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### MTA LIRR Marks Start Of Summer Season With Summer Service To Hamptons And Montauk, And Summer Beach Packages

The Memorial Day weekend heralds the start of MTA Long Island Rail Road service to the Hamptons and Montauk and summer packages to Jones Beach, Long Beach and Fire Island.

#### SUMMER SERVICE TO THE HAMPTONS, MONTAUK AND NORTH FORK:

May 22 marks the start of the LIRR's Friday afternoon service to the Hamptons and Montauk for the summer season. The following trains operate each Friday during the summer:

- The 1:57 PM train from Hunterspoint Avenue (connecting at Jamaica with the 1:53 PM train from Penn Station), arriving Montauk at 4:45 PM.
- The 4:06 PM train from Hunterspoint Avenue (The Cannonball - the LIRR's premier express train, connecting at Jamaica with the 3:58 PM train from Penn Station), arriving Montauk at 6:48 PM (this train also operates Thursdays during the summer starting May 21).
- The 5:09 PM train from Penn Station (connecting at Jamaica with the 5:11 PM train from Hunterspoint Avenue), arriving Montauk at 8:29 PM.
- The 7:38 PM train from Jamaica (connecting at Jamaica with the 7:11 PM train from Penn Station and the 6:41 PM train from Hunterspoint Avenue), arriving Montauk at 10:10 PM.
- The 3:55 pm train from Penn Station (connecting at Jamaica with the 3:56 PM from Flatbush Avenue), (changing at Ronkonkoma at 5:16 PM), and arriving at Greenport at 6:45 PM.

#### START OF WEEKEND BEACH SERVICE

The Memorial Day Weekend marks the start of LIRR summer package tickets to Jones Beach State Park, Long Beach and Fire Island. These special tickets will be available on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays throughout the summer; and for daily service starting in June.

- Jones Beach Featuring one of the world's finest beaches, Jones Beach State Park offers miles of sandy beaches and refreshing ocean surf. A two-mile-long boardwalk, games, playgrounds, and swimming pools are also available at the park. The discounted package ticket includes round trip rail fare to Freeport and MTA Long Island Bus service via the N88 to and from the Central Mall, and the East and West Bath Houses at Jones Beach. The special package fare is \$16.50 from New York or Brooklyn, and \$13.50 from Jamaica. Trains leave Penn Station, Brooklyn and Jamaica approximately every half-hour. Connecting buses, from MTA Long Island Bus, leave Freeport starting at 8:49 AM and return up to 5:35 PM on weekends; and 8:58 AM and return up to 10:45 PM on weekdays. Buses run later on concert evenings. Bus times change June 21 through August 31. Buses leave Freeport starting at 8:06 AM and return up to 10:45 PM on weekends; and 8:58 AM and return up to 10:45 PM on weekdays. LIRR customers can save by using the LIRR Jones Beach Package ticket to performances at The Nikon at Jones Beach Theater. Bus service is available both before and following each performance, and the package remains available through the final concert date. Weekday service to Jones Beach begins June 29 and continues through September 7. Weekend service starts May 23 and holidays.
- Long Beach Enjoy the ambiance of a seaside resort, just a short train ride from Penn Station, Brooklyn or Jamaica. Just a few blocks from the LIRR's Long Beach Station, Long Beach offers unsurpassed ocean swimming and an almost endless boardwalk. The discounted package ticket includes one-day round trip rail fare to Long Beach and admission to the beach. The special package fare is \$19.00 from New York or Brooklyn, and \$16.00 from Jamaica. Hourly service is available from Penn Station, Brooklyn and Jamaica; with direct weekend service from Penn Station. Weekday service begins June 22 and continues through September 7. Weekend service starts May 23 and holidays.

The LIRR offers special packages to nine Fire Island beach locations. Fire Island provides an opportunity to leave the car behind and enjoy miles of boardwalk, trails and pristine beaches.

- Robert Moses - Located on the western tip of Fire Island, Robert Moses State Park offers world-class sand and surf in a casual, less-crowded atmosphere. The LIRR's Robert Moses discounted package ticket includes round-trip rail fare to Babylon and bus transportation to the beach. The special package fare is \$19.00 from New York and Brooklyn, and \$15.00 from Jamaica. The connecting S47 bus service, provided by Suffolk Transit, from Babylon Station to Robert Moses operates approximately every half-hour on weekends; hourly on weekdays. The last bus departs Robert Moses at 6:30 PM. Daily service begins June 22 and continues through September 7.
- Kismet/Fire Island Lighthouse (Ferry from Bay Shore) - Intensely informal, car-free and easygoing, Kismet is known as a great community with something for everyone. Amenities include a couple of full service restaurants, two public tennis courts, a basketball court, and playground area. Just a half-mile from the beach is the 150 year-old Fire Island Lighthouse. General admission is included in the package. A climb to the top of the lighthouse provides a panoramic view of the Atlantic Ocean, the Great South Bay, Fire Island, Long Island and the Manhattan Skyline. It's perfect for individuals, families, or groups. The package ticket includes one-day round-trip rail fare to Bay Shore Station, David Brothers Taxi service to the Fire Island Ferry, and ferry service to and from Fire Island. This discounted package ticket is subject to same day ferry use, with no exceptions. The Fire Island Ferries Company can be contacted at 631-665-3600 or on their website at [www.fireislandferries.com](http://www.fireislandferries.com). The special package fare is \$34.00 from

New York or Brooklyn and \$33.50 from Jamaica. For children 5-11 years of age the fare is \$19.00; Children must be at least 42' tall to climb the lighthouse. Daily service begins May 23 and continues through September 7.

