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From Fruit to Vine and More; MTA LIRR Getaway on Sept. 22

The MTA Long Island Rail Road "Vineyard Harvest" on Saturday, September 22, is one terrific way to spend the last day of summer.

A country farm, picturesque village and winery are all included in a one day visit to Long Island's scenic North Fork. The first stop, at Wickham's Fruit Farm, includes a guided tour of the orchard on a hayride. Participants can pick their own apples and take them home (included in the price). Delicious homemade items including donuts and pies can also be purchased. At the next stop, Greenport village, a former whaling port, the East End Seaport Maritime Museum is one of many popular destinations sure to pique the interest of participants. The final stop is Palmer Vineyards where some of the best local wines available can be sampled. There's a 20% discount on wine purchases for tour participants.

The cost is \$42 for adults, \$30 for children 5-11. This getaway is also offered on October 20.

Train - Schedule
Depart - Time
New York* - 7:45 AM
Woodside* - 7:56 AM
Brooklyn* - 7:42 AM
Jamaica - 8:12 AM
Merrick - 8:36AM

Customers switch to the Montauk train at Jamaica. There is a transfer to a bus at Westhampton 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 accept credit and debit cards, cash or personal checks.

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.