

# OUTDOOR EVENTS ON GOVERNORS ISLAND



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THE TRUST FOR GOVERNORS ISLAND



Governors Island lies just 800 yards from the southern tip of Manhattan and even closer to Brooklyn. Its 172 acres comprise a historic district dotted with buildings from across its 200-plus-year history and over 120 acres of award-winning open space.

Once known only as a seasonal destination, Governors Island is now open to the public year-round. Visitors flock to experience its stunning parkland, intriguing history, fantastic food and drink offerings and diverse roster of engaging public programs—now including a unique lineup of all-season activities.

## WHY GOVERNORS ISLAND?

### **One-of-a-kind setting**

Governors Island is unlike any other setting in New York City. Minutes from Lower Manhattan and Downtown Brooklyn, the Island's venues range from expansive open areas with sweeping views of the city skyline and Statue of Liberty to more intimate locations that feel like a world away.

### **Built-in audience**

Governors Island attracts nearly 1M annual visitors of all ages and backgrounds from across New York, the United States and abroad, offering exposure to an engaged audience that knows the Island as a destination for events of all kinds. For private functions, Governors Island provides an unforgettable setting with a diverse range of amenities and attractions for your guests.

### **Professional, experienced staff**

Our staff has worked with organizers of all sizes on productions that range from small, single-day affairs to expansive, long-running festivals that become their own significant presence on the Island. Whatever vision you have for your event, our team knows how to make it happen.

# A VENUE FOR EVENTS OF ALL KINDS

Organizations of all sizes and purposes from across New York and the world have hosted events on Governors Island, including live concerts, cultural festivals, art fairs, science symposiums, theatrical performances, film screenings, galas, celebrations and many more. Governors Island offers flexibility for its venues outside of the Island's regular operating hours, providing a year-round destination for distinctive events.

## Previous events on Governors Island include:



Pride Island, 2022  
Parade Ground



The Jazz Age Lawn Party,  
2006-Present  
Colonnels Row



Longines Global Champions Tour,  
2019  
Play Lawns



South 'N The City Picnic, 2017  
Colonnels Row



Private Wedding Reception, 2021  
Liggett East



The Vandy Awards, 2018  
Colonnels Row



Blue Point Brewing's Dinner on  
an Island, 2019  
Liberty Moment



World Ocean Festival, 2017  
Picnic Point



Full Moon Festival, 2017  
Play Lawns

# OUR VENUES

Site plans, supplemental materials and additional venue information available upon request.

Fees vary by venue and are based on the scale and scope of the event. Customized pricing packages are available on request.



## Parade Ground

Capacity: up to 9,000  
Expansive, rolling lawn that's great for concerts, athletic events, screenings and performances.



## Play Lawns

Capacity: up to 8,000  
Wide, grassy ballfields that can accommodate the largest events and most complex site builds. Great for concerts, large festivals and tented parties.



## Colonels Row

Capacity: up to 4,000  
Spacious lawn in the heart of the Island's Historic District. Great for cultural festivals and concerts.



## Picnic Point

Capacity: up to 2,000  
Versatile venue with spectacular Statue of Liberty and harbor views. Great for corporate outings, picnics, festivals and performances.



## Nolan Park

Capacity: up to 1,000  
Neighborhood-like atmosphere in the Island's Historic District that's great for medium-sized cultural festivals and intimate performances.



## Oval

Capacity: up to 1,000  
Inviting lawn in the center of Governors Island's award-winning parkland that's great for corporate outings, picnics, performances and field days.



## Liberty Moment

Capacity: up to 300  
One of the most scenic settings Governors Island has to offer. Great for dinners, weddings and other small activations.



## Liggett East

Capacity: up to 500  
Flat, open space that can be transformed into a world of its own for immersive food and cultural festivals, or private events like weddings and parties.

