation.
- Final head counts of attendance are due a week prior to your scheduled trip. Individuals added on after this period will be subjected to full admission prices.

Procedures:

ARRIVAL

- Please arrive on time. If your group is late, we reserve the right to shorten or cancel your visit if your tardiness conflicts with other tours or programs. If you are running late, please call the museum at 251-208-7569 as a courtesy.
- For school groups, a minimum of 1 chaperone is required for every 10 students.
- Payment for the tour is due upon arrival unless other arrangements have been made with the museum's Education Department in advance of the tour.

MUSEUM RULES

- All group members must follow the directions of museum staff members.
- No food or drinks are allowed in any gallery.
- Photography, with flash turned off, for non-commercial use is allowed except in areas where specifically prohibited. Monopods, tripods, and selfie sticks are not allowed.
- To accommodate them, groups with more than 30 people may be divided into smaller groups at the discretion of the museum staff members.
- Chaperones must always stay with tour groups and must attend to any students causing a disruption. A chaperone will be required to escort a student if student is asked to be removed from tour.

History Museum of Mobile

Guided Tour

1 hour, 15 minutes

This is a lecture and discussion tour of the museum's permanent exhibits.

Footsteps Through Time Scavenger Hunt Tour

1 hour, 30 minutes

This scavenger hunt through the permanent exhibit, *Old Ways, New Days: The Story of Mobile*, is designed for cooperative learning. Students discover Mobile history by working together to find the answers to the questions in the exhibit. When the scavenger hunt is completed, all students get a small prize.

Special Exhibition Tour

1 hour

This is a lecture and discussion tour of the museum's special exhibit. See page 12 of this planner for the exciting exhibit on display this year, *Mobile in the Gilded Age*.



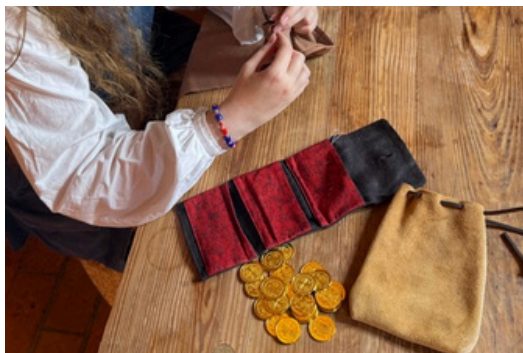
Colonial Fort Condé

Guided Tour

1 hour, 15 minutes (4th - 12th Grade)

Discover Mobile's colonial era history at Colonial Fort Condé. The original fort was built in 1723 by French colonists. The replica fort and museum sit on the same site as the original fort and opened in 1976 as part of the nation's bicentennial celebration.

Go on a guided tour of the fort's exhibits that include artifacts from Mobile's past and then go atop the fort's walls to see unmatched views of Mobile's skyline. The guided tour includes the fort museum, grounds, and 2nd floor observation deck. On Wednesdays through Fridays, we offer the chance to meet and interact with living history interpreters who will showcase various demonstrations related to colonial life.



Phoenix Fire Museum

Guided Tour

1/2 hour (Preschool - 12th Grade)

Discover the history of firefighting in Mobile in one of its earliest fire stations. It was built in 1859 and was originally located on Franklin Street. The building was moved so that the Civic Center could be built. The whole building was disassembled and rebuilt in its current location in 1964.



Making History Classroom Program

Students visit the museum classroom to complete a take-home project that will complement their tour. Education staff members facilitate the lesson.

This option costs an additional \$1.00 per student.



Quill Pens (1 hour)

Recommended grades 3-9

Students will learn about the history of writing as they make their own quill pen and then put it to the test.



Native American Pottery (1 hour)

Recommended grades 4-12

Students will learn about the different types of pottery made by the Native Americans, who were the first people to live in the Mobile Bay area. Following the same techniques as the Native Americans, students will follow the direction of the educator and make their own piece of pottery.



