

PETERSEN HOUSE TOUR GUIDELINES

Welcome to the Petersen House Museum. The Petersen House is a late Victorian Queen Anne-style house built in 1892 by Niels Petersen. In 1979, the Petersen House was entered in the National Register of Historic Places. The Petersen House Museum is operated as an outreach of the Tempe Historical Museum.

The following tour guidelines are designed to assist you in planning your visit to the Petersen House, and to aid us in making your visit an enjoyable experience.

TOUR RESERVATIONS: Tour reservations for groups of 9 or more should be made at least two weeks in advance. Smaller groups are welcome on a drop-in basis during operating hours which are Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

For tour reservations, please call Jerri Copenhaver (480) 350-5100.

PETERSEN HOUSE TOURS: Tours of the house focus on life-styles in Tempe during both the territorial period and the Great Depression Era.

Group size: The fire code in the Petersen House states that we can only have 10 people, including the guide, in the upstairs of the house at one time.

For groups with 10 – 18, it is possible to have two separate tours at the same time.

For groups with more than 18, for those waiting for the house tour there is:

1. a self-guided tour of the outside of the house.
2. an exhibit in the orientation room.

Student tours: On student tours, there is to be 1 supervising adult for every 10 students. The supervising adults are responsible for the group's conduct and discipline concerns.

Accessibility: The first floor of the Petersen House is wheelchair accessible via a ramp at the back of the house. The second floor of the house, however, can only be reached by climbing a flight of stairs. For those visitors who prefer not to attempt the stairs, a video of the second floor rooms is available for viewing.



The Petersen House is an historic home. The objects in it require special care. Help us preserve it for others by:

1. **Not touching the furniture or objects as you tour the house.**
2. **When taking photographs, DO NOT USE A FLASH.**

FACILITIES AVAILABLE:



No Food or Drink is allowed inside the Petersen House.

For groups wanting to bring lunches, there is a park surrounding the Petersen House where lunches can be eaten.

Restroom facilities are available at the house.

Bus parking is in a large lot to the south of the house.

If you have any questions or comments, please call (480) 350-5100.

