

THE TRUST FOR GOVERNORS ISLAND

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Governors Island to Extend Hours with Late Friday Nights this Summer

The Island will remain open until 10PM every Friday evening from May 25-September 14

Governors Island opens for the season May 1, ferries will be free opening week through May 6

April 24, 2018. The Trust for Governors Island today announced extended hours for the 2018 season. Governors Island will stay open late until 10PM every Friday beginning Memorial Day weekend through September 14. Normally closing at 6PM on weekdays, this year the Trust will expand public access on 17 nights this spring and summer, creating more opportunities than ever for New Yorkers to enjoy the Island's park spaces and historic settings with the backdrop of the city skyline and sunsets over the harbor.

"There is nothing like a beautiful summer night in New York City. Now thousands of us will be able to enjoy that magic from Governors Island. Every year, our administration has made more of this incredible public space open and accessible to the public. We can't wait to bring the experience of watching the sun set over New York Harbor and exploring the Island by night to more New Yorkers," said **Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development Alicia Glen**.

Visitors during Late Friday nights will be able to roam the entirety of the Island's park spaces, Historic District and promenade during the special summer evening hours. Bike rentals will be available to visitors. Select season-long arts, cultural and science programming in the Island's historic former officer's homes in Nolan Park and Colonels Row will remain open during late Fridays. An exciting program of special evening entertainment will be announced in the coming weeks.

"Each year, Governors Island continues to grow as a dynamic and beloved destination in New York City," said **Michael Samuelian, President of the Trust for Governors Island**. "With longer hours than ever, we invite all New Yorkers to join us for unforgettable summer nights on the Island in the glow of the sunset and the sparkling Lower Manhattan skyline."

A diverse array of food offerings will also be open late during Late Fridays. Island Oyster, Governors Island's popular waterfront restaurant located near the Manhattan ferry landing will remain open until 10PM with easygoing summer fare, a tropically inspired cocktail program and panoramic views of New York Harbor and Lower Manhattan. Taco Beach, the Island's newest waterfront restaurant on the Eastern side of the Manhattan ferry landing will stay open with tacos and cocktails. Liggett Terrace beer gardens Little Eva's and Governors' Beer Co., as well as Blue Marble Ice Cream and Fauzia's Heavenly Delights will also remain open. Grills on Governors Island may also be reserved during Late Fridays. To reserve a grill, visit www.govisland.org/permits.

“Whether you’re looking for a lively happy hour spot or a tranquil place to relax with the family, Governors Island Late Fridays will offer an exciting night out for everyone,” said **Merritt Birnbaum, Executive Director of the Friends of Governors Island**. “We are delighted to welcome all New Yorkers to this evening oasis in the heart of our city.”

Ferries during Late Fridays will run from the Battery Maritime in Lower Manhattan, located at 10 South Street. Ferries will depart Lower Manhattan at 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30 PM. Ferries will return to Lower Manhattan at 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00 and 10:00 PM.

Governors Island will open for the 2018 season on May 1 and will be open daily until October 31. The Island is open to the public from 10 AM to 6 PM weekdays, weekends from 10 AM to 7 PM and Fridays between May 25 and September 14 until 10 PM. Ferries will be free during opening week, May 1-May 6. For more information, visit www.govisland.org.

About The Trust for Governors Island

The Trust for Governors Island is the nonprofit corporation created by the City of New York that is responsible for the redevelopment and operation of 150 acres of Governors Island. The Trust's mission is to transform Governors Island into a vibrant resource for New York City, making this island at the center of New York Harbor a destination with extraordinary public open space, as well as educational, not-for-profit and commercial facilities.

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