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Last Chance To Visit L.I. Homes Of The Rich & Famous On MTA LIRR Sept. 21 Getaway

This Sunday, September 21, is your last opportunity this year to check out some of the homes of Long Island's Gold Coast past in the MTA Long Island Rail Road's Mansions & Gardens Getaway.

The day begins with a stop at the Vanderbilt Estate in Centerport. The 43-acre grounds include a mansion, marine and natural history museum, planetarium and park. Next is lunch that can be purchased at several diverse restaurants in Huntington. The day ends with a visit to Old Westbury Gardens, the former estate of millionaire John Phipps. The 160-acre English style country estate includes formal gardens, landscaped grounds, woodlands, ponds and lakes. A number of movies were shot at this location including "Love Story" and "North By Northwest."

The cost of this Getaway is \$44 for adults and \$31 for children 5-11.

Train Schedule:

Departs from	Departs at
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New York	8:37 AM
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Woodside	8:28 AM
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Brooklyn*	8:39 AM
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Jamaica	9:02 AM
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Mineola	9:16 AM
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*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 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 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.