NAMED FOR 19TH CENTURY LAND BARON GEORGE LAW, St. George is home to the Staten Island Ferry Terminal, is the northern terminus of the Staten Island Railway and is the location of the administrative center for the borough of Staten Island. Primarily a rural area through the early 19th century, St. George offers a charming historic district, spectacular waterfront views and architectural gems in addition to being the sports venue for the Staten Island Yankees, a minor league affiliate of the New York Yankees.
Where is St. George?
Located at the Northeastern tip of Staten Island, St. George sits on the site where the Kill Van Kull enters Upper New York Harbor. It is bordered on the south by Tompkinsville and on the west by New Brighton.

About St. George
As the story goes, George Law had acquired the land rights to the Staten Island waterfront. When the land was needed to build a ferry terminal to connect the island to Manhattan, prominent businessman Erastus Wiman promised Law that he would have him “canonized” if he were willing to relinquish the rights. Hence today, we have the name St. George.

It’s Easy to Get to St. George:

**BY SUBWAY:** 1, N, R or W trains to South Ferry and transfer on the street level to the Staten Island Ferry.

**BY FERRY:** Near the South Ferry subway station, catch the Staten Island Ferry. The ferry is free and leaves approximately every half hour.

**BY TRAIN:** The Staten Island Railway runs the length of Staten Island from the south to the north. The northernmost stop is in St. George.

Things to See and Do in St. George

1. **THE FERRY TO ST. GEORGE** is an adventure not to be missed. In pleasant weather, be sure to ride on the upper deck. Not only will you enjoy the fresh air, but you will get an unforgettable view of the Statue of Liberty, New York Harbor and Lower Manhattan. The free ride takes about 25 minutes.

2. **THE FERRY TERMINAL** in St. George is an attraction in itself. Boasting high ceilings and a 40-foot glass wall, the terminal offers harbor views in a well-lit open area. The terminal also is home to two massive saltwater fish tanks. Each tank is 14 feet long, 5 feet wide and over 8 feet tall, holds 2,244 gallons of water and weighs more than 10 tons. Over 200 exotic fish reside in each.

3. Just off of the terminal, the **BALLPARK ESPLENADE** follows the St. George waterfront and offers views of the harbor and passing container ships and tug boats. As you walk along the Esplanade you will pass the Richmond County Bank Ballpark.

4. **RICHMOND COUNTY BANK BALLPARK** is a beautiful 6,500 seat stadium which is home to the Staten Island Yankees. In addition to baseball games, the park is also host to concerts and other special events during the summer months. To learn more, see the website for the Staten Island Yankees at [http://www.siyanks.com](http://www.siyanks.com). As you continue along the Esplanade, you will eventually come to the Staten Island 9/11 Memorial.

5. Dedicated in 2004 on the 3rd anniversary of the attacks, the **STATEN ISLAND 9/11 MEMORIAL** was the first such memorial to be completed within New York City. Honoring the 275 Staten Islanders who lost their lives, the memorial honors each victim with a profile on a granite plaque listing name, birth date and place of work at the time of the attack. The memorial consists of two fiberglass structures that resemble postcards which frame the location across the water where the twin towers once stood.
6 If you return to the Ferry Terminal and continue to its east side, just beyond you will find the **St. George Fishing Pier** at Pier 1. The 845-foot-long pier extends out into the water and offers excellent views.

7 Returning to the Ferry Terminal and exiting through the main doors, you will see in front of you the **Staten Island Borough Hall**, a designated New York City Landmark that houses various civic offices. Designed by the influential firm of Carrere & Hastings, the Beaux Arts-style building has lavish limestone trim and a clock tower that can be seen throughout St. George. Inside is a grand marble lobby which contains a series of significant reliefs and murals painted by Frederick Charles Stahr.

8 Adjacent to the Staten Island Borough Hall at 100 Richmond Terrace near Schuyler Street is the **Richmond County Courthouse**, an L-shaped, temple-fronted building that reflects Roman, Italian Renaissance and Northern Renaissance architecture. The building is recognized for its pedimented Ionic portico and windows. It is also a designated New York City Landmark.

9 **The Staten Island Museum** at 75 Stuyvesant Place near Wall Street is a short walk from Borough Hall and is devoted to the history of Staten Island and its people. Founded in 1881, it is New York City’s only general interest museum and the oldest cultural organization on Staten Island. The museum boasts a collection of over 2 million artifacts. To learn more about the museum’s collection and its hours of operation, see their website at [www.statenislandmuseum.org](http://www.statenislandmuseum.org).

