



Crown Access FAQs

How do I get tickets for the crown?

The details on purchasing tickets to access the crown are still being worked out. A public announcement will be made when the process is finalized and posted on the park's Web site at www.nps.gov/stli.

I already purchased advance tickets with monument access. Will I be able to use them to access the crown?

Once tickets for the crown become available, ticket holders with monument passes will be able, on a first-come, first-served basis, to apply for crown tickets online at www.statuecruises.com.

Will there be a fee for crown access?

All visitors to the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island must purchase ferry tickets to visit the park (www.statuecruises.com). At this time, no decision has been made about a fee for crown access.

How many people will be allowed into the crown?

For safety considerations, we will limit the number of visitors to the crown to no more than 10 visitors at a time. Each group of 10 will be accompanied by a National Park Service Ranger.

Approximately 200 or more people will go to the crown per day when it re-opens on July 4, 2009. After further work is done in the Statue, we anticipate that more than 100,000 visitors will be able to access the crown each year.

Will the crown be open every day?

Heat inside the Statue is a critical issue for visitor safety. We will plan to open the crown daily but continue the policy of closing the Statue during the hottest parts of the day; whenever the outside temperature reaches 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

How many steps are there to the crown?

354

How strenuous is the climb?

It depends on each visitor's level of physical fitness. Although the first 186 steps are on a standard stairway the remaining 168 are on a narrow, extremely steep, cramped spiral stair. All visitors climbing to the crown will be given a safety talk so they fully understand the physical demands involved.

Is the crown going to close again?

The National Park Service intends to make significant improvements to visitor flow throughout the structure so we can safely increase the number of visitors allowed inside the monument. In about 2 years, both access to the pedestal and the crown will close for renovations that could take up to 2 years to complete. Retrofitting an engineering marvel such as the Statue of Liberty is inherently time-consuming and all improvements must respect the historic character of the statue.

When will you re-open the torch?

The torch has been closed to visitors since 1916 and will never again be open to the public.