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The Trust for Governors Island Expands Public Hours, Inviting New Yorkers to Enjoy ‘Sunset at Soissons’ every night

Area surrounding historic Soissons Landing on Governors Island to stay open late every night, with perfect picnic spots, food, drinks, and stunning views.

Sunsets at Soissons to start July 1 through October 31

NEW YORK, NY (June 30, 2022) – The Trust for Governors Island announced today new extended hours for the area Soissons Landing, one of the best spots in the city to watch the sunset on the horizon. Starting Friday, July 1, Soissons Landing will remain open late every night of the week through the fall. Soissons Landing will be open until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and until 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Visitors can enjoy delicious food and drink from Island Oyster, Taco Vista and Gitano Island, along with unique wellness experiences from QC NY Spa and beautiful picnic spots within the area surrounding Soissons Landing in the Governors Island Historic District.

“There really is no better place to spend a summer evening than Governors Island,” **said Clare Newman, President & CEO of The Trust for Governors Island.** “With unparalleled waterfront views, delicious food and drinks, unique amenities, and peaceful picnic spots, Soissons Landing has something for everyone. We are thrilled to announce these expanded public hours and can’t wait to welcome our visitors to the best place to catch the sunset in New York City.”

Evening ferries to Governors Island run from the Battery Maritime Building in Lower Manhattan, with the last public ferry over to the Island departing at 8:15 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 9:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The last ferry off of the Island departs at 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. While Soissons Landing will be open until 10 p.m., all other areas on Governors Island will close at regularly posted public hours—10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays through September 3, and 6 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

The Soissons Landing area includes the below vendors and amenities, in addition to rolling lawns available for picnicking or taking in the views. [Click here](#) to view a map of the area and current vendors.

Taco Vista

Classic Mexican menu including tacos, burritos, quesadillas, craft beer, and margaritas with a casual dining area and waterfront views. Open Wednesday through Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Island Oyster

A unique outdoor destination for easygoing summer seafood, tropical cocktails, and panoramic views. Open Wednesday through Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Gitano Island

A brand-new restaurant and beach club from Grupo Gitano featuring an extensive cocktail menu, modern Mexican cuisine, dance floors, and regular live events. Open Sunday through Thursday from 12 to 10pm and Friday and Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

QC NY Spa

Guests can unwind with more than 20 wellness experiences including massages, saunas, steam rooms, water therapies, and more, along with two infinity spa pools overlooking the Lower Manhattan skyline. Open Sunday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Visitors are encouraged to reserve ferry tickets at www.govisland.org/ferry in advance of their trip, and face coverings continue to be required on Trust-operated ferries. Evening ferries will only operate to and from the Battery Maritime Building in Lower Manhattan during the Sunset at Soissons Landing hours.

Round-trip ferry tickets cost \$4 for adults. Governors Island ferries are always free for children 12 and under, seniors 65 and up, residents of NYCHA, IDNYC holders, current and former military service members, and Governors Island members. Ferries before noon on Saturdays and Sundays are free for all. There is no surcharge for bicycles or strollers at any time.

NYC Ferry also serves Governors Island weekdays on the South Brooklyn route and weekends via a dedicated shuttle from Pier 11/Wall Street. NYC Ferry does not serve Governors Island after 5:19 p.m. on weekdays and 5:42 p.m. on weekends. Visit ferry.nyc for more information and schedules.

Governors Island has undergone a tremendous transformation over the last decade, including the creation of a resilient 43-acre park, a growing arts and cultural program, and remarkable growth in audience. The Island is home to a diverse number of year-round tenants, including the Urban Assembly New York Harbor School, the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, the Billion Oyster Project, Shandaken Projects, Beam Center, the Institute for Public Architecture, and QC NY Spa, as well as Buttermilk Labs — a new multi-tenant hub for coastal climate solutions announced in Fall, 2021.

Now open to the public year-round, Governors Island is home to a robust calendar of free public programs and events, outdoor recreation activities, diverse arts and cultural experiences, and more to explore. Visit www.govisland.org/things-to-do for more information and to view all upcoming events and programs.



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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 realize the full potential of Governors Island for the inspiration and enjoyment of all New Yorkers, demonstrating a bold vision for public space. For more information, visit www.govisland.org