

James J. Hill House

A Field Trip Social Narrative



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HOUSE



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Welcome

I am going to the
James J. Hill House
today!



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Overview

I will tour the house and learn all about James J. Hill, his family, and the people who worked here. I will see different rooms and learn what it was like to live in St. Paul many years ago. I will play games with my classmates.

I can ask questions and share my thoughts.





Entering the house

I can use the front steps to enter the James J. Hill House, or I can use the ramp on the left side of the building.



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Arrival

I will wait for my field trip to start in the art gallery. The art gallery is bright and has tall ceilings. A tour guide will tell me all about what I am going to see and do in the house.



Storing our backpacks

I will leave all of my items on the bus. I will not bring my backpack, lunch, or water bottle inside the house. I can let an adult know if I need anything!



Restrooms

There are restrooms in the basement. I can tell an adult if I need to use the restroom. I will take the stairs or elevator downstairs to get there.



Museum manners

I will follow the rules at the James J. Hill House. I will stay with my group and won't run. I will not have food or drink in the house. It is very important that I don't touch anything at the house; this helps keep old items safe.





Museum staff

The museum staff will be there to help me on my field trip.

They can answer my questions. Museum staff wear name tags or lanyards.



Moving around the house

We will move between many rooms on multiple floors. We can take the stairs with our classmates or use the elevator if we need it. The house is very old and might be dim. Some rooms have soft carpet or rugs, and some have hardwood floors.



Taking a break

If I need to take a break, that is okay! I can tell an adult. A staff member will help me find a quiet space. There is a quiet room on the second floor and an activity room with games on the third floor. I can relax with an adult until I am ready to rejoin my group.



Changes

The museum changes sometimes! It is fun to do new things. If something is closed, it may be open next time!

If I'm on a longer field trip, I might see bedrooms or the school room on the third floor. I also might see the boiler room.



Rooms

I will see many different rooms in the house. These rooms are decorated with lots of old items. My tour guide will help me learn about the Hill family, the people who worked at the house, and how they used these rooms.



Character cards

We will use character cards to learn about people in the Hill House. I will have the opportunity to read a card aloud, but I do not have to. I can choose to just listen!



Family spaces

I will see spaces that were used by the family. These spaces include the library and dining room, which were used by everyone in the Hill family. These were rooms where they relaxed, had fun, and enjoyed meals together. They also entertained guests!





Work spaces

I will see spaces that were used by people who worked in the Hill House. These rooms include the kitchen and laundry room. People worked in these spaces to make sure the family had food to eat and clean clothes to wear.



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Train game

I might play a train game with my group.
We will share train track pieces and build a railroad!
I will learn about James J. Hill's railroad and the best
places to build a railroad.



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Goodbye!

When my field trip is over, I will leave the James J. Hill House.



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**We look forward
to your visit!**



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