- Ocean Beach (Ferry from Bay Shore) - Home to over a dozen restaurants, hotels, and endless attractions such as sidewalk sales, live bands, and innumerable shops and boutiques, Ocean Beach is truly the 'cosmopolitan' center of Fire Island. For the ultimate seafood experience by the water, or to just unwind and take in the charming atmosphere, Ocean Beach has it all and it's a great family destination. The package ticket includes one-day round-trip rail fare to Bay Shore Station, David Brothers Taxi service to the Fire Island Ferry, and ferry service to and from Fire Island. This discounted package ticket is subject to same day ferry use, with no exceptions. The Fire Island Ferries Company can be contacted at 631-665-3600 or on their website at [www.fireislandferries.com](http://www.fireislandferries.com). The special package fare is \$30.00 from New York or Brooklyn and \$29.50 from Jamaica. For children 5-11 years of age the fare is \$15.00. Daily service begins May 23 and continues through September 7.
- Ocean Bay Park (Ferry from Bay Shore) - One of the most relaxed of the Fire Island communities, Ocean Bay Park has a mix of families and singles. Bay-front dining is available at two of the four restaurants. There is also a grocery store, two pizza places and a bagel shop.

The package ticket includes one-day round-trip rail fare to Bay Shore Station, David Brothers Taxi service to the Fire Island Ferry, and ferry service to and from Fire Island. This discounted package ticket is subject to same day ferry use, with no exceptions. The Fire Island Ferries Company can be contacted at 631-665-3600 or on their website at [www.fireislandferries.com](http://www.fireislandferries.com). The special package fare is \$30.00 from New York or Brooklyn and \$29.50 from Jamaica. For children 5-11 years of age the fare is \$15.00. Daily service begins May 23 and continues through September 7.

- Cherry Grove (Ferry from Sayville) - Time has no meaning on Fire Island (just remember your ferry & train times). You'll think you've entered a different world. Lay on the beach, and let yourself go. Push your toes through the warm sand. Relax, dine and dance, and indulge yourself. The shops and restaurants are all brilliantly colored and built on multi-levels, so you can find something for everyone. The discounted package ticket includes one-day round-trip rail fare to Sayville, round-trip taxi transfer provided by Colonial Taxi and round-trip ferry to and from Cherry Grove on Fire Island. The Sayville Ferry Service can be contacted at 631-589-0810 or on their website at [www.sayvilleferry.com](http://www.sayvilleferry.com). The special package fare is \$30.00 from New York and Brooklyn, and \$29.50 from Jamaica. Daily service begins May 23 and continues through Sept. 7.
- Fire Island Pines (Ferry from Sayville) - 'The Pines' named for the beautiful wind-sculpted pine trees, is truly an architectural paradise and the largest community on the Island. When you approach from the Bay side, you are reminded almost of Monte Carlo or the south of France. Colorful umbrella-spiked tables on the wide terraces of outdoor bars & restaurants form the picturesque harbor. Populated in good part by members of the world of fashion and design, it is well known for its upscale social life and beautiful harbor. The discounted package ticket includes one-day round-trip rail fare to Sayville, round-trip taxi transfer provided by Colonial Taxi and round-trip ferry to and from the Fire Island Pines on Fire Island. The Sayville Ferry Service can be contacted at 631-589-0810 or on their website at [www.sayvilleferry.com](http://www.sayvilleferry.com). The special package fare is \$30.00 from New York and Brooklyn, and \$29.50 from Jamaica. Daily service begins May 23 and continues through Sept. 7.
- Sunken Forest (Ferry from Sayville) - Sunbathe on a pristine ocean beach or take a nature walk through the beautiful and enchanted Sunken Forest at Sailors' Haven. The Parks Department provides free guided tours. The discounted package ticket includes one-day round-trip rail fare to Sayville, round-trip taxi transfer provided by Colonial Taxi and round-trip ferry to and from Sunken Forest on Fire Island. The Sayville Ferry Service can be contacted at 631-589-0810 or on their website at [www.sayvilleferry.com](http://www.sayvilleferry.com). The special package fare is \$26.00 from New York and Brooklyn, and \$25.50 from Jamaica. For children 5-11 years of age the fare is \$16.00. Daily service begins May 23 and continues through Sept. 7.
- Watch Hill (Ferry from Patchogue)- Lounge in the sun on a peaceful beach on the secluded shores of Fire Island or walk the nature trails. The discounted package ticket includes one-day round-trip rail fare to Patchogue and connecting ferry service to and from Fire Island. The Watch Hill ferry terminal is only a short walk from the Patchogue Station. The Davis Park Ferry Company can be contacted at 631-475-1665 or on their website at [www.davisparkferry.com](http://www.davisparkferry.com). The special package fare is \$26.00 from New York or Brooklyn and \$20.50 from Jamaica. For children 5-11 years of age the fare is \$14.00. Daily service begins May 23 and continues through September 7.
- Davis Park (Ferry from Patchogue) - On one end, a huge boat-filled marina, on the other magnificent ocean waves form this community's great landscape. After swimming, walking or sunbathing on the beach, enjoy the local popular restaurant and bar, with live music and dancing on the weekends. The discounted package ticket includes one-day round-trip rail fare to Patchogue, Lindy's Taxi service to the Davis Park Ferry, and ferry service to and from Fire Island. The Davis Park Ferry Company can be contacted at 631-475-1665 or on their website at [www.davisparkferry.com](http://www.davisparkferry.com). The special package fare is \$30.00 from New York or Brooklyn and \$29.50 from Jamaica. For children 5-11 years of age the fare is \$22.00. Daily service begins May 23 and continues through September 7.

For additional information and a copy of the Beach Packages brochure customers may call the 24-hour LIRR Travel Information Center in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR, in Nassau County at 516-822-LIRR or in New York City at 718-217-LIRR. The Travel Information Center's TDD number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. Customers can also consult the LIRR's website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) for schedule information.