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MTA LIRR Offers Six New Manhattan Getaways for The New Year; Seventeen Excursions for Big Apple Lovers

The MTA Long Island Rail Road is offering seventeen Manhattan Getaways, including six brand new ones this year. The Getaways include round-trip LIRR fares and attraction admissions for one low price, with up to 54% savings. Following are this year's Getaways:

American Museum of Natural History/Rose Center: Travel from the outer reaches of the universe to the inner workings of the Earth, and on to an exploration of the range of life and cultures on our planet-all under one roof. The discount package includes savings of up to 37%. The price is \$32 for adults, \$14.50 for children 5-11.

NEW-The "Beast": The "Beast" is New York's very own speed boat thrill ride. "Mad Dog," your daring captain, will take you for a wet 'n'wild ride through the New York harbor. Hold onto your hats because for 30 fun-filled minutes, you'll be soaring past the skyscrapers at a heart-pounding 45 mph. There will be a stop for a close-up of the Statue of Liberty where there will be a quick photo-op. The dates are May through September; weekends only in October. The discount package includes savings of up to 35%. The price is \$25 for adults in fare zones 1-12, \$30 for adults in fare zone 14, \$11.50 for children 5-11.

Circle Line Two-Hour Semi-Circle Cruise: Experience the highlights of mid- and lower Manhattan during this two-hour narrated sail. Enjoy the magnificent views of the world's premier skyline and a "close encounter" of the best kind with Lady Liberty. The discount package includes savings of up to 43%. The price is \$30 for adults, \$11.50 for children 5-11.

Empire Adventure: This Getaway features two popular New York City attractions. The Empire State Building Observatory and NY Skyride. The NY Skyride, an IMAX style adventure story located on the second floor of the Empire State Building, is New York's only virtual tour simulator and a unique introduction to the city. The discount package includes savings of up to 36%. The price is \$43 for adults, \$22.50 for children 5-11.

Gray Line Sightseeing: A great way to see New York City: Explore various neighborhoods in Manhattan or Brooklyn on Gray Line's hop-on, hop-off double-decker buses. Spend as much time as you like at one stop, re-board a bus and continue on to the next neighborhood. The discount package includes savings of up to 36%. The price is \$44 for adults and \$27.50 for children 5-11.

NEW-Ground Zero Museum Workshop: The Ground Zero Museum Workshop is New York's newest and most moving museum. Labeled "Intimate Images" by the Associated Press and "Rare Photos" by The New York Times, it houses well-known images of Gary Marlon Suson, Official Ground Zero Photographer for the Uniformed Firefighters Association. The museum also displays rare video from the Recovery as well as non-personal artifacts that may be handled for a more personal interactive experience. The museum, inspired by the Anne Frank House in Holland, makes monthly donations to charities benefiting children in crisis. The discount package includes savings of up to 54%. The price is \$25 for adults in zones 1-12, \$30 for adults in zone 14 and \$13.50 for children 5-11.

NEW-Macy's VIP Shopping Package: The world's largest department store, a registered landmark and New York City icon, Macy's Herald Square is a shopping empire with selling space spread over 10 and a half floors which occupies an entire city block. Your Macy's Day VIP Shopping Package will entitle you to a "Reserved for Visitors Only" Shopping Pass. The Shopping Pass entitles you to an 11% discount off almost everything in the store. Participants are also entitled to up to a \$15 value for lunch at Macy's Cellar Bar & Grille (good for the day of the tour only). The discount package includes savings of up to 41%. The price is \$22 for adults in zones 1-10, \$30 for adults in zones 12-14, \$11.50 for children 5-11.

Madame Tussauds New York: Enjoy this interactive celebrity attraction that immerses you in dynamic, one-of-a-kind experiences. Train with Lance Armstrong for the Tour de France, play ball with Derek Jeter, forecast the weather with Al Roker, compete on American Idol, groove with Beyonce or walk the red carpet with A&E Biography. Don't be surprised if you run into Elvis, Oprah, J. Lo or become part of I Love Lucy. Even audition for a blockbuster film with Will Smith. Your ticket also includes admission to Chamber Live! Featuring House of Wax- Are You Brave Enough?, an attraction based on the Universal Pictures film that transports guests to Transylvania. The discount package includes savings of up to 41%. The price is \$34 for adults, \$19 for children 5-11.

