

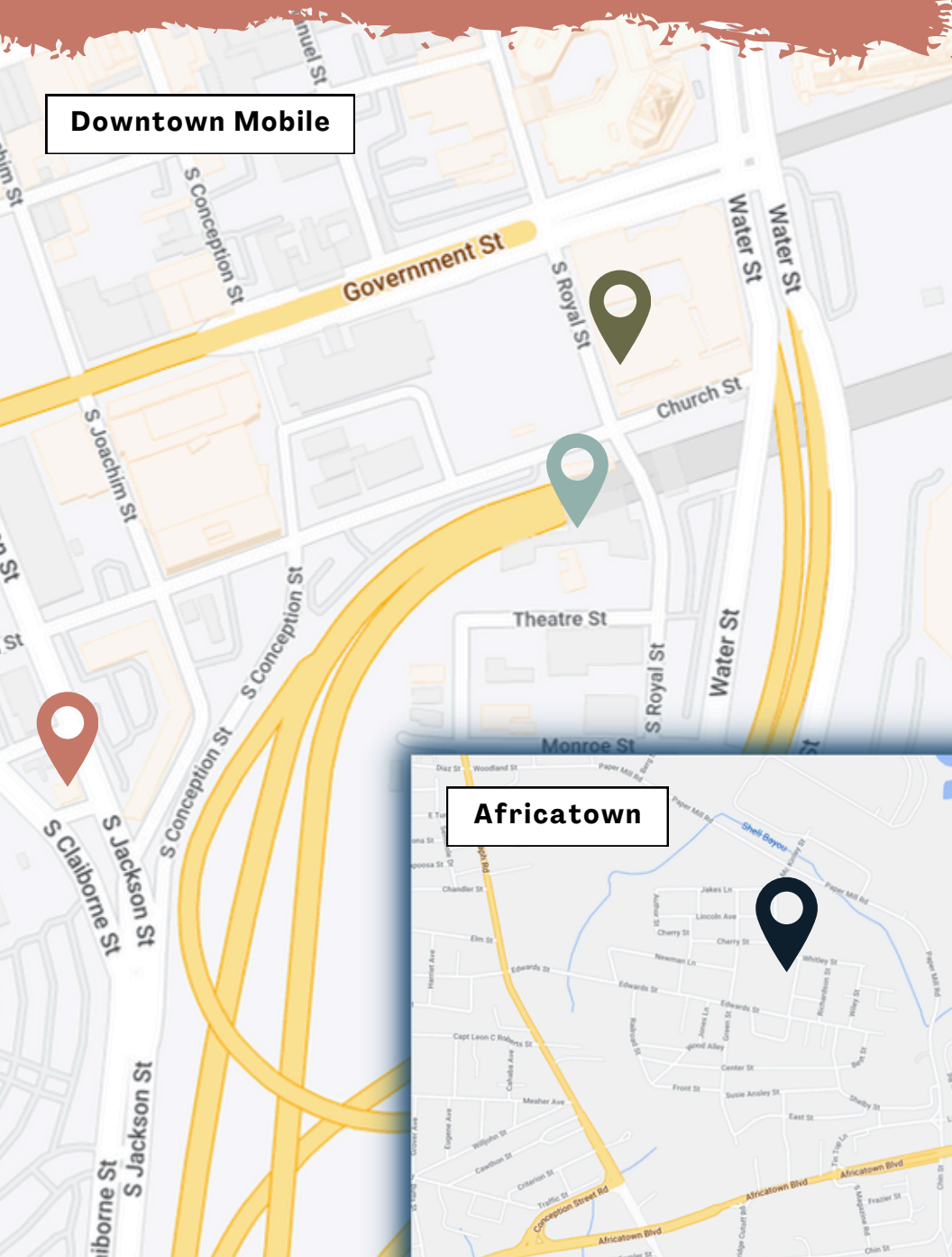


# School Tour Planner

## 2025-2026

# 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.

Museums may be closed on select city holidays.



# MOBILE, BALDWIN, & ESCAMBIA COUNTY EDUCATOR DISCOUNT



## VISIT THE HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE IN PERSON TO APPLY FOR THE DISCOUNT!

- 15% discount on all levels of membership
- Open to all full-time K-12, community college, and university faculty in Mobile, Baldwin, and Escambia, Alabama counties
- An identification badge or letter from a supervisor in the appropriate institution must be presented to the museum when applying for membership

As a member of the History Museum of Mobile, you also receive reciprocal memberships to over 150 museums in the Southeastern Museums Conference (SEMC).