10 **The St. George Historic District** was designated by the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission in 1994. Including portions of St. Marks Place, Carroll Place, Westervelt Avenue, Hamilton Avenue, the Phelps Place cul-de-sac and short stretches of Richmond Terrace, the historic district is a small enclave containing 78 buildings. Predominantly late 19th century in character, the area is one of the earliest planned suburban communities in New York City. While in the district, be sure to stop by the **Galerie St. George** at 11 Phelps Place off of Hamilton Avenue. Housed in a landmark 1885 Victorian estate, the Galerie’s mission is to work with emerging artists from the U.S. and abroad. To learn more about current exhibits, see their website at [http://galeriestgeorge.com](http://galeriestgeorge.com).

11 **Every Thing Goes Clothing** at 140 Bay Street near Central Avenue has 3 floors of something for almost everyone. Specializing in vintage clothing and costumes, the store also carries clothing basics and the not-so-basics. For hours, please see their website at [http://www.etgstores.com/clothing.html](http://www.etgstores.com/clothing.html).

12 **Every Thing Goes Book Café & Neighborhood Stage** at 208 Bay Street near Victory Boulevard is the biggest used book store on Staten Island. They also offer organic, fair trade coffee and tea, baked goods, themed gallery exhibits and entertainment on weekends. For hours, please see their website at [http://www.etgstores.com/bookcafe](http://www.etgstores.com/bookcafe).

13 **The St. George Greenmarket** operates in the parking lot of Borough Hall on Saturdays from 8AM to 2PM from July to November, rain or shine. Regional growers bring their produce and goods to the market for direct sale to the public. This is a wonderful opportunity to buy farm-fresh baked goods and rub shoulders with the real housewives of Staten Island and their families.
When It’s Time to Eat

**TUTTORSO** at 36 Richmond Terrace near Schuyler Street offers gluten-free and casein-free, organic meals in a family-friendly setting. In addition to an inventive menu, Tuttorsio offers salsa dancing on Fridays, live jazz brunches on Saturdays and classic movie dinners on Sundays.

**CARGO CAFÉ** at 120 Bay Street near Slosson Terrace is where the locals find lively, nightly entertainment and displays of local artwork. Come as you are and keep an eye on the mural on the face of the building—it is redesigned and repainted on a regular basis.

**ENOTICA MARIA** at 27 Hyatt Street near Central Avenue is an Italian restaurant with a twist. All of the cooking is done by 6 genuine Italian grandmothers. The menu changes depending on which grandma is in the kitchen and what is in the pantry. All food is made from scratch and an extensive wine list is available. The restaurant’s owner is also in the process of developing his own biodynamic farm to ensure the freshest of ingredients.

**BESO** at 11 Schuyler Street near Richmond Terrace is known for its Spanish cuisine with a Cuban influence. The restaurant is justly proud of its lovely décor, beautifully prepared tapas and fruity sangria.

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**Culture**

Directly behind Borough Hall at 35 Hyatt Street near Central Avenue sits the **ST. GEORGE THEATRE**, a major cultural and performance arts center. Recently renovated, this former vaudeville house has a magnificent lobby boasting an ornate Spanish/Italian interior design, winding staircases and oversized chandeliers. The lobby is open to the public for viewing during the day. This venue is also the host to world-class concerts, plays and other cultural events. Check their website at [www.stgeorgetheatre.com](http://www.stgeorgetheatre.com) for details.

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**About Big Apple Greeter**

Founded in 1992, Big Apple Greeter’s mission is to enhance New York City’s worldwide image while enriching the city experience for its visitors. Connecting with business and leisure travelers from all over the US and the world, Greeters take visitors on informal, unscripted walks through one or more neighborhoods in any of the five boroughs, promote tourism throughout the city, and help visitors discover the ease of using public transportation. Over 300 volunteer Greeters speak collectively almost 25 languages and enjoy giving their time and energy back to their hometown. Since its founding, Big Apple Greeter—a free public service—has welcomed over 90,000 visitors and been featured in thousands of newspapers, magazines, and television and radio programs all over the world, reaching an audience of over one billion potential visitors to New York City. Big Apple Greeter is proud to partner with NYC & Company, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Metro New York.

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**About the Global Greeter Network**

Big Apple Greeter is proud to be part of the Global Greeter Network, a voluntary association of welcoming programs around the world, all based on the Big Apple Greeter model: free and open to all visitors; offer greeter services as an individual or very small group experience (no more than 6 visitors); and are characterized by enthusiastic, local residents who love their home city, love to meet people from around the world, and volunteer to conduct these visits.

The Global Greeter Network currently spans seven countries on four continents and includes the following members: Cicerones de Buenos Aires in Argentina; Adelaide Greeters and Melbourne Greeter Service in Australia; Tap in TO! (Toronto) in Canada; VisitBrighton Greeters and Kent Greeters in England; Paris Greeter, Les Greeters de Nantes, Greeters62 (Pays-de-Calais), Lyon City Greeters and Marseille Provence Greeters in France; Den Haag Greeters in the Netherlands; Big Apple Greeter (New York City), Chicago Greeter, and Houston Greeters in the United States.

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