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### MTA LIRR ANNOUNCES TWO FANTASTIC ONE-DAY GETAWAYS ON JULY 19 & 20 - "TREASURE ISLAND" AND "MANSIONS & GARDENS"

#### Experience Long Island's Gold Coast, Wineries and Manicured Estates while visiting Greenport, Sag Harbor and Shelter Island

Experience the glamour, the splendor and the magnificence of Long Island while treating yourself to a fabulous weekend. The MTA Long Island Rail Road offers two mid-July weekend getaways, "Treasure Island" and "Mansions & Gardens" -- perfect for those who wish to indulge in the riches of the Island.

On Saturday, July 19th, discover the magnificence of both the North and South Forks of Long Island via the "Treasure Island" tour. The first stop is Pindar Vineyards where participants can sample six varieties of wine. Lunch can be purchased at the next stop, the seaport village of Greenport, with its restored carousel, boutiques and art gallery. A ferry ride across Peconic Bay to Shelter Island follows lunch. There, customers will board a coach bus and cruise through this picturesque area. The day ends back on the mainland, where participants will explore Sag Harbor, a former whaling port with antique shops and boutiques. This getaway is also offered on November 1st. The cost is \$42 for adults.

#### Train Schedule

##### Depart Time

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 20th, relive the splendor of Long Island's Gold Coast. Visit two distinctive mansions and their magnificent gardens as part of the "Mansions & Gardens" tour. The first stop is the Vanderbilt Museum in Centerport. It's a unique combination of mansion, marine and natural history museum, planetarium and park. Next, purchase lunch at an array of eateries in the town of Huntington. The day will end at Old Westbury Gardens, where participants will be given a guided tour of the John Phipps mansion and gardens. This beautiful, 160-acre English style country estate includes formal gardens, landscaped grounds, woodlands, ponds and lakes. The estate has provided the setting for countless movies, including "Love Story" and "North by Northwest." This getaway is also offered on September 21st. The cost is \$44 for adults, \$31 for children ages 5-11.

#### Train Schedule

##### Depart Departs

New York 8:23 AM

Woodside 8:35 AM

Brooklyn\* 8:23 AM

Jamaica 8:46 AM

Mineola 9:08 AM

\*Customers change for the Huntington 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, [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. 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.

