Stop 1: Staten Island Museum

Our first stop will be at the Staten Island Museum, which contains specimens, photos, field notes, and records of changing biology in the region, all spanning more than 150 years. They have a number of exhibitions which explore art, natural science, history, and the connections among them. Please note the exhibitions do change and a list of current and past exhibitions can be found on their website. There is also an entrance fee ($8 for adults, $5 for students and seniors, $2 for children 2-12, and free for museum members), and tickets can also be bought on their website, which can be found here.

Stop 2: Staten Island Borough Hall

Next up we have Staten Island Borough Hall, a designated New York City landmark. This building was completed in 1906 after Staten Island became one of the five boroughs of New York City and its government buildings moved to be closed to the rest of the city. The building, which is in the style of the French Renaissance, has three stories and plenty for the public to explore. Here, you can see a total of 13 murals, each 6 ½ feet by 13 feet, that walk you through the history of Staten Island. Each mural features a specific moment in the history of Staten Island.

Stop 3: Historic Richmond Town

The final stop for this tour will be Historic Richmond Town. Historic Richmond Town is Staten Island's largest and oldest historic institution. For almost two centuries, prior to Staten Island becoming one of the five boroughs of New York City, the government of Staten Island was found on the ground where Historic Richmond now stands. The oldest building here was built in the 1600s, although one can explore almost any period of time throughout the entire town. You can see a courthouse, a church, a schoolhouse, and various different types of shops, including those of tinsmiths, carpenters, and printers. You can explore the park on your own or take part in one of the guided tours that take place once a day during the week and twice a day on the weekends. Please note that historic Richmond town does require an entrance fee ($10 for adults, $ for youths, free for kids 5 and under. Tickets can be bought online on their website, which can be found here.