Visit [semcdirect.net/reciprocal](http://semcdirect.net/reciprocal) for information on participating museums.

## Membership Benefits

Educator discounted price shown in red:

### INDIVIDUAL | ~~\$50~~ **\$42.50**

*Free admission for a year  
15% discount on museum sales  
Free admission to exclusive events & openings*

### STUDENT | ~~\$25~~ **\$21.25**

*Same as above with valid student ID*

### COUPLE | ~~\$75~~ **\$63.75**

*Same as above for 2 people*

### FAMILY | ~~\$95~~ **\$80.75**

*Same as above for 2 adults and all children in the household under 18  
10% discount on 1 facility rental\*  
Free admission to children's programming*

### ASSOCIATE | ~~\$150~~ **\$127.50**

*Same as above with 1 guest pass*

### SUPPORTING | ~~\$250~~ **\$212.50**

*Same as above with 2 guest passes*

### PATRON | ~~\$500~~ **\$425**

*Same as above with 4 guest passes  
25% discount on 1 facility rental\**

### BENEFACTOR | ~~\$1,000~~ **\$850**

*Same as above with 6 guest passes  
25% discount on 1 facility rental\**

### LIFE MEMBER | ~~\$10,000+~~ **varies**

*Same as above  
40% discount on 1 facility rental per year\**

*\*Security & housekeeping costs not included in any facility rentals*





# School Programs

School tours are led by museum staff and are available for visitors from preschool through high school. Tours require a minimum of 10, and a chaperone is needed for every 10 students. Tours are available Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. All tours must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance. Large groups may need to visit the museum in shifts.

Tours may be selected from those listed on the next couple of pages. We can also collaborate with educators to create a tour that is suitable for students with special needs. Tours and school programs were developed to support Alabama Course of Study Content Standards.

**To book a tour of History Museum of Mobile, Colonial Fort Conde, or Phoenix Fire Museum, please call (251) 301-0270 or email our Curator of Education, Brantley James, at [b.james@historymuseumofmobile.com](mailto:b.james@historymuseumofmobile.com).**

**To schedule a guided tour of Africatown Heritage House, please call (251) 206-5268.**



# History Museum of Mobile

## Eye Spy Scavenger Hunt

*1 hour (Preschool - 3rd Grade)*

This visual scavenger hunt is designed with young learners in mind. On this artifact finding adventure, we teach students about museums and how they care for the artifacts in their collections. Students also try the museum's interactive exhibit components. When the scavenger hunt is completed, all students get a small prize!



## Footsteps Through Time Scavenger Hunt Tour

*1.5 hours (4th Grade - 8th Grade)*

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. The tour can also include the museum's upstairs thematic exhibits. When the scavenger hunt is completed, all students get a small prize!



## Permanent Exhibits Tour

*1.5 hours (9th Grade - 12th Grade)*

This is a lecture-discussion tour of the museum's permanent exhibits. Students will also have the opportunity to try the museum's interactive exhibit components.

## Special Exhibition Tour

*1/2 - 1 hour*

The type of tour and the grade levels that it is appropriate for will depend upon the exhibition. See the final pages of this planner for the exiting exhibits on display this year!

## Behind the Scenes Tour

*1/2 - 1 hour (9th Grade - 12th Grade)*

This tour will get an exclusive look at the museum's amazing Collection Storage Area. Group size is limited to 15 students, 2 chaperones are required.

# Phoenix Fire Museum

Housed in the restored home of the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company No. 6, the Phoenix Fire Museum includes turn-of-the-century horse-drawn steam engines and early motorized vehicles. The gallery on the Second Floor recounts the history of the volunteer fire companies of Mobile from their organization in 1838. Groups that exceed 40 people (including teachers and chaperones) will need to visit the museum in shifts.

## Guided Tour

*1/2 hour (Preschool - 12th Grade)*

Students will learn about the history of firefighting in Mobile and discover antique fire trucks and equipment.

## Phoenix Fire Museum Scavenger Hunt Tour

*1/2 hour (Preschool - 3rd Grade)*

On this artifact finding adventure, we teach students about what museums do and what artifacts are. Students then look through the Phoenix Fire Museum's exhibits to find special artifacts. When the scavenger hunt is completed, all students get a small prize!





