



Bring Your Group to Historic Exeter, NH!

About the Museum

A National Historic Landmark building; a building where George Washington once ate breakfast; and a rare and impressive collection of items including one of only 26 surviving Dunlap Broadside copies of the Declaration of Independence; this is the backdrop for all who come to visit the American Independence Museum.

Located in historic Exeter, New Hampshire, the Museum is comprised of two historic buildings, the Ladd-Gilman House and the Folsom Tavern, and tells the story of the brave citizens who overcame their uncertainties about freedom from Great Britain and established our country.

Ladd-Gilman House

Built in 1721, the Ladd-Gilman House was home to a NH State Treasurer, a Governor, and a Constitutional Convention member. Looking at our military collection, visitors can learn about the strength and fight of NH's men like John Stark, John Sullivan and more. They can also learn about the wisdom and struggle of Nicholas Gilman, whose draft copy of the Constitution is on display today – complete with Nicholas' handwritten notes in the margins. Stand inches away from an original purple heart that George Washington awarded during the War (one of only two in existence in the world today!).

Folsom Tavern

Built in 1775, the Folsom Tavern once hosted George Washington for a meal, and has been moved three times in the past 200 years. Visit this historic structure, which once served as the center of Exeter life, and enjoy lunch in the same room as our first President did during his visit to Exeter.

Group Tour

Private group tours are available to any group with over 10 attendees. Tours will be led by our trained docent and include a tour of Ladd-Gilman house (60 minutes) and Folsom Tavern (20 minutes). We recommend that you allow a minimum of 90 minutes for your guided tour to provide ample time for guests to gather and travel between both buildings. Group tours may be arranged anytime during our open hours, Tuesday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm. *Please note that group tours are only offered April - November.*

Group Tour Add-ons

Make the most of your visit to Exeter by enjoying a meal in Folsom Tavern! Meals are scheduled for an additional hour of time and may be scheduled before or after your guided tour.

- ***Tavern Light Breakfast*** - Come and eat where George Washington had breakfast! A light breakfast will be arranged by the Museum, set up in the Folsom Tavern for your convenience. Coffee, tea, juice, and an assortment of breakfast pastries will be provided from local Exeter shops.
- ***Tavern Lunch*** - Lunch will be arranged by the Museum and set up in the Folsom Tavern for your convenience. Typical bagged lunch includes sandwich, chips, cookie and a drink. We work with local, professional caterers including: The Green Bean, Billingsgate, New England Pizza and more.

Please inform us of any allergies or specific needs in advance of your visit.

After Hours Group Tours

Offered either 8-10 am or 4-6 pm, this tour will provide your group with exclusive access to the Museum before or after the building is open to the general public. These tours will focus on the Ladd-Gilman House and will last around 60 minutes - perfect for a quick group outing or part of a corporate activity!

Pricing

- **Group Tour** (Tour of the Ladd-Gilman House and Folsom Tavern) \$6.00 per person; Veterans, active, and retired military \$4.00.
- **After Hours Group Tour** (Private tour of the Ladd-Gilman House and Folsom Tavern) \$10.00 per person; Veterans, active, and retired military \$8.00.
- **Tavern Breakfast** (Tour of the Ladd-Gilman House and Folsom Tavern and a light breakfast provided in the Folsom Tavern) \$20.00 per person; Veterans, active, and retired military \$18.00
- **Tavern Lunch** (Tour of the Ladd-Gilman House and Folsom Tavern with lunch provided in the Folsom Tavern) \$28.00 per person; Veterans, active and retired military \$23.00 per person.

Details

- Minimum 10 people, maximum of 40 people.** Please book at least one month in advance; we generally book group tours Tuesday – Saturday, April – November. We are sorry we cannot offer group tours from December – March, due to snow removal concerns.
- Please split your group up into smaller groups, so that there are no more than 10 people in each small group in advance of your visit. All small groups will get the same tour of the Ladd-Gilman House and Folsom Tavern. Due to space constraints, however – not all tours will be chronological!
- *The fine print:* Final count and a 50% deposit shall be made 10 days prior to event, payable to the American Independence Museum. We accept cash, credit and checks. Full payment must be received no later than the day of the event.
- The Museum reserves the right to cancel the tour if final count and 50% deposit are not made 10 days prior to the tour date.
- **Accessibility Note:** Due to the historic nature of the buildings, there is limited handicapped accessibility. Entry into the Ladd-Gilman House requires maneuvering over an uneven stone surface and walking down two small stairs. The Folsom Tavern's first floor is accessible by ramp, however the restroom is located on the second floor. Both buildings contain two floors and no elevators. We are sorry for any inconvenience. Please contact us with any questions before your arrival.

Book your group tour today!

Contact our Visitor Services Manager at info@independencemuseum.org or 603-772-2622