

James J. Hill House

A Social Narrative



**JAMES J. HILL
HOUSE**



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Welcome

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





Entering the house

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



Tickets

After I enter the house, I will get my ticket from the front desk. Service dogs are welcome! The house is not air conditioned, so it may feel warm on hot days.



Restrooms

There are restrooms in the basement. I can leave my tour group if I need to use the restroom. I will take the stairs or elevator to get there.





Overview

I can take a guided house tour, a guided neighborhood tour, or explore the house on my own! I will learn all about James J. Hill, his family, and the people who worked here. I will learn what it was like to live in St. Paul many years ago.

Museum manners

I will follow the rules at James J. Hill House. I will move carefully through the house and stay with the people I came with. I will not have food or drink in the house. It is important to not touch anything at the house, this helps keep old items safe.



Museum staff

The museum staff will be there to help me during my visit.

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. I can take the stairs or use the elevator. 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!

If I need to rest, museum staff can help me find a spot to sit. On the second floor there is a quiet room, and on the third floor there is an activity room with games.

I can relax until I am ready to continue.



Changes

The museum changes sometimes! It is fun to see new things.

If something is closed, it may be open next time!



Rooms

I will see many different rooms in the house. These rooms are decorated with lots of old items. I can read plaques or listen to a tour guide to learn about the Hill family, the workers, and how they used these rooms.



Family spaces

I will see spaces that were used by the family. These rooms include the library and dining room, which were used by everyone in the Hill family. This is 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.



Art gallery

The art gallery is bright and has tall ceilings. I can look at paintings and art books. There is also a large pipe organ in the room.



Gift shop

Before I leave, I can visit the gift shop. There are lots of different items to help me remember my trip to James J. Hill House.



Goodbye!

After I am done exploring, I will leave James J. Hill House.



**We look forward
to your visit!**



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