Welcome to the 9/11 Memorial & Museum. I’m Robert De Niro, and I’ll be your guide on this tour. You’re about to take a journey through history and memory in the space where the Twin Towers once rose from foundations seven stories belowground up nearly a quarter-mile into the sky.

If you look over toward the entry to the exhibitions, you’ll see a very large photograph of the New York City skyline. That photograph was taken only minutes before the first plane hit the North Tower.

September 11, 2001, dawned bright and sunny in New York City. I can still remember the sky and its brilliant shade of blue. In New York, the polls had opened for the mayoral primary. It was the first day of classes for many schools. The World Trade Center, where about 50,000 people worked, was just coming to life.

This Museum commemorates those who were killed in the 9/11 attacks and also in the World Trade Center bombing in February 1993. It explores why the World Trade Center and other American landmarks became a target for terrorists and documents the responses to those attacks and their continuing impact on the United States and on the world.

As you move through the Museum, stops with available audio commentary will show on your device’s screen. Tap on the image to hear the story. Headphone icons are also placed on artifact labels where an audio guide stop is available. Make your way past the large map on your left and down the hall to the overlook. This is where the next stop is.