

Roosevelt Island Attracts Visitors

By Jenny Liu '19

A tramway in the sky, amazing views, a calm vibe, and an abandoned hospital. Roosevelt Island is where you need to be if you want a nice place to enjoy the spring weather.

As the weather gets warmer, flocks of people flood to Roosevelt Island to take pictures with the cherry blossoms that occur once spring and warm weather roll in.

"It's such a nice place to chill and relax," said Willia, a visitor. "I often come here to draw the scenery and walk my dog."

"I love coming here with my friends to chill and sit by the water," said Janet Yu. "This place makes you want to have long talks with your friends and deep thoughts about life."

The island has many hills and a nice view of both Long Island City and the Upper East Side of Manhattan. There is also a view of the United Nations Building.

There is a tramway that can take you from the Upper East Side of Manhattan to the island. The tramway can fit at most 110 people, and an average of 5,550 to 6,500 people ride the tramway a day. It is only a five minute ride, and there is an amazing view over the East River. The tramway is very reliable because not only can it survive horrible weather conditions, it is also backed up by an additional power motor.

"The first time I went on the tramway I was so amazed," said Michael Huynh. "But the ride is so short, I was actually kind of disappointed."

If the tramway is not available, there is also the option of taking the F train to Roosevelt Island Station.

An average of 2.7 million people visit the island every year during the spring and summer. There are actually residential apartments on the island that make the island seem very lively. People usually walk their dogs, play with their kids by the hills, and enjoy the view.

Further south of the island is a four acre memorial to

honor former President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the "Four Freedoms" presented in his State Address. It is a state park that is open all year round to tourists. The island is also named after the former president because he was also from New York.

Right next to the memorial is a abandoned smallpox hospital that shut down in the 1950s due to the building's not being used or being rarely used. In 1875, the smallpox hospital

was to keep in smallpox outbreaks due to the wave of new immigrants coming in at the time. However, that was unfortunately not a big success, so the hospital became a training school for nurses. But then they relocated, abandoning the former smallpox hospital. The hospital still stands today in ruins and is protected with gates and cameras.

"It's pretty creepy, but I love how it's stationed right next to the memorial," said Amy Cheung '19.

It is recommended that you bring your own food when going on a picnic because there are very limited places to buy from on Roosevelt Island. However, a very good place to grab food on the island would be a pizza place called Piccolo. The pizza is pretty tasty and they have indoor and outdoor seating.

"They seemingly have the pizza game locked down on Roosevelt Island," said a local guide, Dimitrios D, who reviewed the restaurant. "So if you want pizza and you're in the area, you will probably have to come here."

Seemingly far, the experience on the island is so worth the traveling. Perfect picnic place, amazing views, calm breeze, and unique structure is what mainly attracts tourists every single year.



The Roosevelt Island's tram connects the Island to the Upper East Side.

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Trattoria Nets Customers With Savory Seafood

By Kris Lee '19

There are over 24,000 restaurants here in NYC. What are the chances of finding a special place that isn't like all the other ones? Well, Il Corallo Trattoria is certainly a unique one.

Located on Prince Street, Il Corallo Trattoria is a hidden gem that one may not be able to spot immediately. The exterior of the restaurant is not so noticeable. It gives off an elegant vibe though it doesn't stand out much. The best part, however, is the interior. As soon as you enter the restaurant, you can see a large collection of plates hanging on the walls on almost all sides of the room. The plates are mostly made of ceramic, and they all have different patterns and designs, which makes each and every one of them unique despite how many plates there are.

According to Il Corallo Trattoria's website, www.ilcorallotrattoria.com, the restaurant opened in 1992 in SoHo. With over 80 items ranging from pasta, salad, to pizzas, Il Corallo Trattoria offers a wide variety of traditional Italian food.

"I always take forever to decide what I want to order," said Katrina Ullari, a customer. "Everything on the menu just looks and sounds so good!"

One of the most popular dishes would have to be the Black Taglierina, which is thin squid ink noodles with shrimp, crabmeat, sun dried tomatoes, and creamy tomato sauce. What makes this dish so special is the color and the ingredient of the pasta noodle. The squid ink gives the noodle a grayish-black color, which attracts many customers to try it because not many Italian restaurants offer such an uncommon pasta.

One customer said, "Although this pasta doesn't taste like squid like I expected, I really like the way it looks. It really is rare to find something like this."

The main ingredient of most of the dishes at Il Corallo Trattoria is seafood. Many types of seafood can be found across the menu in the descriptions of each dish. Their most popular pizza, Pizza D'Oro, is topped with lobster and scallops, which adds a hint of freshness that makes it stand out from traditional Italian pizza.

If you're looking for an authentic Italian restaurant in the city that is reasonably priced, it really doesn't get any better than this. Nothing on the menu is over \$20. The prices range from \$10 to \$18, which is amazing considering how pricey seafood usually is.

Another customer said, "This price for this much seafood? That's incredible. My family and I will definitely come back. My kids really like their ravioli."

A friend and I visited the restaurant not too long ago. As soon as we walked in, we were greeted by friendly waiters who immediately seated us and gave us a menu. They quickly took our orders and the food came shortly after. We didn't have to wait too long to get our food. I ordered the Capellini Corallo, which was angel hair pasta with scallops, mussels, crabmeat, and shrimp served in a rich, creamy tomato sauce. My friend ordered the Fettuccine Salmone, which was flat spaghetti cooked with smoked salmon served in a light cream of asparagus sauce. The portions were just right. It wasn't too much or too little. We both left the restaurant feeling very satisfied.

Il Corallo Trattoria is one of those cute and cozy restaurants that you would never get tired of. With the wide range of selections of Italian food that they offer, you can always try something new every time you go.

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Matthew Tadros '19 sang "Luck Be a Lady" with Agha Shah '18 and the actresses as his "ladies."

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Josephine Mammoliti '18 and the actresses performed "My Strongest Suit" from Aida.

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Mr. Albert Peterson performed "When Words Fail" as Shrek.

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Mr. Max Pinsky performed "Corner of the Sky."

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Dr. Ernest Pysher sang "You'll Never Walk Alone."

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