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MTA LIRR Offers Two Great Getaways on August 2nd & 3rd

The "Southampton Escape" and "Cruisin to the Sound" offers land and sea lovers two memorable escapes.

On Saturday, August 2nd, the MTA Long Island Rail Road announces the Southampton Escape, a spectacular one-day getaway featuring incredible scenery, beautiful architecture and historic museums. The Escape begins with a bus tour through several scenic Southampton Estate sections on the way to its first stop at St. Andrew's Dune Church, the only Long Island church situated on bluffs overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. As you examine the church's unusual architecture, take in the Tiffany-designed windows.

The tour's next stop is at the Southampton Historical Museum. There, you can peruse the artifacts and documents that help bring to life the traditions of the South Fork of Long Island. You will also meet well-informed guides who can give you ideas of where to go in town for lunch and leisure.

During your visit, we recommend you visit the Parrish Art Museum, where you can enjoy colorful paintings by prominent local artists, as well as special exhibits and peaceful shaded gardens.

The cost is \$39 for adults and \$31 for children 5-11.

Train Schedule:

Departs from Time

New York*	7:39 AM
Woodside*	7:51 AM
Brooklyn*	7:23 AM
Jamaica	8:11 AM
Babylon	8:52 AM

*Customers switch to the Montauk train at Jamaica

On Sunday, August 3rd, the LIRR offers a delightful and relaxing escape for customers interested in sailing along the Long Island Sound. The "Cruisin' on the Sound" One-Day Getaway begins with a visit to Port Jefferson, where customers will spend the morning browsing the shops and boutiques in this charming village. They will also be able to purchase lunch at one of the popular eateries.

Participants will then be able to test their sea legs, as they cruise across the Long Island Sound, passing pleasure boats and lighthouses along the way, en route to docking in Bridgeport, Connecticut. At Bridgeport, those attending will relax on board and enjoy the ambiance for a short time before sailing back to Port Jefferson for more browsing, shopping and sightseeing.

The cost is \$41 for adults and \$21 for children 5-11.

Train Schedule:

Departs from Time

New York	9:07 AM
Woodside*	9:15 AM
Brooklyn*	9:03 AM
Jamaica	9:32 AM
Mineola	9:51 AM

*Customers switch to the Huntington/Port Jefferson train at Jamaica

Tickets for the One-Day Getaways (escorted and non-escorted) can be purchased in advance at the LIRR's blue or gray ticket machines. Both blue and gray machines accept credit and 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 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. Please consult our website, www.mta.info for updated information. Before you leave, call the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center at 718-217-LIRR, 516-822-LIRR or 631-231-LIRR to confirm tour status. For a copy of the "2008 One-Day Getaways" brochure, contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center at the phone numbers listed above.

