

# Ship to Shore

Overnight Program at Mystic Seaport



MYSTIC  
SEAPORT

THE MUSEUM  
OF AMERICA  
AND THE SEA

# A Field Trip Like No Other

The Ship to Shore Overnight Program offers your school group the opportunity to immerse itself in American history. By exploring Mystic Seaport's 19th-century village and sleeping aboard the 1882 full-rigged ship *Joseph Conrad*, students will experience history in a way that simply can't be done in the classroom.

The past is made tangible at Mystic Seaport—from feeling the weight of a harpoon to seeing the view from the rigging of a historic ship. These immersive experiences augment and reinforce learning that goes on in the classroom, fostering an unparalleled sense of what the past was like and how it shaped who we are today.



**"Mystic is the perfect first-time away trip. The teachers appreciate the balance of active learning, free exploration, and access to every nook and cranny of the Museum. I missed just one year in the past seventeen, and that was to allow my son to attend with his class without Dad!"**

*Larry Griffin, Head of School,  
Shore Country Day School, Beverley, MA*

## Our Campus

Located on the site of a former shipyard in Mystic, Connecticut, Mystic Seaport is an experiential education facility where students experience hands-on history and science in a vibrant setting. Founded in 1929, our 19-acre museum along the Mystic River waterfront includes a recreated 19th-century coastal village, historic vessels and small boats, exhibit galleries, a renowned Planetarium, and much more! Mystic Seaport also houses one of the world's largest collections of maritime artifacts.



## Sea History Alive

We understand that every student learns differently. Some will learn best from speaking with our experienced interpreters and museum teachers, while others will respond best to the feel of the blacksmith's hammer in their hand as they help shape a piece of hot iron. Our goal during the Ship to Shore program is to help students gain a tactile understanding of the nation's past. From setting type on a 19th-century printing press to cooking over an open flame in a historical kitchen, students will respond, engage, and most importantly, remember.

**“For many years the Ship to Shore program has been the culminating experience of the whaling unit and a more fitting capstone could not be imagined. The combination of the hands-on nature of the program and the depth of knowledge possessed by the Museum staff makes this an exquisite experience for our students.”**

*Gay Long, Grade 4 teacher,  
Pine Point School, Stonington, CT*



# Inherently Multidisciplinary

There's a lot to discover at Mystic Seaport, whether you're interested in American history, the whaling industry, or the science and technology of navigating at sea. We work hard to tailor our agenda to fit the needs of your curriculum. From analyzing artifacts and primary sources in our Primary Source Workshops to an examination of the role of music at sea with one of our chanteymen, Ship to Shore can work across subject divisions to provide a holistic educational experience.

Here are a few of our most popular themes, but we're happy to let you mix and match.

**Life in a Seaport Town:** Learn about living and working in a 19th-century coastal New England town. Hands-on explorations of specific professions (blacksmith, printer, etc.).

**All in the Same Boat:** An overview of the New England whaling industry in the 19th century. Tour includes a harpoon throw and an option to row whaleboats.

**Cargos Around the World:** Discover how cargoes and consumer goods moved from one side of the world to the other.

**Immigration:** Learn how people from around the world entered the United States during the 19th century. Includes a simulated arrival at an immigration station.

**NEW Teambuilding:** An exploration of the different kinds of teamwork, cooperation, and respect needed to sail a vessel. Activities include a cask raising and Breeches Buoy, a 19th-century lifesaving drill similar to a modern zipline.

**“Here at Brearley, the Class V [Grade 5] Mystic visit is a highly sought after overnight trip. The Class V Homeroom teachers and the Head of the Middle School always attend. We need to bring a 5th chaperone with us, and the faculty at our school always plan, scheme, finagle, and fight to claim the extra spot—no joke.”**

*Jim McDonald, Grade 5 teacher, The Brearley School, New York, NY*





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## Sample Agenda

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The Ship to Shore Program is offered in either a 2-day, 1-night format or a 3-day, 2-night format. The longer program allows you to select two themes for the trip, such as All in the Same Boat and Life in a Seaport Town. Below is a sample schedule for a 3-day, 2-night program:

### Day 1:

**Noon:** Arrival and Orientation

**2:00-4:00:** Afternoon Hands-On Workshops (activities depend on theme but may include harpoon throw, making rope, or metalworking with the blacksmith)

