

# GOVERNORS ISLAND WALKING TOURS

Regional Plan Association and the General Services Administration (GSA) are once again offering free walking tours of Governors Island, its National Historic Landmark District, and the Country's newest National Monument. President Clinton, in one the final acts of his administration, established the Governors Island National Monument on the 20 acres that encompass the Island's early 19<sup>th</sup> century forts. The Governor and Mayor have agreed on a concept plan to transform the 173 acre former Coast Guard base, located in New York Harbor just a half-mile from Manhattan and Brooklyn, into a great civic space hosting a variety of educational, recreation, and tourist facilities. Take a ferry ride across the East River and witness New York's past and (hopefully) and an important part of its future.

The tours, which last from 10 AM – 12 Noon, will take place on the following Wednesdays: **April 4, May 2, July 11, August 1, September 5**. A tour on Wednesday **June 6** will be from 2 PM – 4 PM. Pre-registration is required. To register, call RPA at 212-253-2727 x393, e-mail your response to [petra@rpa.org](mailto:petra@rpa.org) with your name address and phone number at least two days before your preferred date. The tours depart promptly from the Battery Maritime Building Coast Guard waiting room, located immediately north of the Staten Island Ferry Terminal at the foot of Whitehall and South streets in Manhattan. The tour is a rigorous 1.5 mile walk. There are no restroom or medical facilities available on the Island. Participants do so at their own risk. Heavy rain cancels the tour. If you are in doubt, call Big Onion Walking Tours after 9:00 AM on the morning of the tour at 212 439 1090 to listen to the recorded message. For more information about the Island, visit the Regional Plan Association web site at [www.rpa.org](http://www.rpa.org) or the GSA site <http://www.governorsisland.gsa.gov/>.

Enter your name & telephone number by the date you would like to attend in the form below. Mail this form to *Governors Island Tour*, Regional Plan Association, 4 Irving Place, 7th floor, New York, NY 10003, or call 212-253-2727 x393, e-mail your response to [priya@rpa.org](mailto:priya@rpa.org), or fax your name and telephone number to 212-253-5666, attn: Priya, at least two days before the date you wish to attend.

DATE	NAME <i>(please print)</i>	PHONE/E-MAIL
<b>April 4</b>		
<b>May 2</b>		
<b>June 6 (2-4pm)</b>		
<b>July 11</b>		
<b>August 1</b>		
<b>September 5</b>		

