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Really Getaway - with MTA Metro-North Railroad's One-Day Getaways Discount Packages

MTA Metro-North Railroad's One-Day Getaways are the perfect way to travel this summer and year-round. Spend time with family and friends on any of Metro-North's convenient, affordable and fun, One-Day Getaways. There are over 40 wonderful attractions and tours to choose from this year! Zoos, amusement parks, music festivals, fairs, shopping, casinos, museums and more are just a relaxing train ride away.

All packages include discounted round-trip rail fare and discount admission. Purchase your "One-Day Getaway" package online and receive an additional 5 percent off the already discounted rail fare. Most packages are on sale now.

This year Metro-North has 10 new destinations for you to choose from.

For year-round entertainment, Empire City Yonkers Raceway is a great place for video gaming, harness racing, daily simulcast wagering, live entertainment and a variety of dining options.

In June and September, enjoy a weekend in the Berkshires. The Red Lion Inn "Rock n' Rail" Package is the way to go if you're looking for gracious hospitality in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, home of the Norman Rockwell Museum, summer stock theater, shopping, restaurants and much more. The package includes overnight accommodations in a standard room, breakfast for two, one dinner for two in the Main Dining Room or Widow Bingham's Tavern, two tickets to the nearby Norman Rockwell Museum, all taxes and meal gratuities, lots of great amenities and an option to rent an Enterprise Car at a special discounted rate, which can be waiting for you at Harlem Valley-Wingdale Station.

This summer get wholesome with Dutchess County Farm Fresh Link Tours. Choose from six different daylong excursions. The Dutchess County Farm Fresh Link Shuttle will pick you up and return you to your destination rail station, and stay with you all day, transporting you to the various locations throughout the day.

Beginning Saturday, June 14th, visit two of the most beautiful and popular sites in Dutchess County, Clinton Vineyards and Locust Grove, the Samuel Morse Historic Site. Clinton Vineyards is going all out to celebrate its 30th anniversary vintage with music, a tour, a mini-farmer's market and a wine tasting including champagne, white wine, dessert wine, and their world famous Cassis. Then the shuttle will take you to Locust Grove Estate for a mansion and garden tour. There are also over 4½ miles of carriage roads and walking trails through the 180-acre wooded landscape leading to a small lake, cool waterfall and sunny coves along the Hudson River.

The Berries & Cream Farm Days Tour, beginning Saturday, June 28, first takes you to the happening city of Beacon to enjoy the arts, outdoors, antique shops, boutiques and fine restaurants in the restored historic districts. Then it's off to Shenandoah Dairy Farm for a behind-the-scenes peek into the life of a dairy farmer. Learn how milk gets from the farm to table, and sample premium Hudson Valley milk. Your day ends with a visit to Secor Farms where you can pick your own fruit or visit the farm stand for an assortment of seasonal goodies. Shuttle boarding at Beacon Station.

The Hudson Valley Harvest Food & Wine Weekends Tour, beginning Saturday, July 19, stops first at Gigi Market to enjoy the country air, shop at a year-round farmer's market or feast on baked goods and prepared foods at a gourmet store. Next, you can pick fresh, seasonal goods at Greig Farm, a 500-acre property with beautiful views. Then end your day with a stop at Clinton Vineyards, award-winning producer of fine wines, champagne and dessert wines. You can relax in an intimate tasting room or visit the wine-making facility. Shuttle boarding at Poughkeepsie Station.

The Family Fun Farm Days Tour, beginning August 16, takes you to the city of Beacon to visit the many galleries, eateries and specialty stores, or sample and shop at the Beacon Farmer's Market (10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sundays only). Your second stop will be a tour of Sprout Creek Farm, to sample the creamery's mouth watering cheeses. Your day ends with a visit to Barton Orchards to pick your own fruits and vegetables, or enjoy the many family-friendly activities including a petting zoo and a larger-than-life corn maze. Shuttle boarding at Beacon Station.

June 21st & 22nd on the shore of beautiful Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson enjoy a weekend with friends and family dancing, storytelling, sailing on tall ships, a children's play area, environmental exhibits and good food at Clearwater's Great Hudson River Festival Revival. Shuttle boarding at Croton-Harmon Station.

The 4th Annual Pleasantville Music Festival, Saturday, July 12th, takes place at Parkway Field in one of the Hudson Valley's unique cultural destinations. Regional performers and internationally recognized recording artists provide music on multiple stages. Gates open at 11 a.m. and the music runs through 8 p.m. Shuttle boarding at Pleasantville Station.

The 39th Annual Garrison Art Center Fine Arts and Craft Fair, August 16th and 17th, is a premier event in the Hudson Valley for collectors of fine art and craft. A short walk from Metro-North's Garrison Station, take a free ride on the visiting Woody Guthrie Sloop. Enjoy acoustic music on two stages, regional gourmet food and wine, and the works of over 70 remarkable juried artists. Visit www.garrisonartcenter.org for info.

Most One-Day Getaways packages can be purchased at Metro-North ticket offices and at full-service ticket machines, including those at Grand Central Terminal. Packages are not sold on board trains and are not available at ticket offices or ticket machines at the event's train station.

"One-Day Getaways" brochures, with a complete listing of packages, are available at Grand Central Terminal, all Metro-North ticket offices, and at hotels and visitor centers throughout Manhattan, or, visit us on-line at www.mta.info, where you'll save an additional 5 percent off the already deeply discounted rail fare portion. To receive additional information about discount Getaways packages throughout the year, sign up for "Discount Getaways News."

For more information about packages or to receive a free brochure, call 212-532-4900; outside of NYC call 800-METRO-INFO (800-638-7646).