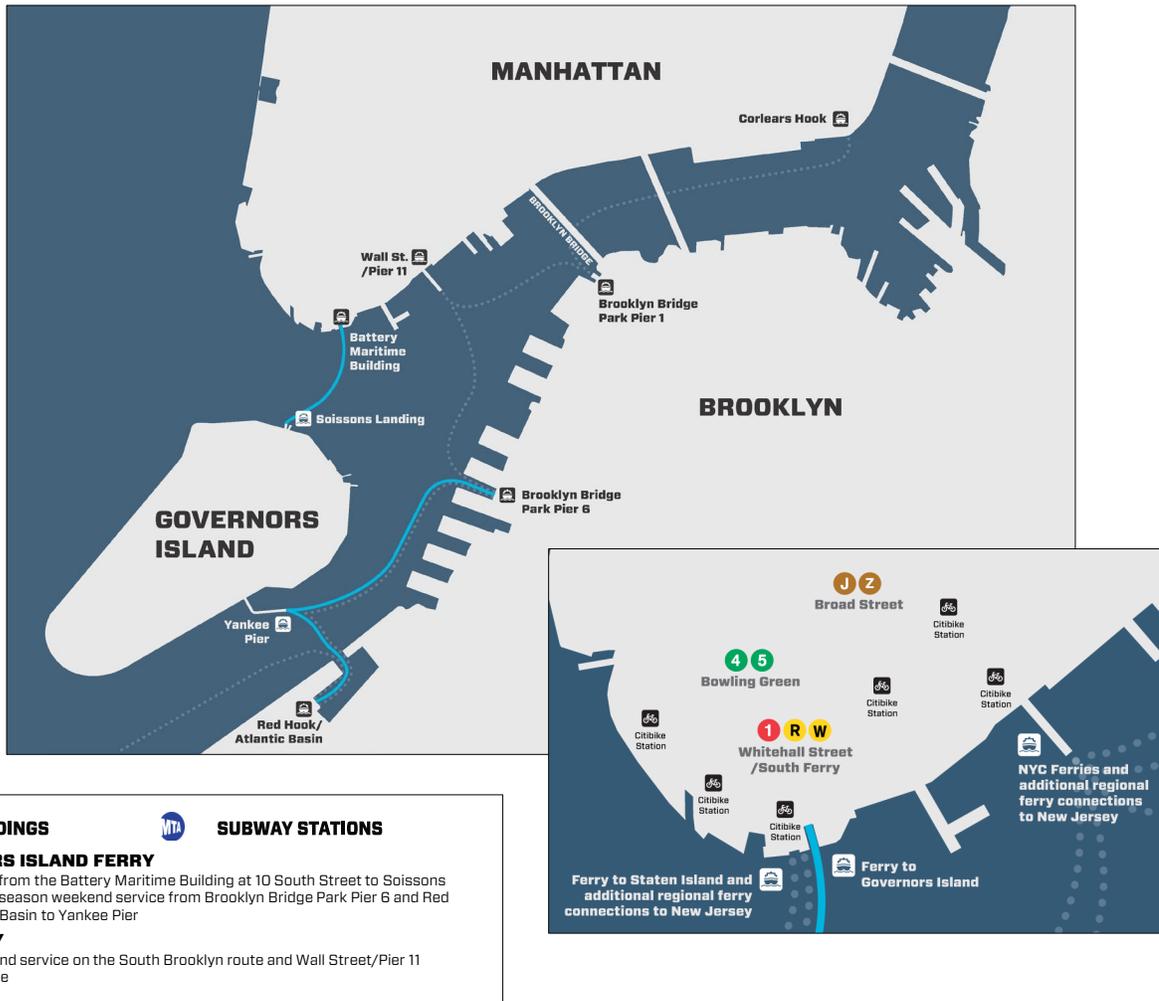
# SERVICES

Many events on Governors Island require staff services including security, waste management and stand-by emergency medical professionals. Pricing packages are available at all our venues for events of all sizes that include the services you need to host your event on Governors Island.

# TRANSPORTATION

Ferry service to Governors Island is fast, frequent and easily scalable, running to the Island year-round from the Battery Maritime Building in Lower Manhattan. On weekends during the peak season, Governors Island ferries also run from Brooklyn Bridge Park Pier 6 and Red Hook/Atlantic Basin in Brooklyn. The Coursen, one of the Trust for Governors Island's two passenger ferries, can accommodate up to 1,100 passengers and 36 cars and trucks per 8-minute voyage.

NYC Ferry also runs daily, year-round public ferry service to Governors Island.





Outdoor Films on Governors Island in partnership with Film at Lincoln Center, 2018-22

## FAQS

### **What are the fees for hosting an event?**

Customized pricing packages are available on request. Events may require additional services such as dedicated ferries, security, custodial services, grounds services and emergency medical services. The organization producing the event will be responsible for these costs.

### **Can events be held when the Island is closed to the public after hours?**

Events can be held on the Island outside of public hours with permission from the Trust. Please note that events that do not take place during normal public hours may involve additional costs associated with dedicated services.

### **Can dates be placed on hold?**

Event dates can be placed on hold after the Trust has received and reviewed your proposal. Events are not confirmed until a signed agreement has been received and approved by both parties.

### **How do the ferries work?**

Events that occur outside of public hours and/or anticipate 4,000 or more attendees are required to provide additional ferry service to supplement Governors Island's regularly scheduled ferries. The Trust will work with event producers to arrange these services.

### **Is power available for events?**

Electricity varies throughout the Island. Some outdoor events must bring portable generators to meet their electricity needs.

### **Does Governors Island have tents or A/V equipment available to rent?**

The Trust has tents of varying sizes available for events to rent. The Trust does not own or rent stages, generators or A/V equipment.

### **Is there Wi-Fi on the Island?**

Governors Island has free, public Wi-Fi in many outdoor areas on the Island. Event producers may be able to purchase dedicated Wi-Fi service with additional bandwidth from the Island's wireless provider.

### **Can alcohol be served at events?**

Event organizers are responsible for securing a permit from the New York State Liquor Authority to serve alcohol at their event. The Trust must receive a copy of the permit and approve all logistical plans for the area where alcohol will be served. Visitors are not permitted to bring their own alcohol to Governors Island.

**Still have questions?**  
**Email us at [events@govisland.org](mailto:events@govisland.org).**



Japan Performing Arts, Inc.'s Bon Odori Festival, 2019

## BRING YOUR EVENT TO GOVERNORS ISLAND

Visit [govisland.org/permits](https://govisland.org/permits) for more information on how to hold your public or private outdoor event on Governors Island.

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