Manhattan, New York TV & Movie Tour: Lights, Camera, Action! Take a guided bus tour to over 40 sites of your favorite movies and TV shows, in the most-filmed city in the world. Bridge fiction and reality for up to three and a half hours while you visit the Friends apartment building or sit on the steps of the Cosby townhouse. Visit locations from the *Apprentice*, *Spiderman*, *Ghostbusters* *Will & Grace*, *The Cosby Show* and many others. The price is \$42 for adults, \$16.50 for children 5-11.

NEW-Museum of Modern Art: Home to "the greatest collection of modern art in the world" (The New York Times), The Museum of Modern Art displays Vincent Van Gogh's "The Starry Night" and works by such renowned figures as Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Jackson Pollock and Andy Warhol. A New

York institution since 1929, MoMA offers a full calendar of special exhibitors as well as daily film screenings and gallery talks. The discount package includes savings up to 31%. The price is \$34 for adults, \$1.50 for children 5-11 (rail fare only), children up to 16 are free at the museum.

NBC Studio/Rockefeller Center Tour: Visit two of midtown Manhattan's best-known locations for one price. The Rockefeller Center Tour includes the famous skating rink, lush gardens and statues. While you visit the building where the Today Show is broadcast, and the Associated Press and Eastern Airlines buildings are located, you'll enjoy over 100 works of art. The NBC Studio Tour takes you behind the scenes of the network's New York operations. The discount package includes savings up to 35%. The price is \$34 for adults, \$23.50 for children 6-11.

2007 New York International Auto Show: Come to the exhilarating 2007 New York International Automobile Show to see some of the hottest cars and trucks ever seen under one roof. That means more sneak peeks, more brand new '07 and '08 production models and more concept vehicles than ever before. The discount package includes savings up to 30%. The price is \$24 for adults, zones 1-12, \$30 for adults, zone 14, \$4 for children 5-11.

NEW-Shop Gotham-Garment Center "Insider" Shopping Tour: Discover the epicenter of New York style and also home to New York's best bargains on a shopping tour of Manhattan's Garment Center. Experience the excitement and deep discounts available at the insider sample sales and designer showrooms in the heart of the city's famous fashion district. You will meet your guide at a pre-determined location which you will receive when you book your tour. You will visit showrooms not accessible to the public for wholesale purchasing and have access to "Hot Hidden Sample Sales of the Day" where designer clothing and accessories can be as much as 80% off retail. The discount package includes savings up to 34%. The price is \$62 for adults, not recommended for those under 16.

Top of the Rock: Top of the Rock, an experience in history and scenery that culminates with an unparalleled view of New York City from the newly renovated "Top of the Rock" Observation Deck on the 70th floor of 30 Rockefeller Plaza at Rockefeller Center. Offering unique 360 degree views that stretch for miles. Top of the Rock provides unobstructed views of Central Park, the Chrysler Building, Times Square, the Statue of Liberty and more. Two world famous companies-Swarovski and Target have teamed up with Rockefeller Center to offer several exhibits at Top of the Rock. The discount package includes savings of up to 44%. The price is \$26 for adults, zones 1-12, \$30 for adults, zone 14, \$10.50 for children 5-11.

NEW-World Yacht Dinner Cruise: Discover New York and the island of Manhattan the way Henry Hudson did centuries ago. Cruise down the Hudson River as you enjoy fine American cuisine, sip fine wines, are pampered by elegant service and entertained by exceptional views of Manhattan, including the first glimpse of the cityscape at sunset. The discount package includes savings of up to 35%. The price is \$87 for adults.

Manhattan Getaways include discounted round-trip rail fare and specially discounted attraction admissions at one low price. With few exceptions, rates are so low even seniors can save with adult tickets. We suggest seniors check venue admission rates, since they may change, and compare offers. Rail tickets are good for 180 days, on trains arriving at Penn Station weekdays after 9:30 AM and returning up to 4 AM on the following day, or anytime on weekends. Tickets can be purchased with cash or personal check at open ticket offices. Tickets can also be purchased from full service (gray) ticket machines. Package tickets are not available on board trains.

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