

USSEE 2007 CONFERENCE – TOURS on Saturday, 23 June

Open only to registered USSEE 2007 conference participants; please check with conference@ussee.org if you wish to bring along family members.

Tours will meet beside the conference registration desk in the Multipurpose Room of Pace University on Park Row.

Tour 1: The "Solaire":

A Sustainable High-Rise in New York City Guided by Edward Clerico, Alliance Environmental LLC

Saturday, June 23, 2:15 – 3:15 PM and 3:15 – 4:15 PM

Tour America's First Green Residential High Rise Building - LEED Gold Certified, The Solaire is the first "green" residential high rise in America and it employs a variety of innovations such as water reuse, solar photovoltaics, green roof, high quality indoor air features, etc. Located in Battery Park City in southern Manhattan, the Solaire was the first of a growing list of green buildings that continue to set new benchmarks for sustainable urban development. See www.thesolaire.com and www.batteryparkcity.org for information.

(Two tours, limited to 15 people each)

Tour 2: The Financial District and New York Harbor

Exploring the architecture, ecology, and culture of New York City. Guided by Christina Tonitto, Cornell University Ecosystem Scientist and New York City native.

Saturday, June 23 2:00PM-5:30PM

At every turn New York City offers inspiring architecture with a history to tell. This tour will begin with a walk from Pace University south through the financial district to Wall Street and Battery Park. We will visit the memorials of Battery Park and the Museum of the American Indian. Participants will take advantage of NYC's mass transit system – the Staten Island Ferry - to view the architectural marvels of the NYC coastline, the historical structures in the harbor and learn about the ecology of the NYC waterways.

Tour 3: The Sidewalks of Old New York

A Walking Tour of Historic Places in Lower Manhattan

Guided by Michael Levandowsky, Pace University

Saturday, June 23, 4PM - 6 PM

This tour will take you through the oldest part of New York City, and will be interpreted by one of the local expert scientists in urban ecology. The tour will take approximately two hours; a visit to a pub at the end of the tour is optional.

Tour 4: Tour of “The Science Barge” – New York Sun Works project

A visit to a sustainable urban farm, afloat at Pier 84!

Guided by Michael Levandowsky, Pace University

Sunday, June 24, 1PM - 4 PM

The Science Barge is a floating demonstration of a sustainable urban farm that is part of NY Sun Works, a center of sustainable engineering. The Science Barge is powered by solar, wind, and biofuels, and irrigated by rainwater and purified river water. Aboard the barge, researchers grow fresh fruit and vegetables using recirculating hydroponics. The barge has attracted a great deal of attention as a model of how New Yorkers can reduce their global environmental impact by growing their own food, and has been endorsed by Jeff Sachs of the Earth Institute, among others.

Attendees will meet at Pace, and take the subway to Pier 84.