Bronx Urban Farms Trolley Tours 2013

All tours will depart from and return to 810 Seventh Avenue, corner of West 52nd Street, in Manhattan.

DEPARTURE: 10 a.m. (Please arrive between 9:30 and 10 a.m.)
RETURN: 3 p.m.

There is an option to meet at the first stop in the Bronx, at 10:30 a.m. Please call for details.
Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available.

Children 12 & under ride free!

Registration required. To reserve your place, please contact us at The Bronx Tourism Council
718.590.3518 or by e-mail at bronxfoodsummit@gmail.com

Tickets are $30, cash or check payable to Green Thumb Community Fund. Proceeds go directly to support the Bronx community gardens you visit.

May 11 City of Immigrants
June 8 Caribbean Culture and the Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade Festivities
July 13 African-American Food and Culture
Aug. 3 The Youth Tour
Sept. 7 The Italian Culinary Tour
Oct. 12 Healthy Community: Food and Farms
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Lunch is included.

Tour Guide: Nancy Ortiz-Surun, Co-Founder of La Finca del Sur Urban Farm

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Caribbean Culture - June 8

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Tour Guide: Bobby Gonzalez, Bronx Storyteller

African-American Culture - July 13

This tour will feature the rich food and cultural landscape of the Bronx’s African Americans. Our first stop is Padre Plaza Success Community Garden, where gardeners grow food, cook healthy, and sell produce at their seasonal farmers market. Next stop, Tapiwa Community Farm, an urban farm with chickens, bees, gardeners, and plants for food and medicine. Participants will round off the day at River Garden. Walk among the oversized vegetable plots and smell the flowers on a hot summer’s day. We will feature a gardening mini-workshop in the cool shade of the rainwater harvesting roof and shed.

Lunch is included.

Tour Guide: Dior Doward, Agivist

The Youth Tour - August 3

Ray Figueroa and youth gardeners from Brook Park will take us on a tour of the Bronx, as seen through the eyes of our next generation. Participants will dig right in and garden at New York Restoration Project’s Target Bronx Community Garden. We will visit the Children’s Garden at Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, a National Landmark located in Pelham Bay Park. At the year-old Children’s Garden, they use historically based methods like composting and companion planting. Our final stop is Brook Park, where youth and families garden and a wealth of arts and indigenous cultural events take place.

Lunch is included.

Tour Guide: Ray Figueroa and youth gardeners from Brook Park

October 12

Italian Culinary Tour - September 7

Our Culinary Tour of the Bronx will begin at the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden at The New York Botanical Garden, where longtime volunteer and Bronxite Frank Russo will guide us through the Global Gardens, and vegetable plots with cultural themes. You may be able to spy a bunny or scarecrow amid edible gardens tended by visiting children! Next up, historic Arbor Avenue, an Italian culinary gem, where participants will visit the market to learn about cheese-making at Mike’s Deli. Finally, participants will drop in on the Annual Bronx Greens Up and GreenThumb Harvest Festival for community gardeners citywide. You’ll have the opportunity to mingle with gardeners from all over the city and visit a community garden in all its harvest glory.

Tour Guide: Frank Russo, Bronx Land Trust (BLT) Garden, which features a rainwater harvesting roof that provides shade and water to gardeners, courtesy of GrowNYC, who also use the space for their Learn It, Grow It, Eat It youth program.

Lunch is included.

Tour Guide: Regina Ginyard, Bronx Food and Sustainability Coalition, Gotham Cooks, Co-Founder and Urban Farmer, La Finca Del Sur