# Colonial Fort Condé

## Guided Tour

*1 hour (4th Grade - 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 to see artifacts from Mobile's colonial past and then go atop the fort walls to see unmatched views of Mobile's skyline. The guided tour includes the fort museum, grounds, and 2nd floor observation deck. Living history demonstrations are now included with a guided school tour of the fort.



# EVENT: Colonial Day 2026

## Colonial Day at Fort Condé

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

9:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Bring your class to see what life was like in Colonial Mobile at this FREE educational event. 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.



# 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 just \$1.00 per student.



## Quilt Squares (1 hour)

*Recommended grades K-6*

Students will learn about the designs, symbolism, and historical significance of quilts as they create their own quilt square.



## Trade Beads (1 hour)

*Recommended grades 3-9*

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



## 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.



## Marbled Paper Activity (1 hour)

*Recommended grades 4-12*

Students will learn the history and secrets of the ancient art of paper marbling and then use authentic methods to make their own marbled paper.



## Native American Pottery (1 hour)

*Recommended grades 4-12*

Students will learn about the types of pottery made by the Native Americans, the first people to live in the Mobile Bay area. They will follow directions to make their own pottery using the same techniques as the Native Americans.



## 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 five options listed below.



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### Quill Pens

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### 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.



### Marbled Paper Activity

Students will learn about the history and secrets of the ancient art of paper marbling and then use authentic methods to make their own marbled paper.



### Native Americans: The First Mobilians

Students will learn about the types of pottery made by the Native Americans, the first people to live in the Mobile Bay area. They will follow directions to make their own pottery using the same techniques as the Native Americans.

If funding is available, Title I schools in Mobile County are eligible for these programs free of charge. Other schools will pay a nominal fee of \$1 per student (to cover the cost of transportation and supplies).

# Clotilda: The Exhibition

## AFRICATOWN HERITAGE HOUSE

Africatown Heritage House is a new site of the History Museum of Mobile located in the heart of historic Africatown adjacent to the Mobile County Training School and the Robert L. Hope Community Center. This museum is the home of *Clotilda: The Exhibition* which tells the story of the 110 remarkable men, women and children who endured the voyage of the last known slave ship to land in the United States. The exhibition highlights their beginnings in West Africa, their time of enslavement, and their creation of the settlement of Africatown. The last part of the exhibition is about the discovery of the sunken schooner. Pieces of the *Clotilda*, recovered from the shipwreck, are on display in the exhibition and are on loan from the Alabama Historical Commission. The exhibition has been curated, developed, and designed in conjunction with the local community and the wider descendant community, and in consultation with experts around the country. The Mobile County Commission and the City of Mobile funded the museum's construction. Africatown Heritage House is located at 2465 Wimbush St, Mobile, AL 36610.

This exhibition is suitable for 4th grade students and up and supports the Alabama Course of Study Content Standards listed below.

### SOCIAL STUDIES:

- 4th Grade: 6, 9, 10
- 5th Grade: 6, 11, 12
- 6th Grade: 9
- 7th Grade Civics: 11
- 7th Grade Geography: 1
- 9th Grade World History 1500 to the Present: 10
- 10th Grade U.S. History I: 1, 9, 13





**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 either 10:00am or 11:00am, Tuesday through Friday. Call (251) 206-5268 to make a reservation. School groups may bring a maximum of 50 visitors in one day. This number must include students, staff and chaperones. The Africatown Heritage House can only book one school tour per day. Please note that your field trip will include a visit to the Robert Hope Community Center next door for a classroom activity. Groups of more than 50 people will need to schedule multiple dates.

**Admission:** Schools located in Mobile County, Alabama receive free admission. The admission rate for schools located outside of Mobile County is \$8.00 per person.

**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.

**Field Trip Schedule:** Groups of more than 25 people will be divided into 2 groups and rotate among these two activities. A field trip will take a total of 2 hours to complete.

- **Guided Tour of Africatown Heritage House- 1 hour:** A museum educator will take students on a guided tour of *Clotilda: The Exhibition* at Africatown Heritage House and the healing garden (if weather/time permits)
- **Activity at the Robert Hope Community Center Activity- 1 hour:** Students from elementary and middle schools will participate in a hands-on activity on the Yoruba, the cultural group that many of the survivors were from. High school students will watch a documentary about the voyage of the *Clotilda*, the survivors, and the development of Africatown.

