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MTA LIRR Fall Kick-Off: Wine Country Getaway

Saturday Wine Sampling on Long Island's East End, September 19, 2009

MTA Long Island Rail Road packages are a perfect way to experience Long Island's East End as the landscape bursts into an explosion of color. Fall in love with the breath-taking scenery and enjoy an assortment of savory wines borne from local vineyards. Explore Long Island Rail Road's "Wine Country" One-Day Getaway on Saturday, September 19.

Taste a sampling of four varieties of wine from both Pindar & Macari Vineyard (included in the package price). Hailed as Long Island's oldest vineyard under continuous family ownership, Peconic's famed Pindar Vineyards is aptly named for the Greek lyric poet. Please the palate and savor wines filled with balance, body and character. From what were once potato fields and farmlands, Macari Vineyards is on the cutting edge of viticulture (cultivation of grape and grape growing), evolving into a 180-acre vineyard dedicated to sustainable farming.

Following the winery excursions, stroll through the seaport village of Greenport, including a 4-acre waterfront wonder, Mitchell Park, home to a restored 1920's antique carousel. 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 browsing through the several galleries, antique stores and mom-and-pop shops that line the streets, you may work up an appetite! Feel free to purchase a late lunch at one of several eateries or sit back and enjoy the waterfront scenery with a picnic brown-bag lunch. A surefire delight, mark your calendar for Saturday, September 19—autumn awaits you on Long Island's North Fork.

Total cost is \$45 for adults. Air-conditioned tour buses provided.

Train Schedule (Call to Confirm)

	Departs	Returns
New York	7:45 AM	7:59 PM*
Woodside	7:57 AM	7:48 PM*
Brooklyn	7:42 AM	8:12 PM*
Jamaica	8:10 AM	7:32 PM
Babylon	8:46 AM	6:53 PM

*(Transfer at Jamaica to the Montauk train)

Please note: there is a transfer to a bus at Westhampton Station. Check track assignments at the information booth. Remember to board the rear car.

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 (5477), 516-822-LIRR (5477) or 631-231-LIRR (5477) 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.

For more information about Pindar Vineyards, visit: www.pindarwine.com.

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