

HISTORIC STATEN ISLAND BUS TOUR

Saturday, June 24, 2017

After the rave reviews of our first two historic bus tours of Queens and The Bronx, our Club members have clamored for more! We are happy to oblige with a tour of Staten Island. Staten Island is the borough least known by other New Yorkers because of its remote location. But there are some surprising places there and we are thrilled to be able to have this opportunity to acquaint you. Staten Island is also known as Richmond County. Richmond is one of the original counties of New York State going back to 1683. The Queens Village Republican Club's bus tour is an all-day, all-inclusive, chartered bus tour. Reserve early as space is limited. Starting/ending point is at Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Parkway, Bellerose. We depart at 9 AM. We will visit the beautiful Seguine Mansion, take lunch at an historic Italian restaurant, and then visit the Chinese Scholar's Garden at Snug Harbor before returning to the Queens County Farm Museum in Bellerose. Bus has a toilet and kneeling function.

Cost is \$99. inclusive of transportation, admission fees, guided tours, tips, and lunch.

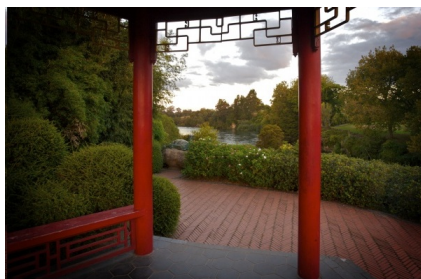
The Seguine Mansion: Who knew there was a 27-acre, southern-style plantation with horses in New York City. This property was once 100 acres, but the fact that even 27 acres remains is a stunning feat of survival in a city that tries to build on every square inch. The property was purchased by James Seguine in 1786 in the Prince's Bay area and his son, Joseph,



built the house in 1838. The house is still a private residence, although the current owner, George Burke, donated the house to the City with a lifetime right to have residence there. Inside, Mr. Burke filled the house with his collection of antiques. We will tour both the outside and inside. The inside ground floor should be easily accessible. Tours are conducted upstairs too, but there is no elevator.

Consider yourself lucky to be associated with the Queens Village Republican Club: this house is not regularly open to the public. You cannot visit it on your own.

Chinese Scholar's Garden is located at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center which is an 83-acre site in northern Staten Island that was once known as Sailors Snug Harbor, a 19th century retirement home for old salts. Considered the finest collection of Greek Revival buildings in the United States, the City acquired the property in the 1970s when the home relocated to North Carolina. Today Snug Harbor includes a botanical garden, and the Chinese Scholar's Garden. It took a year to build in 1999 and cost \$5 million. Artisans came over from China to construct it. Stunningly serene and beautiful, we will take a guided tour of the property.



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Basilio Inn Restaurant in Arrochar will be our headquarters for a relaxed lunch. It will include a three-course lunch, including tea or coffee. Basilio is the oldest restaurant in Staten Island, opened in 1921. It is located inside an 1850 carriage house which in turn is located on a dead-end street and grows its own organic vegetables alongside the building. Lunch will include pasta course, choice of sauteed chicken breast topped with prosciutto and mozzarella, basa fish sauteed in light tomato sauce, or eggplant parmigiana. Dessert is fresh, homemade sfogliatella. Please provide entree choice on coupon below.



Our bus trip lunches are not grab-'n-go fast food. We visit quality restaurants with their own sense of history!

All participants will receive a small, free Souvenir Journal as a keepsake of this trip.

This event is open to all: you do not have to be a Club member. This is not a fund-raising event. We charge to just cover our costs.

For further information, call James Trent at 718-343-8830

Please reserve ___ seats (state number) on the Historic Bronx Bus Tour for June 25, 2016. Make checks out to the Queens Village Republican Club and send to James Trent, 242-33 90th Avenue, Bellerose, NY 11426-1115. E-mail: jtrent8830@aol.com.

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Entree Choice _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____