

Osaka Code Pink Staten Island Tour - April 29, 2015

1. Staten Island Ferry



The Staten Island Ferry is a passenger ferry service operated by the New York City Department of Transportation that runs between the boroughs of Manhattan and Staten Island. The Staten Island Ferry has been a municipal service since 1905, and currently carries over 21 million passengers annually on the 5.2-mile (8.4 km) run. The 5 miles (8.0 km) journey takes about 25 minutes each way in good weather.

2. Bayonne Bridge – where Uranium Ore was stored for the Manhattan Project



"In 1938, a three story Archer Daniels Midland Company warehouse stood in the shadow of the Bayonne with an address of 2377-2387 Richmond Terrace. Typically the warehouse stored vegetable oil. That year the buildings took on a new purpose when a ship carrying 1200 tons of raw uranium ore from the Belgian Congo unloaded 2,007 steel drums into its secret Staten Island destination. ...[N]ot even the Staten Island Borough President at the time knew of its arrival...[T]he cleanup, now more than 70 years after the arrival of the uranium, as still being in the 'preliminary assessment' stage." (Friends of the Pleistocene)

3. Snug Harbor Cultural Center



Sailors' Snug Harbor, also known as Sailors Snug Harbor or Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden or, informally, Snug Harbor, is a collection of architecturally significant 19th-century buildings set in an 83-acre park along the Kill Van Kull on the north shore of Staten Island in New York City, United States. It was once a home for aged sailors. Some of the buildings and the grounds are used by arts under the umbrella of the Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden.

4. Unitarian Church of Staten Island



The Unitarian Church of Staten Island, dating from 1852, is the only Unitarian Universalist congregation intentionally founded by Transcendentalist Abolitionists, including nationally recognized political and intellectual leaders. The congregation has met in the current building since 1895. Sermons, music, and readings draw from world religions, current events and the arts, with consistent themes of social justice and equality. In June 2002, Peace Action of Staten Island held its first meeting here.

5. Memorial for Eric Garner



On July 17, 2014, Eric Garner died in Staten Island, New York City, after a police officer put him in a chokehold for seconds. The New York City Medical Examiner's Office concluded that Garner died partly as a result of the chokehold. On December 3, 2014, a grand jury decided not to indict the officer responsible. The event stirred public protests and rallies with charges of police brutality. The U.S. Justice Department announced an independent federal investigation

6. ETG Book Café



This community center, bookstore, internet cafe, gallery and performance stage is right near the Staten Island Ferry terminal in St George and is run by the amazing Ganas Community who also run co-operative recycling businesses.