**4:15:** Planetarium Program

**5:00:** Dogwatch (break time for students)

**5:45:** Dinner at the Galley Restaurant

**7:00:** Evening Activity (such as Roleplayer, craft, or chantey show)

**9:00:** Lights Out

### Day 2:

**7:00:** Reveille

**8:00:** Breakfast at the Galley Restaurant

**9:00:** Introduction to today's theme

**10:00:** Morning Workshops (activities depend on theme, but may include lanyard-making or knot-tying)

**12:00:** Lunch at the Galley Restaurant

**1:00:** Dogwatch (break time for students)

**1:45:** Intro to Afternoon Workshops and Tours

**2:00-4:00:** Afternoon Workshops and Tours (including time on historic vessels and inside our village)

**3:45:** Wrap-Up and Snack

**4:00:** Dogwatch

**5:00:** Evening Activity or Show (chantey show or similar)

**5:45:** Dinner at the Galley Restaurant

**6:15:** 19th-century games on the Village Green

**7:00:** Seaport Jeopardy

**9:00:** Lights out

### Day 3:

**7:00:** Reveille/Pack Gear

**7:30:** Deck Chores/Clean the *Conrad*

**8:00:** Breakfast at the Galley Restaurant

**9:00:** Rigging Climb aboard the *Conrad* (weather permitting)

**10:00:** Free Choice Touring and Shopping with Chaperones

**11:30:** Boxed lunches at the Galley Restaurant

**12:00:** Loading and Departure

## A Partial List of Schools Served

The Brearley School (NY)

Glen Urqhart School (MA)

Hampstead Academy (NH)

Indian Mountain School (CT)

LaSalle Academy (RI)

Maritime and Science Technology  
(M.A.S.T.) Academy (FL)

Moorestown Friends School (NJ)

Mountain Valley Middle School (ME)

Pine Point School (CT)

Shore Country Day School (MA)

St. Luke's School (CT)

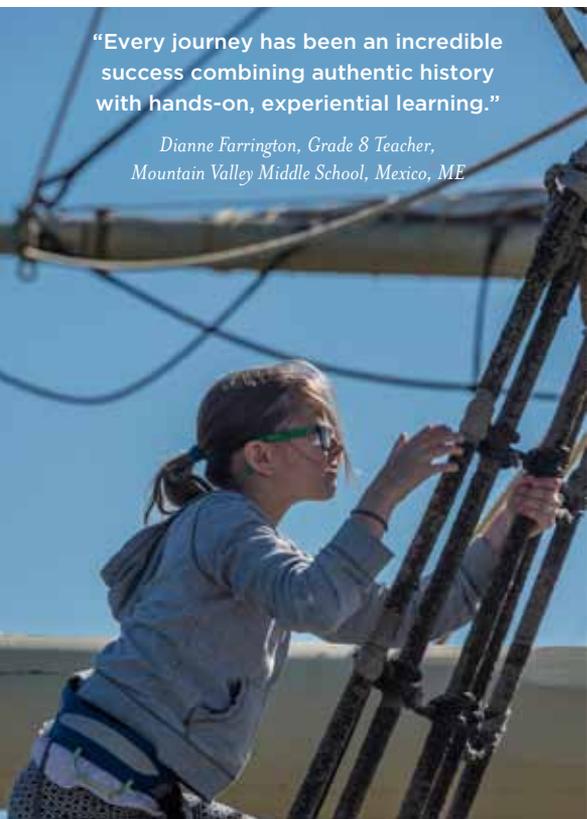
University School (OH)

United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps

Young Mariner's Foundation (CT)

“Every journey has been an incredible success combining authentic history with hands-on, experiential learning.”

*Dianne Farrington, Grade 8 Teacher,  
Mountain Valley Middle School, Mexico, ME*





## The Details

**Offered:** Weekdays, September-November and February-May

**Length:** Either three-day, two-night or two-day, one-night program

**Group Size:** 20 students minimum, 45 maximum

**Chaperones:** One adult per 10 students

**Pricing:** Two-Day, One-Night Program: \$200/student

Three-Day, Two-Night Program: \$270/student

One teacher/chaperone is admitted free for every 10 students

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