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### MTA LIRR Invites You to Explore "Treasure Island" on Saturday, November 1, 2008

*Come Travel With Us! Enjoy an East End Sampler*

The MTA Long Island Rail Road has the perfect one-day fall getaway for the treasure seeker at heart. The "Treasure Island" Getaway includes visits to a winery, a quaint seaport village and a former whaling community.

Explore the rich beauty of Long Island's East End as the landscape bursts into an explosion of color. Fall in love with the whimsical treasures of Long Island's North and South Forks on this extensive train and bus tour. Visit Peconic's famed Pindar Vineyards, aptly named for the Greek lyric poet, while pleasing the palate with a sampling of six Pindar wines (included in the package price).

Stroll through Greenport's 4-acre waterfront Mitchell Park, home to a restored 1920's antique carousel. Enclosed in a glass building with views of the water, the carousel is a wonderful opportunity to relive childhood memories, and don't forget to try and grab the brass rings! Among Mitchell Park's other offerings—a marina, observation deck and harbor walk—sits an odd structure of peculiar interest: a camera obscura, the basis for pinhole cameras. Inside Greenport's camera obscura is a magnificent display of single-point perspective, an indoor chamber that unfolds a stunning 360-panoramic view of the world outside.

After visiting boutiques and art galleries in the area, you may work up an appetite! Feel free to purchase lunch at one of several nearby eateries. A map of the area, with highlights of the village, will be provided.

Nestled between Long Island's rural North Fork and famed Hamptons to the south, Shelter Island was settled in 1652 by Nathaniel Sylvester, a sugar merchant from Barbados. Although several things have changed in the area throughout the centuries, one thing remains constant, the breathtaking view from the ferry as you cross scenic Peconic Bay to Shelter Island. Once there, a coach bus will cruise through the picture-perfect area. Back on the mainland, explore Sag Harbor, a former whaling port, complete with antique shops, boutiques, and several areas for people watching.

The cost is \$42 for adults. Air-conditioned motor coaches provided.

Train Schedule (some times are approximate due to trackwork program)

Departs	Returns
New York 7:46 AM*	8:59 PM (Transfer at Jamaica to the Montauk train)
Woodside 7:54 AM*	8:48 PM (Transfer at Jamaica to the Montauk train)
Brooklyn 7:39 AM*	9:09 PM (Transfer at Jamaica to the Montauk train)
Jamaica 8:28 AM	8:30 PM
Babylon 8:52 AM	7:53 PM

\* - indicates a transfer at Jamaica Station

Please note:

Going (eastbound): There is a special stop at Babylon Station and a transfer to a bus at Westhampton Station. Check track assignments at the information booth. Remember to board the rear car.

Returning home (westbound): There is a scheduled stop at Babylon Station.

Tickets for the Treasure Island One-Day Getaway can be purchased at LIRR Ticket Offices where cash, credit and debit cards or personal checks are accepted.

Tickets can be purchased up to 30 minutes before the train leaves at open ticket offices. Please consult the LIRR's 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. For a copy of the "2008 One-Day Getaways" brochure, contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center at the phone numbers listed above.