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Explore the Magic of Montauk or the Splendor of the South Shore in Two LIRR Weekend Getaways

SPEND AUGUST 16TH OR 17TH RELAXING ON LONG ISLAND

Enjoy the serenity of a seaside resort at the tip of Long Island in Montauk, or cruise the Great South Bay. The MTA Long Island Rail Road's One-Day "Montauk Lighthouse Tour" Getaway, along with the "Sunday Brunch Cruise, " makes for the ultimate weekend excursion.

The Montauk Lighthouse Getaway begins the weekend escape with a stroll through Montauk Village, which offers several unique stores that sell items ranging from surfboards to swimwear. After working up an appetite, have a leisurely lunch at one of the many restaurants along the way. As the tour continues, the next stop will be at the world-famous Montauk Point Lighthouse. While there, you can get your daily workout by climbing the 137-step staircase that leads to a breathtaking view of the Atlantic Ocean, the shoreline and the beautifully landscaped lighthouse grounds. There's also a museum and gift shop where memorabilia of the enchanted adventure can be purchased. End the extraordinary day at Gosman's Dock. A savory seafood dinner can be purchased at the Dock's renowned restaurant. Eating at the outdoor clam bar is another option where the Montauk Harbor can serve as a backdrop for a spectacular dining experience.

The Montauk Lighthouse Getaway is offered on August 16th as well as September 13th.

The cost for adults is \$40 for adults and \$30 for children ages 5 – 11.

Train Schedule:

	Departs	Returns
New York*	7:39 AM	9:01 PM
Woodside*	7:51 AM	8:50 PM
Brooklyn*	7:23 AM	9:01 PM
Jamaica	8:11 AM	8:31 PM
Babylon	8:52 AM	7:44 PM

*Customers change to the Montauk train at Jamaica.

On Sunday, August 17th, it's "all aboard" The Paddlewheel Lauren Kristy in the LIRR's Sunday Brunch Cruise Getaway. Cruise the Great South Bay along the South Shore and take in phenomenal views of Fire Island. As the cruise ship coasts along to its final destination of West Sayville, prepare to indulge in a scrumptious brunch.

Conclude the day with a visit to Bayard Cutting Arboretum Park along the banks of Connetquot River. While walking through the park, experience the tranquility of the conifers, dwarf evergreens, wild flowers and hybrids growing near the ponds and streams.

The Sunday Brunch Cruise Getaway is offered on August 17th and September 14th. The cost is \$62 for adults, \$57 for children ages 5 – 11.

Train Schedule:

	Departs	Returns
New York	9:13 AM	5:42 PM
Woodside*	9:15 AM	5:31 PM
Brooklyn*	9:03 AM	6:01 PM
Jamaica	9:35 AM	5:20 PM
Merrick	10:01 AM	4:56 PM

*Customers change to the Babylon 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 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.