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### MTA LIRR Getaways for July 14 & 15: ^Explore Our "Mansions & Gardens" and You May Find Your "Treasure Island"

The MTA Long Island Rail Road offers two mid-July weekend getaways showing the versatility of Long Island's many tourist attractions. The "Treasure Island" Getaway on Saturday, July 14 includes a visit to a North Fork winery and a ferry ride to picturesque Shelter Island. The new "Mansions & Gardens" Getaway on Sunday, July 15 takes you to Long Island's Gold Coast with its magnificent gardens and estates.

Discover the riches of both the North and South Forks on the extensive "Treasure Island" Getaway, Saturday, July 14. The first stop is Pindar Vineyards where participants can sample six varieties of wine. The seaport village of Greenport is the lunch stop where a mid-day meal can be purchased and boutiques, art galleries and a restored carousel can be explored. A ferry ride across Peconic Bay to Shelter Island is next where a coach bus will cruise through this picturesque area. Back from Shelter Island is a stopover at Sag Harbor, a former whaling port with antique shops and boutiques. This getaway is also offered on September 15. 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 switch to the Montauk train at Jamaica. There is a transfer to a bus at Westhampton Station.

The new "Mansions & Gardens" Getaway on Sunday, July 15 includes a visit to two distinctive mansions and their magnificent gardens. The first stop is the Vanderbilt Museum in Centerport. It's a unique combination of mansion, marine and natural history museum, planetarium and park. Lunch can then be purchased in the town of Huntington, the next stop. Old Westbury Gardens is the final stop where participants will be given a guided tour of the John Phipps mansion and gardens. "Love Story" and "North by Northwest" were two of the many movies filmed on this 160-acre English style country estate. This getaway is also offered on September 9. The cost is \$41 for adults, \$27 for children 5-11.

#### Train Schedule

Depart	Time
New York	9:08 AM
Woodside	9:19 AM
Brooklyn*	8:48 AM
Jamaica	9:31 AM
Merrick	9:45 AM

\*Customers transfer to the Huntington train at Jamaica. There is a transfer to a bus at Mineola Station.

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.