**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.



# MOBILE IN MOURNING

OCTOBER 17, 2025 — JUNE 14, 2026

*Mobile in Mourning* delves into the rich history of the elaborate death practices that occurred during the Victorian Era and how they continued and evolved into the twentieth century. Drawing from our collection, the History Museum of Mobile has curated an exhibition exploring how and why these customs came to be. Artifacts highlighted in the exhibition include mourning gowns, jewelry, memento moris, coffins, and hair art to provide a window into the lives of nineteenth and twentieth-century Mobilians during times of mourning. This exhibit teaches visitors about how Victorians processed their grief and the rich history behind these traditions, both historically and today. Additionally, it explores the science behind both the era's higher death rates and how pioneers in medicine developed new, life-saving medical knowledge and techniques.

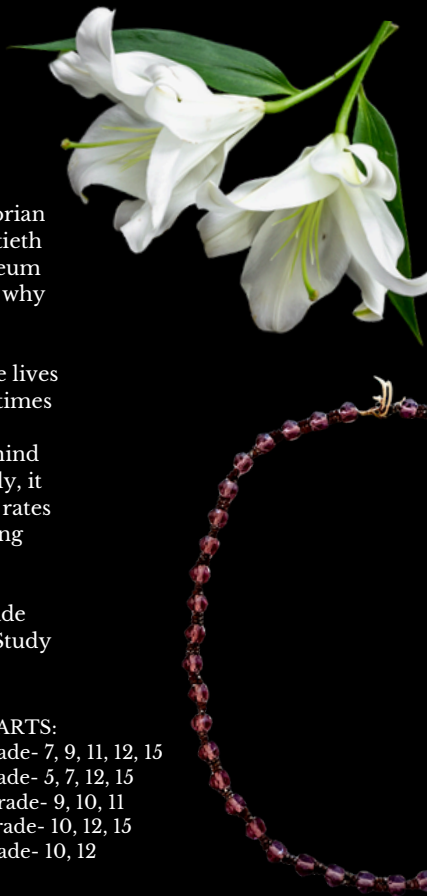
The *Mobile in Mourning* exhibition is suitable for 4th grade and up and supports the following Alabama Course of Study Content Standards:

## SOCIAL STUDIES:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- Alabama Studies: 6
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- United States Studies: Beginning to Industrial Revolution: 10
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Geography: 5
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade- Word History to the Present: 9

## VISUAL ARTS:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- 7, 9, 11, 12, 15
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- 5, 7, 12, 15
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- 9, 10, 11
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- 10, 12, 15
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- 10, 12



# SUNKEN TREASURES, ANCIENT SEAS:

## *Artifacts from the Deep*

JANUARY 23 — MAY 10, 2026

This unique and educational exhibition explores the fascinating underwater world of archaeology as it is practiced today. Shipwrecks and the means and methods to retrieve ancient artifacts, buried treasures and historical evidence are the protagonists of a multi element exhibition. A special focus is given to the Mediterranean Sea and traces of the ancient civilizations that flourished in the region. According to one UN inventory, along these shores, some 1,255 underwater archaeological coastal sites have been identified.

Developed in collaboration with Italy's leading underwater research organization, the Soprintendenza del Mare of Palermo, a selection of the submerged landscapes that surround the island of Sicily and the Italian coastline are brought to life through the use of various exhibition devices. Modern video capabilities transport the visitor deep below the surface on a voyage of discovery and recovery. Original artifacts testify to past civilizations, while modern equipment and illustrations recount the stories of their rediscovery, excavation and restoration.

The *Sunken Treasures, Ancient Seas* exhibition is suitable for 4th grade and up and supports the following Alabama Course of Study Content Standards:

#### SOCIAL STUDIES:

- 7th Grade- Geography: 1, 2, 3, 12
- 8th Grade- World History to 1500: 1, 3, 4, 6, 7

#### VISUAL ARTS:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- 7, 8, 9, 15
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- 5, 7, 13
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- 7, 9, 10
- 7th Grade- 7, 14, 15
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- 10, 15





# Book Your Tour Today!

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Call  
(251) 301-0270



## 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

History Museum of Mobile  
111 South Royal Street  
Mobile, AL 36602

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ATTENTION TEACHERS