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Celebrate Your Independence (Weekend) MTA LIRR Announces Two One-Day Getaways On July 5 & 6

Individuals seeking to get away after barbecues, picnics and fireworks, need look no further than the MTA Long Island Rail Road, which is offering two great one-day getaway tours – The “Southampton Escape” and the “Sunday Brunch Cruise.”

On Saturday, July 5th, LIRR offers customers seeking a historical adventure, the “Southampton Escape Getaway.” This excursion begins with a bus ride that winds through the Southampton Estates section on the way to the first stop at St. Andrew’s Dune Church, the only Long Island church situated on the bluffs overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The church’s unusual architecture is complemented by its Tiffany-designed windows.

The next stop is the Southampton Historical Museum. Its artifacts and documents bring to life the traditions of Long Island’s South Fork. Well-informed guides can provide ideas where to go in town for lunch and leisure. While in town participants can visit the Parrish Art Museum, included in the price of the tour, where prominent local artists have their works on display. There are special exhibits as well as peaceful shaded gardens. The cost is \$39 for adults, \$31 for children ages 5-11.

Train Schedule

<u>Depart</u>	<u>Time</u>
New York*	7:39 AM
Woodside*	7:51 AM
Brooklyn*	7:23 AM
Jamaica	8:11 AM
Babylon	8:52 AM

*Customers change for the Montauk train at Jamaica.

On Sunday, July 6th, relax and unwind on the Sunday Brunch Cruise Getaway. The Lauren Kristy will cruise the Great South Bay with great views of Fire Island and the South Shore of Long Island. A tasty brunch will be served aboard as your ship cruises near the Fire Island National Seashore. The day concludes with a visit to Bayard Cutting Arboretum State Park along the banks of the Connequot River. The cost is \$62 for adults, \$57 for children ages 5-11.

Train Schedule

<u>Depart</u>	<u>Time</u>
New York	9:13 AM
Woodside*	9:15 AM
Brooklyn*	9:04 AM
Jamaica	9:35 AM
Babylon	10:01 AM

*Customers change for the Babylon train at Jamaica.

Tickets for the Getaways (escorted and non-escorted) can be purchased in advance at the LIRR’s gray and blue full-service ticket machines. Both blue or gray machines accept credit and ATM/debit cards; gray machines also accept cash. 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, credit and debit cards 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 open ticket offices and at ticket selling machines.

Please consult our website, 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. The Travel Information Center’s TDD telephone number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. For a copy of the “2008 One-Day Getaways” brochure contact the LIRR’s Travel Information Center at the phone numbers listed above.