



# The Mark Twain House & Museum



## > GENERAL INFORMATION

### ABOUT THE MARK TWAIN HOUSE & MUSEUM

The Mark Twain House & Museum, a National Historic Landmark in Hartford, Connecticut, was the home of the great American author, Samuel Clemens (a.k.a. Mark Twain) and his family from 1874 to 1891. It is also where Twain lived when he wrote his most important works, including *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *The Prince and The Pauper*, and *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*. A stunning example of Picturesque Gothic architecture, the 19-room home features a dramatic grand hall with rare examples of Victorian decorative arts by Louis Comfort Tiffany's design firm Associated Artists, a lush glass conservatory, a grand library and the handsome billiard room where Twain wrote..

Today, visitors enjoy guided, daily tours of this striking home, as well as rotating exhibits on Twain's life and legacy in the nation's first LEED-certified museum and visitor center, opened in 2003. Throughout the year, The Mark Twain House & Museum presents activities and educational programs that illuminate Twain's literary legacy for fans of all ages. For more information, call 860-247-0998 or visit [www.marktwainhouse.org](http://www.marktwainhouse.org).

### TICKETS:

Senior Citizens (ages 65+)	\$13
Adults (ages 19-64)	\$15
Children (ages 6-16)	\$9
Under age 6	Free
Parking	Free

*Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more if booked 14 days in advance. For more information, call Caitlin Thayer, Assistant Manager of Visitor Services, at 860-280-3154.*

### MEMBERSHIPS:

Save money and support the mission and preservation of The Mark Twain House & Museum by purchasing a membership today. All members receive the following additional benefits:

- Discounts and first notice on all of our events
- Members-only programs (gallery openings and social events)
- Free admission to the house and museum (four free tour passes per year for Twainiac level; unlimited for all other membership levels)
- Year-round discounts in our store
- A subscription to our e-newsletter

Individual	\$50
Household	\$75
<i>Includes admission for a member couple and all children under 17</i>	
Twainiac	\$35
<i>Our young professionals-level membership with discounts on special events like our beer and wine festivals.</i>	
National	\$40
<i>Even if the House &amp; Museum is too far for a visit you can still support Twain's legacy!</i>	
Sustaining	\$150
<i>Includes unlimited admission for a member couple and up to four guests.</i>	

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### LOCATION

351 Farmington Avenue  
Hartford, Connecticut

*Directions available on our website*  
[www.marktwainhouse.org](http://www.marktwainhouse.org)

### HOURS OF OPERATION

*Visitors should allow a minimum of two hours to tour the home & enjoy the museum.*

Monday – Saturday: 9:30am to 5:30pm  
*Last tour leaves at 4:30pm*

Sunday: Noon to 5:30pm  
*Last tour leaves at 4:30pm*

*Closed Tuesdays from January – March, New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, July 4, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day*



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### SPECIAL TOURS

#### The Servants' Wing

Like many successful families of the day, Sam and Livy Clemens lived a very active social life, hosting extravagant dinners and parties that were supported by household staff. Learn more about the Clemens Family's life in Hartford and Victorian social graces during this special tour of the house's kitchen and servants' wing.

Because of the narrow working spaces in the kitchen, this tour welcomes 10 visitors at a time and is available for an additional \$4 fee if purchased with a tour of the house. For individuals who have visited the house in the past, tickets for the kitchen wing tour only are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

#### Graveyard Shift Ghost Tours

Ghostly tales and stories of spirits surround The Mark Twain House. Come and learn about the Victorians' fascination with spiritualism, and find out why SyFy channel's popular paranormal series *Ghost Hunters* brought its investigative team to the house! Ghost tours are offered seasonally. Check [www.marktwainhouse.org](http://www.marktwainhouse.org) for details.

#### Holiday Tours

Throughout this joyful season, Twain's mansion is adorned as it was for holiday celebrations from 1874 to 1891, when the author, his wife and three daughters lived in the house. Many groups return year after year so make your reservations early!

### AMENITIES

#### Parking

There is ample free parking in our Farmington Avenue lot and an additional smaller lot off Forest Street.

#### Museum

Opened in 2003, our visitor center features The Aetna Gallery permanent orientation exhibit, "I have sampled this life", a video introduction by acclaimed director Ken Burns, rotating exhibits on Twain's work and influence, two classrooms and a 178-seat auditorium for special programs.

#### The Mark Twain Museum Store

The Museum's store boasts books for readers of all ages, souvenirs, Victorian gifts and exclusive items available only through The Mark Twain House & Museum. A wide selection of these items is also available on our website.

#### Refreshment

Guests are welcome to bring packed food and enjoy our cozy indoor eating area at the Museum, sit on the sunny paved patio with café tables and Twain rockers, or picnic on our beautiful grounds.

#### Handicap Access

The first floor of The Mark Twain House is wheelchair accessible, however guests must be able to negotiate three flights of stairs for the complete tour. The Museum is fully handicapped accessible. To arrange tours for visitors with special needs, call (860) 247-0998, ext. 130.

### ABOUT HARTFORD

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The Mark Twain House & Museum is approximately one hour and 40 minutes from Boston and two hours from New York City. Many visitors make the House a stop on their travels in beautiful, historic New England, as it is just off Interstates 84 and 91, and less than an hour from Interstate 95.

Among our nation's first major cities, Hartford is the state capital and the second-largest city in Connecticut. The Mark Twain House & Museum is directly next door to another famous property, The Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, which includes the home of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* author Stowe.

In addition, Hartford also boasts the world-class Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, the brand-new \$165 million Connecticut Science Center, the quirky Real Art Ways gallery/film center, lively theater productions and nightlife, and many other attractions.