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Statue City Cruises Welcomes French Statue of Liberty Replica to Ellis Island as Extended Operating Hours Begin and as Pedestal of Statue of Liberty Reopens July 1st

With weekend visitation hovering above 50 percent pre-pandemic levels, visitors can enjoy increased capacity on board vessels, iconic museums, spectacular views and come ‘face to face’ with ‘Ladies of Liberty’

New York, NY–[Statue City Cruises](#), the official and only authorized concessioner for ferry service to the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island on behalf of the National Park Service, announced today extended operating hours to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island from Battery Park in lower Manhattan and Liberty State Park in Jersey City, NJ as the interior of the Statue of Liberty up to the pedestal reopens on July 1st (Both Islands have been open since Summer 2020 with access inside the Statue restricted). Tickets inside the pedestal are available for purchase beginning today.

Beginning Thursday morning, July 1, Statue City Cruises will offer departures from both Battery Park, NY and Liberty State Park, NJ from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM daily, providing visitors an extra 90 minutes to explore both islands, including the mini-Statue of Liberty that will be on Ellis Island facing the iconic Statue on Liberty Island from July 1 to July 5 before heading to its long-term home in Washington D.C. The last departures of the day from Liberty and Ellis Island will now be 6:15 PM.

Although 1/16th the size of the original Statue of Liberty, the Statue’s “little sister” is based on the same plaster cast. The 1,000-pound replica is another gift from France to celebrate friendship between France and the United States. Prior to Ellis Island, the replica Statue had been on display at the Paris-based museum, Musée des Arts et Métiers.

Face masks remain required throughout the entire experience, and crews will continue increased cleaning protocols to ensure the highest levels of onboard safety for everyone.



“In another sign of normalcy, we are excited to once again offer extended operating hours this summer to all visitors who are eager to visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island,” said **Mike Burke, COO of Concessions and Park Services for City Experiences by Hornblower**. “Every Statue City Cruises ticket includes access to both ‘Statues of Liberty’ and to both Islands, as we welcome back guests to these gems of New York Harbor.”

Among the top five activities awaiting guests this summer season include:

- **Double the Statue, double the fun** with a Statue of Liberty on both Liberty and Ellis Island and the reopening of the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty.
- **A breath of fresh air** - Enjoying acres of wide-open space on both Islands.
- **Learn the history** of the Statue of Liberty through the new Statue of Liberty Museum.
- **Where you came from?** Trace family histories at the Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration.
- **Enjoy an Ellis Island Hard Hat Tour** of the vacant buildings of Ellis Island’s Hospital Complex. Reservations are required for Hard Hat Tours.

Tickets are priced at \$23.50/adult, \$18/seniors, \$12/child and free for children three years and under. Tickets include self-guided audio tours on Liberty and Ellis Island. Guests are strongly encouraged to purchase tickets in advance from the Statue City Cruises website. Tickets are also available at the Battery Park and Liberty State Park box offices.

For more information about Statue City Cruises and City Experiences, please visit <https://www.cityexperiences.com/new-york/city-cruises/statue/>.

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