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A Season Of MTA LIRR One-Day Getaways Brightens Up Summer

The MTA Long Island Rail Road has three new One-Day Getaways added to its lineup of sightseeing tours and packages this year, offering even more unique ways to enjoy Long Island's many attractions.

The LIRR's escorted One-Day Getaways and special non-escorted packages for the summer season are listed below:

(NEW) 175th Anniversary Tour: Saturday, July 25th. Celebrate LIRR's 175th Anniversary with this nostalgic train ride that travels along the original route of the Rail Road started in Brooklyn. Customers can start there, or board a connecting train at Penn. At Jamaica, customers will connect to a bi-level tour train, decked out with a special drumhead. Rail and history buffs will enjoy this trip as docents from the LI Sunrise Trail Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society point out interesting aspects of our "Mainline to Greenport" history on-board our trip east.

Making stops at both the Riverhead and Greenport Railroad Museums of Long Island, volunteers will guide you through the Visitor's Center and surrounding grounds. You will see visiting steam locomotives, the Freeman Garden Railway, the "Snowplow", specialty exhibits and more.

Package includes discounted round-trip rail on this special train, and museum admissions. Lunch and strolling time will be on your own in beautifully scenic Greenport Village. The package cost is \$40 for adults, \$30 for children 5-11. Tickets must be purchased at open ticket offices since tickets will be limited.

(NEW) Montauk Village Package: (Special Non-escorted Package)

Through December 31. Discover the natural beauty at the tip of our island. A short taxi ride to the Village lets you experience the unique shops, restaurants, parks, trails, beaches and fishing - it's like being in paradise. Montauk's laid back atmosphere will have you coming back time and time again.

Major events include: Columbus Weekend-Fall Festival: Oct 10-11

Clam shucking, beer and wine tasting, rides, games, carousel, famous live crab races, live entertainment and Montauk's Famous Clam Chowder Tasting Contest.

Package includes discounted off-peak, round-trip rail to/from Montauk Station, two Lindy's Taxi stubs to/from the center of town and a LIRR Montauk Customer Coupon, good for discounts or special offers at participating merchants.

The package cost is \$39 for adults, \$10 for children 5-11.

(NEW) Nassau Coliseum Package (Special Non-escorted Package)

Through May 31, 2010. Sports and entertainment fans can now take the train to the game, as well as to concerts and shows at Nassau Coliseum. For a schedule of New York Islander games and other Coliseum events, visit www.NassauColiseum.com or call 516-794-9300. The package includes round-trip rail to and from Garden City Station, along with transportation to and from the Coliseum by Garden City Taxi. Simply take any Hempstead Branch train to Garden City Station and hand your LIRR ticket stub to a Garden City Taxi driver at the station and at the Coliseum. Ticket prices range from \$18.50 to \$27.00 for Adults and \$16.00 to \$22.00 for seniors depending on which station you start your trip.

Patchogue Village: Through December 31. Known as one of the oldest and finest downtown shopping districts on Long Island, Patchogue has a good mix of retail stores, fine restaurants and major events. The LIRR non-escorted package includes a discounted round-trip rail ticket and a "LIRR Patchogue Customer Coupon," good for \$10 off from a participating merchant. The package cost is \$25 for adults, \$11.50 for children 5-11.

Port Jeff Village: Through December 31. Port Jefferson is a picturesque village of natural beauty, worthy of a special trip for a day of fun. The LIRR non-escorted package includes discounted round-trip rail tickets, two Lindy's Taxi stubs and a "LIRR Port Jeff Customer Coupon." The package cost is \$25 for adults, \$10.00 for children 5-11. New this year is the addition of a "Port Jeff Ferry Discount Coupon." Show this coupon at the ferry office to get discounted tickets: \$17 for adults, \$12 for seniors and free for children under 12 years old.

Sayville Village: Through December 31. "Sayville, it just keeps getting better" is the motto of this village striving to be "the friendliest town in America." Major events include: Summerfest, July 31- August 2, that includes carnival rides, games, live entertainment, a car show, and arts and crafts vendors. The LIRR non-escorted package includes discounted round-trip rail tickets plus a "LIRR Sayville Customer Coupon," good for \$10 off from participating merchants. The package cost is \$25 for adults, \$11.50 for children 5-11.

Montauk Lighthouse: July 18 & August 15. Montauk is the "ultimate" seaside resort community at the tip of Long Island. During this Getaway to "The End" participants will visit the Village of Montauk, the world-renowned Montauk Point Lighthouse and Gosman's Dock. The package cost is \$43 for adults, \$31 for children 5-11.

Sunday Brunch Cruise: August 2. Your home away from home for the day is the Lauren Kristy, a paddle-wheeler that cruises the Great South Bay with great views of Fire Island and the South Shore. A tasty brunch will be served aboard as the boat sails to West Sayville. After the cruise, walk off your sea legs in the heart of Babylon Village. Visit the shops, grab dessert or just relax by Argyle Lake. The package cost is \$63 for adults, \$57 for children 5-11.

Wine Country: July 11, August 8 & 22, September 19. To provide our customers with a greater sampling of Long Island wines and vineyards, this year we will offer two different itineraries. Enjoy four varieties of wine at each of these wineries and take in the beautiful views, while you expand your knowledge of the grape!

Itinerary #1 - July 11 & August 22, Bedell Cellars & Corey Creek Vineyard

Itinerary #2 - August 8 & September 19, Pindar & Macari Vineyards

On all trips: We'll travel east, taking in some of the local color. As we proceed to the seaport village of Greenport, you'll be able to buy a late lunch and browse the variety of shops lining the streets. For more information about North Fork wineries, visit www.liwines.com. The package cost is \$45 for adults.

Shinnecock Pow wow: September 4-7. An annual event of color and pageantry, the Grand Procession is a photographer's dream featuring scores of Native Americans and representatives of Central or South American tribes dancing and chanting in gloriously colorful regalia. They will compete in continuous song and dance contests through the day. Food and arts and crafts items are available from 100 vendors. The LIRR non-escorted package includes round-trip rail to/from Southampton Station, admission to the event, and shuttle bus to the event. The cost is \$39 for adults, \$16 for children 5-11.

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 at least 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 "2009 One-Day Getaways" brochure contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center at the phone numbers listed above.