Lunch (30 min)

Weather-permitting, you may eat inside the museum's outdoor courtyard. Space can also be reserved inside the museum.

Hands-on History Outreach Program

HISTORY BASED ACTIVITIES BROUGHT TO YOUR CLASSROOM!

Each activity supports Alabama Course of Study content standards for Social Studies and/or Visual Arts. We will bring the necessary supplies to your classroom, and we set up and conduct the activity. Choose from one of the options listed below.

Please call the Education Department at (251) 301-0270 or email tours@historymuseumofmobile.com for Outreach Program pricing.



Quill Pens

Students will learn about the history of writing as they make their own quill pen and then put it to the test.



Trade Beads

Students learn about the history of trade beads and their significance in the colonization of the New World and then make their own trade bead bracelet.



Colonial Kids

Students will learn about what life was like as a child during the Colonial Era as they learn about responsibilities and participate in colonial games.



Clotilda: The Exhibition

AFRICATOWN HERITAGE HOUSE

Guided Tour

2 hours (4th - 12th Grade)

Students will learn about the story of the 110 remarkable people who survived the voyage of the Clotilda, the last known slave ship to enter the United States. The exhibit highlights their West Africa beginnings, their time of enslavement, their creation of the Africatown community, and the discovery of the shipwreck. This exhibition is suitable for 4th grade students and up and supports the Alabama Course of Study Content Standards.

SCHEDULING

School tours will only be scheduled for students in 4th grade and up. Tours must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance and are available starting at 10am and ending at 12pm, Tuesday through Friday. Call (251) 206-5268 to make a reservation or fill out the School Field Trip Tour Interest Form at www.clotilda.com. School groups may bring a maximum of 50 visitors in one day, including students, staff and chaperones. Africatown Heritage House can only book one school tour per day. Groups of more than 50 people will need to schedule multiple dates.

ARRIVAL

Upon arrival, buses will offload students in front of the Africatown Heritage House and then park at the Robert Hope Community Center next door to Africatown Heritage House. The entrance to the community center parking lot is located on Edwards Street.

LUNCH

Weather permitting, school groups are welcome to eat outside on the lawn or in the park behind Africatown Heritage House. If it is raining, school groups can eat inside the Robert Hope Community Center.

School Field Trip Activity

Classroom Quilts

Students will learn about the historical and cultural significance of quilts. They can design their own quilt square that will be assembled as part of a larger quilt for their classroom.





Outreach Activities

Contact the manager of Africatown Heritage House at j.fairley@historymuseumofmobile.com or (251) 206-5268 for more information or to schedule an Outreach Activity. Please allow up to 48 hours for a response from our team. Outreach requests must be submitted two weeks in advance for consideration. All outreach activity request are filled based on staff availability and Africatown Heritage House daily operations. We will bring the necessary supplies to your classroom, and we set up and conduct the activity. Choose from one of the options listed below.

SCHOOL OUTREACH OPTIONS

Hands-On History Box

Students will be able to see and touch objects related to the exhibit and themes discussed at Heritage House. Items included in the box include documents and photos relating to the *Clotilda*, African artwork, and everyday items found in the Africatown community.

Blooket Challenge

Students will listen to a short lecture from staff about the history of the *Clotilda* and Africatown. Afterwards, they will play a series of learning games on the platform, Blooket. They will use their knowledge to compete for prizes as an incentive to learn the material.

Presentations/Lectures

Teachers and students have the opportunity to engage in a standard lecture presented by Jessica Fairley, manager of Africatown Heritage House, on various topics related to the *Clotilda* and community of Africatown. These presentations can be in person or virtual.

GROUP OUTREACH OPTIONS

Event table/booth setup and presentation

Africatown Heritage House staff set up at various events to present information about the exhibition, the *Clotilda*, its survivors and the Africatown community. The booth setup is tailored to the type of event that staff are requested to attend.

