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Architectural Preservation in New York

A VOYAGE IN TIME

Manhattan – Staten Island - Queens

October 18-23, 2010

PAUL RUSH, GUEST LECTURER

Accompanying us throughout will be guest lecturer Paul Rush, who led previous New York City tours for the National Trust. He specializes in private architectural and historic walking tours of the city, and was the principal historical advisor, researcher and script writer for both *Rancontours* and *Walkabout* – self-guided, interactive walking tours of the area. Mr. Rush brings with him a deep affinity for the fascinating social, architectural and historical nature of the city in all of its diverse and exciting complexity.

ITINERARY

Monday, October 18 – Manhattan

Arrive independently in New York City and proceed to *The Marcel at Gramercy*, (201 East 24th Street). Check-in time is 3:00 p.m.

Gather this evening at Inoteca for dinner and to meet guest lecturer Paul Rush. This restaurant and wine bar featuring classic Northern Italian cuisine is located on the ground floor of the hotel. (D)

Tuesday, October 19 – Manhattan: Staten Island

Travel by private motorcoach to the ferry terminal at the southern tip of Manhattan to board the historic Staten Island Ferry for a journey across New York Harbor. Upon arrival proceed to Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden for a specially-planned visit. Founded in 1833 as a seamen's retirement home, Snug Harbor is now a performing and visual arts center. It is an incomparable remnant of New York's 19th-century seafaring past with superb Greek Revival buildings from the mid-19th century. Following lunch, visit the Chinese Scholar's Garden, the only authentic garden of its type in the United States. Our final visit here is at the Noble Maritime Museum, preserving the art, writings and historical maritime artifacts of John A. Noble, the distinguished maritime artist.

The day on Staten Island concludes with visits to several private homes including that of Dr. and Mrs. Ted Brown, whose 24-room Victorian mansion, built in 1888, is largely unchanged. After returning to the hotel, the evening is at leisure – perhaps for to see a Broadway (or off-Broadway) show and to dine at any one of the city's wonderful restaurants. (B/L)

Wednesday, October 20 – Manhattan: Ellis Island/Lower Manhattan

The immigrant experience comes alive this morning after crossing by ferry to Ellis Island at the mouth of the Hudson River. The museum, located in the main building of the restored immigration station complex, tells the moving tales of the 12 million immigrants who entered the United States through the golden door of Ellis Island. Today, the descendants of those immigrants account for almost half of the American people.

After returning to the mainland, proceed to the city's Lower East Side for lunch at Katz's, New York's oldest delicatessen, founded in 1888. Walking through the neighborhood, a community in the midst of gentrification but still rich in the atmosphere of late 19th and early 20th-

century immigrant life, brings us to the Tenement Museum, a National Trust Historic Site. On a private guided tour, climb the narrow stairway of a restored tenement that recreates immigrant life. Along with a glimpse of the past, the tour offers insights into current debates about immigration and public health.

After a short stroll arrive at the Museum at Eldridge Street, the gloriously restored Eldridge Street Synagogue, telling the story of the great wave of Jewish immigrants to the Lower East Side. The restoration of this 1887 synagogue, a National Historic Landmark, was completed in 2007, and the crowning piece of the restoration – a monumental new stained-glass window – is to be installed this year. Returning to the hotel, the evening is free. (B/L)

Thursday, October 21 – Manhattan: Gramercy Park Area/Flatiron

A short stroll from the hotel brings us to the prized area of Gramercy Park – once the home of presidents (Theodore Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy) and an area always popular with politicians, writers, socialites and (nowadays) Hollywood stars. Nineteenth-century brownstones and carriage houses abound, the Brotherhood Synagogue (1857) served as an Underground Railroad station, and the 1920s brought the onset of luxury apartment buildings. The private park and surrounding blocks were designated a historic district in 1966.

Stop at the Gramercy Park Hotel which opened its doors in 1925. It was built on the site of flamboyant architect Stanford White's home, where previously the townhouse in which Edith Wharton was born had stood. The hotel was headquarters for high bohemia where artists, adventurers and bonvivants rubbed elbows. Hotelier Ian Schrager has now transformed this Manhattan landmark into a luxury boutique hotel with stunning restorations and furnishings.

Walking around the park, visit the Players Club, established in 1888 by acclaimed actor Edwin Booth, brother of President Lincoln's assassin. The club's members included Mark Twain, Arthur Miller, Margaret Hamilton and Carol Burnett. Next door is the National Arts Club, established in 1884 in a Victorian Gothic mansion that was originally home to New York Governor and Presidential Candidate Samuel J. Tilden. After lunch at this private club, visit the Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site housing a wealth of Theodore Roosevelt memorabilia. Roosevelt lived here until he was 14 years old, and the restored period rooms reflect the lifestyle of the Roosevelts circa 1865.

Stroll through Madison Square Park named for James Madison, fourth president of the United States. The area, existing as an urban public space since 1686, was formally opened as a public park in 1847. This historic park in the center of the Flatiron District was recently restored and has become an oasis for those who live and work nearby. Walk back to the hotel for a free evening. (B/L)

Friday, October 22 – Manhattan: Upper West Side/Flushing, Queens

Driving to the Upper West Side, this morning's visits start in the neighborhood of Morningside Heights at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the seat of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. The world's largest Gothic cathedral – a work in progress since 1892 – is being built using traditional Gothic engineering, and has a nave that stretches two football fields, a seating capacity of 5,000 and an 8,500-pipe organ.

After which a walk around the nearby Columbia campus with a visit to McKim, Mead and White's great Low Library and I N Phelps Stokes' magnificent St Paul's Chapel. The chapel is an eccentric masterpiece, little known outside the Columbia community and well worth seeing.

Then drive to Flushing in Queens County and after lunch at a local restaurant, a walking tour under the auspices of the Queens Historical Society. The first stop the historic Kingsland Homestead, ca. 1785, an indigenous Long Island half house form which flourished in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. As the home of the society, it features exhibitions that explore historical aspects of New York City's largest borough, and displays that reveal the history of the house and the lives of its people.

Flushing's historic core is the largest urban center in the borough, and the wealthiest and largest Chinatown in New York City. Bowne House, the oldest surviving house in Queens, dating from 1661 or perhaps earlier. It was the home of John Bowne, whose successful challenge to Governor Peter Stuyvesant's ban on the practice of religions other than the Dutch Reformed Church in New Amsterdam helped establish the principle of freedom of conscience which was incorporated into the Bill of Rights over 100 years later. Later occupants included members of the Parsons family, active abolitionists in the early 19th century when the house was rumored to be a stop on the Underground Railroad. Also visit the Friends Meeting House, where construction began in 1694. The exterior has remained unchanged since 1714, and members of the Friends Society, including Samuel Parsons and his sons, served as "conductors" on the Underground Railroad in the years before the Civil War.

Stroll from the hotel this evening to nearby Barbounia for dinner at this vibrant restaurant featuring a modern Mediterranean menu. (B/L/D)

Saturday, October 23 – Manhattan

The tour concludes this morning. Check-out time is 12 noon. (B)

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