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The Frick Pittsburgh to offer highly anticipated tours of the never publicly seen 3rd and 4th floors of Clayton

PITTSBURGH — After years of visitors asking to view the third and fourth floors of Clayton, the historic Pittsburgh home of Henry Clay Frick, The Frick Pittsburgh will now offer exclusive, small-group tours of the never-publicly-seen-before floors.

The highly anticipated tours will begin on Nov. 5 and will take place at 9:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. on Wednesdays. The 60-minute tours can accommodate eight people during each time slot. Groups will be led by Interim Director of Learning and Visitor Experience Kelsie Paul, Chief Curator and Director of Collections Dawn R. Brean, Learning and Interpretive Coordinator Dalena Collins and Collections and Exhibition Assistant Bella Hanley.

The specialty tours will show unrestored spaces, including staff quarters, Childs Frick's bedroom, and the Frick children's playroom, as visitors learn more about ongoing efforts to care for and preserve Clayton into the future.

Tickets are \$75 for members and \$95 for non-members. The tours are part of a specific fundraising campaign focused on the care and conservation of Clayton for future generations. The ticket price is a donation and is fully tax deductible. All ticket buyers will receive a letter confirming that the cost of their tickets can be used as part of their itemized deductions.

This tour requires participants to climb and descend over 35 steps on staircases that are steep and narrow. A virtual tour option is available for visitors with mobility and stamina limitations.

This tour is for adults 18 years and older. Children, including infants and toddlers, are not permitted on these specialty tours.

"Since I began working at the Frick, one of the most asked questions I've received from our visitors is 'Can I see the 3rd and 4th floors of Clayton?" Executive Director Amanda Gillen said. "I am excited that we can finally fulfill this request while also fundraising for the preservation of Clayton for our community to enjoy and learn from it for decades to come."

Clayton, which, as of May 2025, is now on the National Register of Historic Places, is undergoing a multi-phase, multi-million-dollar exterior preservation project. The preservation project includes stripping the current paint and repainting the exterior a more historically accurate color; repointing brick and masonry; repairing and restoring the exterior metal, woodwork, windows, and slate and flat roof areas. This work represents the largest preservation project since the home underwent an extensive restoration in the late 1980s to turn it from a private home to a public museum.

In addition to the new special tours of the 3rd and 4th floors, other tours of Clayton include:

- Gilded, Not Golden, the award-winning, signature tour of Clayton
- Preservation Tour, special preservation-focused tours of the 1st and 2nd floors
- <u>Home for the Holidays at Clayton</u>, a tour of how the holidays were celebrated by different groups in Pittsburgh during the Gilded Age, including the Frick family and their staff.

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About The Frick Pittsburgh

Since 1990, The Frick Pittsburgh has welcomed visitors to its 10-acre cultural campus in the heart of Pittsburgh's East End. Gifted to the people of Pittsburgh by Helen Clay Frick, daughter of noted industrialist and art collector Henry Clay Frick, the campus is home to Clayton, the family's Gilded Age mansion, now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The *Gilded, Not Golden* tour of Clayton was honored with a 2024 Leadership in History Award from the American Association for State and Local History.

The campus also includes The Frick Art Museum, the Car and Carriage Museum, a greenhouse, gardens, and welcoming café. Through its permanent collections, traveling exhibitions, historic tours, and public programs, the Frick invites all visitors to experience history and art, reframed for today. Discover more about The Frick Pittsburgh at The Frick Pittsburgh at The Pittsburgh at The Frick Pittsburgh at The P

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