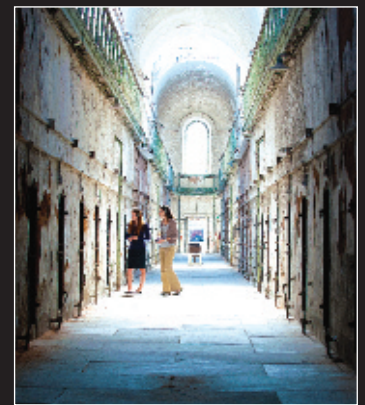


EXPLORE EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY

This was the world's first true *penitentiary*, a prison designed to inspire *penitence*—or true regret—in the hearts of criminals. The original seven cellblocks spread like the spokes of a wheel, and had running water and central heat before the White House.

Its vaulted, sky-lit cells held many of America's most notorious criminals, including bank robber "Slick Willie" Sutton and "Scarface" Al Capone.

The prison stands today in ruin, a haunting world of crumbling cellblocks and a surprising, eerie beauty.



Admission Includes:

Audio Tour Narrated by Steve Buscemi

The long-abandoned cellblocks come alive with sounds of daily life inside the ancient prison. Features the real voices of former officers and inmates.



Hands-On History

Learn how to unlock a cell, open the massive front gate, and tour rarely seen spaces such as the Operating Room in these interactive experiences.



Artist Installations

Site-specific installations inspired by Eastern State's fascinating past, architectural history, and current issues of crime and justice.



Al Capone's Cell

Al Capone got his first taste of prison life on Eastern State's "Park Avenue" cellblock. See his recreated cell with fine furniture and a cabinet radio.

