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### MTA LIRR Weekend Getaways, July 7 & 8, from Wine to Water

The MTA Long Island Rail Road has two getaways on July 7 and 8 that offer contrasting ways to make the most of a summer weekend mini-vacation. On Saturday, July 7, it's the "Wine Country" Getaway for a relaxing sample of the North Fork's growing wine industry. Sunday, July 8, there's the "Cruisin' On The Sound" Getaway, a delightful day spent on the water and in a charming North Shore village.

The "Wine Country" Getaway on Saturday, July 7, begins at Bedell Cellars Wineries in Cutchogue where participants learn about the wine making process from vine to bottle and can sample the finished product. The next stop is the seaport village of Greenport where lunch can be purchased and local shops can be checked out. The New Duck Walk vineyards tasting room in Cutchogue is the day's final stop where seven varieties of wine can be sampled while enjoying the beautiful scenery. This getaway is also offered on August 4. The cost is \$40 for adults.

#### Train Schedule

##### Depart - Time

New York\* - 7:51 AM

Woodside\* - 7:50 AM

Brooklyn\* - 7:48 AM

Jamaica - 8:16 AM

Merrick - 8:40 AM

\*Customers transfer to the Montauk train at Jamaica. There is a transfer to a bus at Westhampton Station.

The "Cruisin' On The Sound" Getaway on Sunday, July 8, begins with a visit to Port Jefferson, where the morning will be spend browsing the shops and boutiques of this charming village, then a brief pause to purchase lunch at a local eatery. The afternoon brings a cruise across Long Island Sound passing boats and lighthouses along the way, en route to docking in Bridgeport, Connecticut. After a short turnaround to enjoy the summer weather, it's back across the Sound to Port Jefferson for some more browsing. A great way to escape. This getaway is also offered on August 5. The cost is \$40 for adults, \$20 for children 5-11.

#### Train Schedule

##### Depart - Time

New York - 9:08AM

Woodside - 9:19 AM

Brooklyn\* - 8:48 AM

Jamaica - 9:31 AM

Mineola - 9:45 AM

\*Customers change to the Huntington train at Jamaica. There is a transfer to a double-decker train at Huntington.

Tickets for the Getaways (escorted and non-escorted) can be purchased in advance at the LIRR's gray, full-service ticket machines using cash, credit and ATM/debit cards. Select "Getaways & Packages," then "One Day Getaways" followed by the tour or package of your choice. Tickets can be purchased up to midnight on Thursday of the week of the tour. LIRR ticket offices currently accept cash or personal checks only.

Tickets go on sale seven days before each trip and can be purchased up to 30 minutes before the train leaves at staffed ticket offices and at ticket selling machines. Before then, customers can call the Sales & Promotions Office at 718-558-7498 to pay by credit cards and have tickets mailed.

Please consult our website, [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) for updated information. Before you leave call the LIRR's Travel Information Center at 718-217-LIRR, 516-822-LIRR or 631-231-LIRR to confirm tour status. For a copy of the "2007 One-Day Getaways" brochure contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center at the phone numbers listed above.