

Chasing History Home

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EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. The George Eastman House

Founder of the Eastman Kodak Company, George Eastman brought photography to the common man. Host Cat Greenleaf shows us his home.

2. Mark Twain

Hartford, Connecticut is where Mark Twain called home and his 19-room, whimsically stylistic, house still stands. Host Cat Greenleaf digs up history on one of the most influential voices of American literature.

3. Paul Revere's Home

Paul Revere was a silversmith who became an icon for his 'Midnight Ride' during the American Revolution. Host Cat Greenleaf walks Boston's Freedom Trail and hunts down Paul Revere's house, one of the few remaining colonial structures still standing.

4. Kykuit, The Rockefellers

The Rockefellers were America's beloved family, known for their vast wealth, art collection and dedication to philanthropic causes. Host Cat Greenleaf visits their mansion in Kykuit, New York.

5. Louis Armstrong

Louis Armstrong revolutionized jazz made some of the most popular and influential 20th century music. Today, his house-turned-museum in Queens, New York, is open to the public.

6. Hearst Castle

William Randolph Hearst was a media mogul, politician and art collector. Join host Cat Greenleaf as she shares his magnificent paradise estate in California where the biggest stars, artists and politicians congregated during his lifetime.

7. John Ringling Estate

Perhaps the most famous of all circus folk were the Ringling Brothers. John Ringling became the face of the American circus in the 1920s and used his fame to build the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota, Florida.

8. The Winchester Mystery House

Sarah Winchester began building her mansion in 1884 and continued 24 hours a day every day for the next 38 years. The result is the 160 room Winchester Mystery House.

9. Henry Ford House & Museums

Chasing History Home visits the site of Henry Ford's collections as well as two of his favourite personal homes, the house he was born in, and the house he died in, Fair Lane.

10. Molly Brown House

Margaret 'Molly' Brown was a socialite who dedicated her life to improving the lives of woman and the conditions of miners and their families. See her stunning mansion in Denver Colorado, and hear the story of how she survived the sinking of the Titanic.

11. Shakespeare

He is the greatest writer in the English language. We visit Stratford-upon-Avon to see the places where he was born and died, and we pay a visit to the newly recreated Globe Theatre to experience the theatre as he did.

12. FDR

He was the 32nd President of the United States, the only President to be elected into office for 4 terms. We visit Hyde Park, New York - birthplace of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and site of the first Presidential Library.

13. Alcatraz

Alcatraz - The very name calls to mind images of hard time, maximum security, and a place where escape is impossible and life is cheap. Now a national park, it has seen millions of tourists visit, to get a sense of what life was like on The Rock.

14. Ellis Island

Ellis Island was at one time the main port for immigrants entering the United States. Today's visitors can step back in time and follow the immigrants' footsteps from the ferry slip and into the main building, which is now a museum.

15. Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson - the author of the Declaration of Independence. His neoclassic mansion Monticello, designed by Jefferson himself, demonstrates his love for architecture and botany with his expansive gardens intended for ornamental and practical use.

16. James Madison

Cat Greenleaf visits Montpelier, the historic mansion of James Madison, the 4th President to the United States and Father of the Constitution. Go behind the scenes as artisans meticulously restore the 240 year-old structure to its former glory.

17. Eleanor Roosevelt

Teacher, newspaper columnist, delegate to the United Nations, Red Cross representative and First Lady of the United States, Eleanor Roosevelt lived a remarkable life. We visit her beautiful Upstate New York retreat Val-Kill the only place she truly called home.

18. Charles Darwin

Charles Darwin, who found fame and infamy with his revolutionary theory of evolution. Host Cat Greenleaf visits his Down House in England where the man worked to formulate his theory.