

HISTORIC BROOKLYN BUS TOUR

Saturday, May 19, 2018

After the rave reviews of our first three historic bus tours of Queens, The Bronx, and Staten Island, our Club members have clamored for more. We are happy to oblige with a tour of Brooklyn! We're going to visit places few know about. Brooklyn, also known as Kings County, 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, Glen Oaks. We depart at 9 AM and return at 5 PM. We will visit the Pieter Claesen Wyckoff House, the Flatlands Reformed Church, take lunch at a quality Park Slope restaurant, and then visit the Old Stone House before returning to the Queens County Farm Museum. Bus has a toilet and kneeling function.

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

The Pieter Claesen Wyckoff House: New York is notorious for knocking down buildings regardless of their architectural significance or historical associations. That's why we are excited to take you to this house which was built at least by 1652. The house, still on its original site, had been in the Wyckoff family for generations, then it was sold, but in the 20th Century, the Wyckoff family bought it back. They donated it to the City in 1969 and it has been restored and opened to the public. It is located on the border between East Flatbush and Canarsie We will tour both the outside and inside. It sits on an ample lot to help create a more rural ambiance as you can see from the picture at left.



Its history exemplifies the diversity of Brooklyn's colonial farms, where Dutch-American landowners, enslaved and freed Africans, and later European immigrants labored on some of the country's most fertile land.

Flatlands Reformed Church. By order of Peter Stuyvesant, three Protestant Dutch Reformed Churches were created in Brooklyn all in the same year: 1654. All three still operate. We will visit the one where the Wyckoffs are buried: the Flatlands Reformed Church. It sits on a 2.5 acre parcel complete with churchyard with burials as far back as 1660. The church itself is the third on the site and was built in 1848. A fire in 1970s destroyed much of the interior and a decision was made to restore it to its earlier look, rather than the appearance it had just prior to the fire. Pastor Glover will personally conduct the tour.



Old Stone House. This site contains a building that was originally built in 1699. It was torn down in 1897 and the stones were still in the area, some being used to pave the streets. In 1935 the house was reconstructed moving it slightly from its original location, using many of the original stones.



The house figured in the Battle of Long Island (which has been renamed the Battle of Brooklyn) and interestingly enough was the headquarters of the baseball team that later became the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The interior contains a model of the battle as it was fought around the house.

Il Sogno Secondo Restaurant in Park Slope will be our headquarters for a relaxed lunch. It will include a appetizer, entree, coffee or tea. Weather permitting, we will be able to eat outside in the rear yard dining area. The prix fixe menu gives a large assortment of choices. The restaurant has received rave reviews from its customers on Yelp. The restaurant styles its menu as Italian Fusion.



Our bus trip lunches are not grab-'n-go fast food. We visit quality restaurants!

All participants will receive a small, free Souvenir Pamphlet 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 Brooklyn Bus Tour for May 19, 2018. 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.

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