

UNDERSTANDING AND BUILDING OUR WORLD AND OUR STORIES TOGETHER

At the McCord Stewart Museum, we use objects, stories, and shared experiences to help our visitors better understand the world around them, no matter their age or background. With our participatory approach and civic perspective, we prioritize observation, questions, and dialogue in our activities.

INDIGENOUS VOICES OF TODAY KNOWLEDGE, TRAUMA, RESILIENCE

GUIDED TOUR

Length: 60 minutes

Target audience: All audiences

Educational areas: Social sciences – Personal development – Ethics and religion – History and civilizations – Art history – Religious studies – Sociology – Philosophy – Indigenous studies – Literature – Arts and letters

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY

The primary purpose of this visit is to create an encounter with Indigenous peoples to give visitors the sense that they are truly engaged and spark dialogue, contributing to a better mutual understanding. The tour brings to light all the largely unrecognized knowledge of Indigenous peoples, the deep wounds they carry today, and their inspiring resilience. Objects from the Museum's Indigenous Cultures collection and powerful and inspiring words from members of Québec's 11 First Nations highlight a new and contemporary understanding of Indigenous realities.

STRATEGIES

Preschool and school

Observation
Exploration
Reinvention

Adult

Observation
Independent exploration
Questioning and discussion
Listening

ATTITUDES DEVELOPED

Self-awareness – Curiosity – Intercultural perspective

MAJOR THEMES

Transforming the world

Humans have always wanted to control their environment by creating machines, devices, objects and new techniques. These inventions enrich our daily lives and transform our relationship to the world.

Open-mindedness

In the effervescence of large city centres, cultures mix, and ways of living, being and doing are enriched. From this diversity emerges curiosity that becomes the source of renewed dialogue.

Growing up and aging

The human experience is built around essential life steps: being born, growing up, aging and dying. Because our contributions to community life are different in each step, it is important to establish an intergenerational dialogue so individuals can each contribute to the best of their abilities.