

CHINATOWN FOOD + HISTORY TOUR



With a history of over 160 years, Chinatown is one of NYC's oldest neighborhoods. Experience Chinatown through the intimate lens of the Chinese Exclusion Act, the first U.S. law that banned an entire ethnic group from coming into this country for more than 60 years. Through our immersive tour, you'll discover the dark origins of the neighborhood, hear stories of assimilation and sacrifice, and learn about the challenges that Chinese-Americans continue to face in pursuit of the American Dream.

Additionally, Chinatown has long been a foodie destination. For decades, local restaurants have served as a source of employment for Chinese immigrants while offering new arrivals a familiar taste of home. Yet, evolving tastes, gentrification, and coronavirus-related xenophobia have threatened the survival of many mom-and-pop shops. Amid a rapidly changing Chinatown, how can we preserve the traditional flavors of the past for generations to come?

Our journey will begin at the statue of Lin Ze Xu, where you'll learn about why the Chinese first came to America. Then, we'll take you through the winding streets of Chinatown and show you the historical eateries, shops, and institutions that have shaped this community over the years. Lastly, we will sample Chinatown's rich culinary history by munching on delectable treats from 2-3 eateries.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024
1:00PM - 2:30PM**

***15 SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR CURRENT SI STUDENTS; REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**