The Ship to Shore Overnight Program offers your school group the opportunity to immerse itself in American history. By exploring Mystic Seaport Museum’s 19th-century recreated 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 Museum—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.

OUR CAMPUS

Mystic Seaport Museum is an experiential education facility where students engage in 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 Museum also houses one of the world’s largest collections of maritime artifacts.
SEA HISTORY ALIVE

There’s a lot to discover at Mystic Seaport Museum, 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. Our programs help students learn by doing. Whether its setting type on a printing press, cooking in a historical kitchen, or sailing with our instructors on the Mystic River, 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. Students will experience 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. (Whaleboat row is for students 13+)

**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! HAUL TOGETHER—A TEAM-BUILDING PROGRAM THROUGH THE EYES OF A SAILOR**
This program explores the teamwork inherent in sailors’ work. Students participate in team-building maritime activities such as whaleboat rowing (ages 13 and older), cask-raising, sailing, rope-making, and Breeches Buoy, a 19th-century lifesaving drill. Students will learn why these historical activities were important and how they have evolved today.

**MIGHTY MARINERS**
In the classroom and on the water, students Grade 4 and up spend their day learning to sail with Mystic Seaport Museum’s sailing instructors, and in the evening learn the fundamentals of navigation.
SAMPLE SCHEDULE

The Ship to Shore Program is offered in a 2-day/1-night, 3-day/2-night format, or longer. The longer the program the more themes can be explored, such as All in the Same Boat and Mighty Mariners. 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 throwing, rope-making or metalworking with the blacksmith)
4:15 Planetarium Program
5:00 Dogwatch (break time for students)
5:30 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
8:15 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 and 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
8:15 Breakfast at the Galley Restaurant
9:00 Rigging Climb aboard the Conrad (weather permitting)
10:00 Free choice touring and shopping with chaperones
11:00 Boxed lunches at the Galley Restaurant
12:00 Loading and departure

A PARTIAL LIST OF SCHOOLS SERVED

The Brearley School (NY)
Glen Urquhart School (MA)
Green Meadow Waldorf School (NY)
Hampstead Academy (NH)
Maritime Academy Charter School (PA)
Moorestown Friends School (NJ)
Pine Point School (CT)
St. Luke’s School (CT)
The Rectory School (CT)
University School (OH)
Whitby School (CT)
Winston Preparatory School (CT)
DETAILS

OFFERED
Weekdays, September–November and March–the first week in June

LENGTH
Programs run two-day/one night, three-day/two-night, or more

GROUP SIZE
20 students minimum (smaller groups can be accommodated on a case by case basis), 50 maximum
Chaperones: One adult per 10 students

CONTACT US
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