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New MTA LIRR "Southampton Escape" Getaway on Track June 30

Parts of the East End were once known as Long Island's Riviera, now everyone calls it "The Hamptons." The MTA Long Island Rail Road provides a great Hamptons sampler in its new getaway "Southampton Escape," on Saturday, June 30.

Following your train ride to Southampton Station, a tour bus takes participants through the spectacular Southampton Estates area on the way to the first stop at St. Andrews Dune Church, the only Long Island church situated on bluffs overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The Tiffany-designed windows go well with the church's unusual architecture. The next stop is the Southampton Historical Museum featuring the artifacts and documents that bring to life the traditions of Long Island's South Fork. In addition to their knowledge of area history, guides will be able to direct participants to great local lunch and leisure spots. One of those popular locations is the Parrish Art Museum whose admission is included in the Getaway. It's a location popular for its special exhibits and showings of prominent local artists as well as peaceful shaded gardens.

This getaway is also offered on July 28. The cost is \$38 for adults, \$30 for children 5-11.

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 change for the Montauk train at Jamaica.

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 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.