

Roosevelt Island

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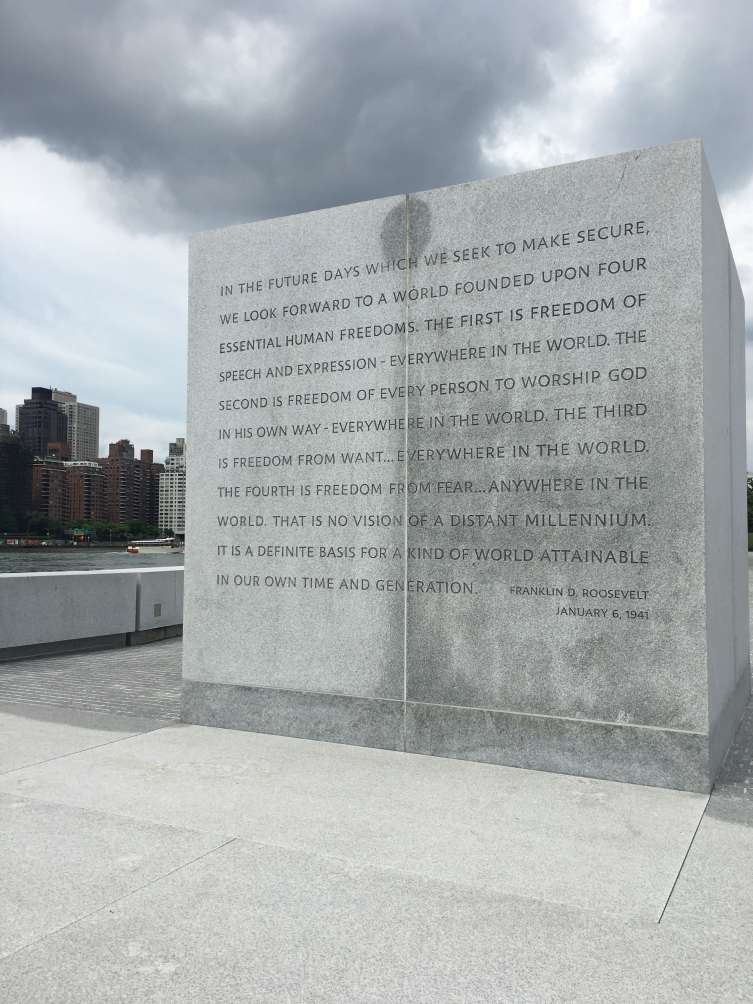
The location of Roosevelt island is in between Queens and Manhattan and you only can get there through train or tram. But, if wanted to go by car there is no bridge from Manhattan to Roosevelt island, but there is one from Queen's to Roosevelt island. So you would go take the Queen's bridge which is further away from Manhattan.



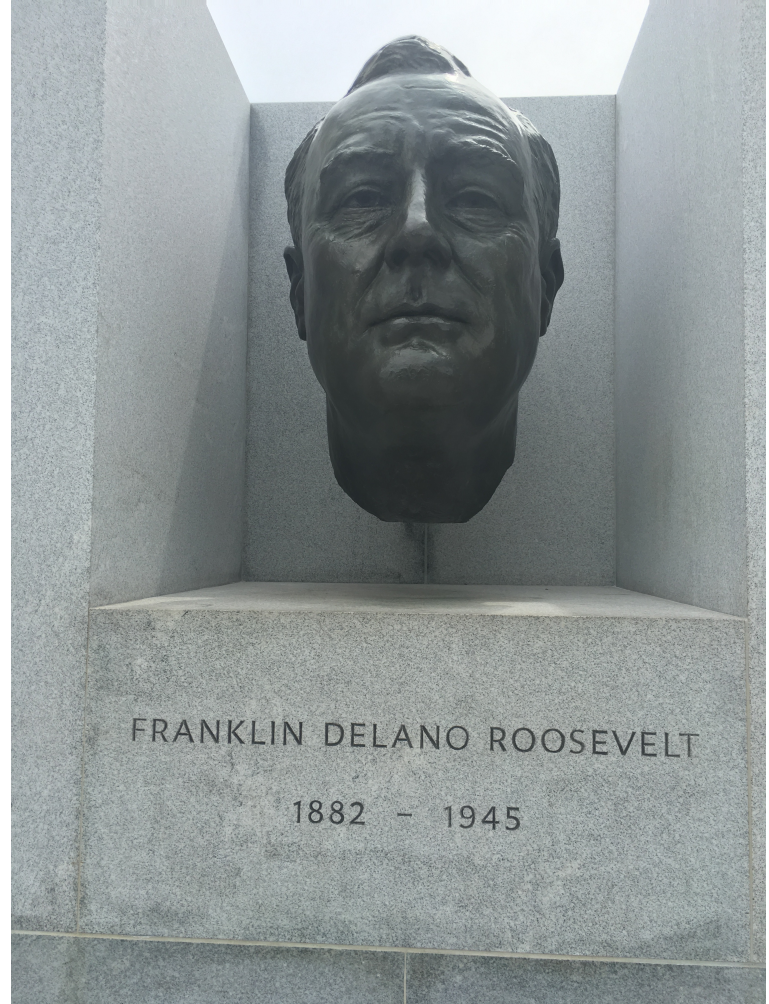
Small pox
hospital



The small pox hospital was made by James Renwick. And it opened in Dec 18 1856. And if you are wondering what small pox is, it is a highly Contagious disease similar to chicken pox but more deadly. So at that time there were more small pox outbreaks so this was more useful at that time. And if you were wondering why there are metal bars, well without them the whole structure would fall.



Franklin Delano Roosevelt



This statue is at the south tip of Roosevelt Island and one of the most famous ones too. This is Was called Blackwell's island (the man who discovered and claimed it) and then Welfare Island when the island contained a prison, a work house, a small pox hospital and a lunatic asylum. A statue of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the island was named after him.



"THE MARRIAGE OF
MONEY AND REAL ESTATE
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These three statues all show a story. The statue on the left shows real estate (house selling company) trying to pull in money to buy this house. So when you buy it it could be a good deal and that good deal shows the statue in the middle. But the statue on the right shows that when you are not smart about the deal it can take more money than you thought it would so that shows the money bag pulling down the house.



This soccer field is huge and many school and league games are played here. For an island That was only used for workhouses and a prison, it's not full of that any more now it is all family, fun, and friends.



The prow (front of boat) of this boat is jutting out into the East River. It's where a boat launch used to be. Performance art was done and they made this boat a stage. Now it is another quirky piece of art on Roosevelt Island.



This famous octagon tower is a great symbol of how the island has changed over the years. Originally it was a lunatic asylum built in 1837 (which isn't very nice, now we would call it a hospital for the mentally challenged). Now, you can see the hospital has been transformed into an apartment even with an outdoor pool.



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The reason I wanted to do this topic is because my family and I love to go to Roosevelt Island and it's probably one of our favorite places to go. Every single we visit, we go to all the historic structures there (plus we do love the Starbucks and pizza place). It's an interesting place, plus it means a lot to me personally.