In-Person Presentations and Lectures

This opportunity introduces groups and organizations to the story of the *Clotilda* by Africatown Heritage House staff. Groups are presented with facts and updates about the *Clotilda* survivors, as well as the current efforts in the Africatown community.

Virtual Presentations and Lectures

This outreach option affords schools and groups that are not within local driving distance an opportunity to learn about the *Clotilda* and the 110 survivors virtually. Virtual outreach includes but is not limited to lectures, presentations, podcasts and talks.

SPECIAL EXHIBIT: MOBILE IN THE GILDED AGE

OCTOBER 9, 2026 — JUNE 6, 2027

Mobile in the Gilded Age explores a period of rapid and profound change in the late 1800s through the early 1900s. Through historic objects such as gowns, inventions, and items from everyday life, this exhibit examines how expanding commerce, new technologies, and changing social institutions reshaped Mobile and the lives of its residents. During the Gilded Age, port revitalization and expanding railroads helped link Mobile to interior and global markets. Social traditions like Mardi Gras thrived, and Mobilians from many backgrounds contributed to their communities. Yet, the opportunities created during this period were not equally available. Working conditions were often difficult, economic disparities remained pronounced, and the rise of segregation and disenfranchisement imposed severe restrictions on Black citizens. By 1900, Mobile stood as a city of contrasts: growing yet unequal, modernizing yet shaped by longstanding divisions. *Mobile in the Gilded Age* invites visitors to reflect on how prosperity, innovation, and inequalities reshaped the city during this pivotal period.

The *Mobile in the Gilded Age* exhibition is suitable for 4th grade and up and supports the following Alabama Course of Study Content Standards:

- 4th GRADE - Alabama in American History and Government II: 4.16, 4.17
- 5th GRADE - Alabama in American History and Government III: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5
- 10th GRADE - United States History I: Revolution to Progressive Era: US1.14, US1.15, US1.16, US1.17, US1.18, US1.19, US1.20



SPECIAL CLASSROOM ACTIVITY: PROCESSING PATENTS

Students visit the museum classroom to complete a take-home project that will complement their tour. Education staff members facilitate the lesson.

This option costs an additional \$1.00 per student.

Inventions of the Gilded Age made big changes in daily life for everyday Americans. The invention of the light bulb meant safer alternatives to candles and gas lighting. The invention of the telephone meant you could communicate instantly with people across the country. For our special exhibit, *Mobile in the Gilded Age*, we invite you to add this new activity to your field trip! In this activity, students will learn about the patent process and how inventions become legally owned by their inventors. Students will then work together on creating their own invention and patent that will then be approved.

This activity fits into the same Alabama Course of Study Standards as the Gilded Age exhibit.



African American Music Festival

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2027
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2027

This festival is in honor of black history month. It will include musical performances by artists who specialize in three different musical genres developed by African Americans: Spirituals, Blues and Jazz. The artists will also talk about how their chosen genre of music was developed by African Americans, and the lasting influence of these genres on the popular music that we have today.

Thanks to the generous support of the Alabama State Council on the Arts, we are able to hold this program for two days in a row so that more school groups may attend. This special program is available to Title 1 schools in Mobile County and is free of charge. To make a reservation for your group, please call (251) 301-0270.

Time slots for this event (**8:45am, 10:15am, and 11:45am** on Thursday or Friday) will be booked on a first come, first served basis. The museum will cover the cost of up to two buses for your school group's transportation to/from the festival with its school bus transportation fund.



Colonial Day

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2027
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Bring your class to see what life was like in Colonial Mobile at this **FREE** educational event at Colonial Fort Condé. Talk to re-enactors, watch demonstrations, churn butter, do laundry on a wooden washboard, play colonial games, and more!

Please call (251) 301-0270 for more information or to make a reservation.





Book Your Tour Today!

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HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE

Monday - Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

AFRICATOWN HERITAGE HOUSE

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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ATTENTION TEACHERS