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The island nearest you was the gateway through which some 12 million persons entered the United States between 1892 and 1954. In 1907 alone more than one million people from many nations landed there. The towered building was the Immigrant Station where all newcomers reported. Ellis Island was made part of Statue of Liberty National Monument by Presidential Proclamation in May 1965. It is being developed as an immigration memorial.

Sometimes so many immigrants were ready to be transferred that they had to wait for several days before the ferry boat could take them to Ellis Island.



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- 40. The second immigration station on Ellis Island. Built of brick and stone, it went into operation December 17, 1900. Costing \$1.5 million, it was designed to be fireproof. Landfill from New York City's subway tunnels and ballast from ships were used to enlarge the island. The tunnels were dug out with immigrant labor, and the ships carried immigrants to the United States.
- 48. An inspector tags a family of German immigrants. A tag included a person's name and country of origin. Such information was available from each ship's manifest, a list of all its passengers.
- 62B. Passengers ready themselves to board a ferry bound for New Jersey. From Hoboken and Jersey City, they could board trains that would take them to Ohio, Pennsylvania and destinations beyond.
- 606. Baggage on Ellis Island dock.
- 609. Plaque on Ellis Island.
- 889. Italian immigrants at Ellis Island, 1905. Lost baggage is the cause of their worried expressions. At the height of immigration, the entire first floor of the administration building was used to store baggage.

