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MTA Metro-North Railroad Offers Special Thanksgiving Weekend Schedule

MTA Metro-North Railroad's Thanksgiving weekend schedule is bulging with trains to get people around for the long four-day weekend.

Every great menu features an appetizer, so on Thanksgiving Eve Wednesday, November 25, Metro-North will operate extra early getaway trains, beginning at 1 p.m., so customers can take flight to start holiday preparations. Because of the early getaway, fewer people are taking trains during the traditional evening peak, so some trains will be combined or eliminated. See a current October 18 timetable for details on early getaway service.

For a main course, Metro-North will operate a holiday schedule on Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 26, with extra AM inbound service for those going to the Macy's Parade. See a Holiday Timetable for details.

There will also be lots of late morning/early afternoon outbound service, so after the parade people can get home in time for turkey and trimmings. There will be plenty of trains coming back to New York City in the evening.

Save room for dessert. The day after Thanksgiving Friday, November 27 Metro-North will operate on a Saturday schedule with a lot of extra service during the AM and PM peak time periods to accommodate shoppers taking advantage of those early holiday sales. See a Holiday Timetable for details.

And that's not all. Metro-North's weekend Shoppers' Specials service will be in effect from November 21 through January 2 with 10 additional inbound and 10 additional outbound trains on Saturdays and 11 extra inbound trains and 10 extra outbound trains on Sundays. See a regular timetable for details on additional New Haven and Harlem Line "specials."

Off-peak fares will be in effect for the entire four-day holiday period. Take advantage of free parking at many of our stations. (Check for signs, or call 212-532-4900 for more information.)

A few more morsels for you: You buy a turkey before Thanksgiving, right? You should purchase your train tickets before the holiday, too.

Try WebTicket at www.mta.info for fast, free, home delivery of tickets, and save 5% on any ticket (except a monthly) purchased online. We recommend a ten-trip off-peak if you are traveling with the family. Save an additional 15% off the one-way off-peak fare, and it can be used by more than one person, even when you are traveling together.

Or use a convenient ticket vending machine. We suggest this because on Thanksgiving Day (the busiest travel days of the year) customers must have a train ticket before boarding the train at Grand Central Terminal or Harlem-125th Street Station.

Thanksgiving Holiday Timetables are available at the Grand Central Information Booth, at outlying ticket offices, and at www.mta.info beginning the week of November 16.