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### MTA LIRR PROVIDES EXTRA TRAINS FOR START OF MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND, FRIDAY MAY 28

#### *LIRR CALVERTON CEMETERY PACKAGE TICKET AVAILABLE FOR MAY 29*

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will kick start Memorial Day Weekend and the traditional start of summer by providing customers additional train service on Friday, May 28. The extra service includes eight additional eastbound trains between 2:04 PM and 3:49 PM for customs planning an early start to the holiday weekend. The Memorial Day Weekend also heralds the start of summer packages to Jones Beach, Long Beach and Fire Island, and a special Memorial Day Weekend package fare to Calverton National Cemetery on Saturday, May 29, for those wishing to visit the grave of a loved one.

#### Extra Train Service for Friday, May 28

##### Babylon Branch

- 2:23 PM express to Lynbrook, then all stops to Babylon.
- 2:48 PM stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon.
- 3:31 PM express to Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon.

##### Port Jefferson Branch to Hicksville and Huntington

- 2:03 PM stopping at Jamaica, Carle Place, then all stops to Huntington.
- 2:31 PM stopping at Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, then all stops to Huntington.
- 3:24 PM stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Westbury and Hicksville.

##### Port Washington Branch to Great Neck

- 3:40 PM stopping at Woodside, Flushing Main St., then all stops to Great Neck.

##### Far Rockaway Branch

- 3:48 PM express to Locust Manor then all stops to Far Rockaway.

#### MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 31

The LIRR will operate on a Sunday schedule on Memorial Day.

#### SPECIAL TRIP TO CALVERTON CEMETERY, SATURDAY, MAY 29

On Saturday, May 29, the LIRR will offer a special escorted package trip to Calverton National Cemetery for persons wishing to visit the gravesite of a friend or family member.

The LIRR's special escorted package includes discounted round trip rail fare from Penn Station, Woodside, Atlantic Avenue Terminal, Jamaica or Mineola and air-conditioned motor coach bus transportation to the cemetery. On the way to Calverton National Cemetery, the bus will make a stop for those wanting to purchase flowers and coffee or tea. Shuttle bus service within Calverton National Cemetery will be provided to accommodate visitors to the various sections and gravesites. Customers are advised to provide their own lunch, as eating facilities are not available at Calverton.

The one-day special package fare is \$34 for adults, \$27.50 for children ages 5-11. The train departs Penn Station at 9:16 AM and Jamaica at 9:38 AM. Passengers from Woodside should board the 9:28 AM train and Atlantic Avenue Terminal customers should board the 9:12 AM train and transfer at Jamaica to the Ronkonkoma train. Customers from Mineola should board the 9:25 AM train and transfer at Hicksville to the Ronkonkoma train. Passengers for Calverton should board the rear car of the train. Customers will transfer to bus service at Central Islip Station and will continue to Calverton. Return service will be on the 3:42 PM train from Ronkonkoma, stopping at Mineola (4:31 PM), Jamaica (4:39 PM), Woodside (4:50 PM) and Penn Station (5:01 PM). Connecting service is available at Jamaica, arriving Atlantic Avenue Terminal at 5:12 PM. Tickets may be purchased at the following stations beginning May 21: Penn Station, Atlantic Avenue Terminal, Woodside and Jamaica. Tickets must be purchased at least 30 minutes before scheduled train departure time. Customers boarding at Mineola Station should purchase tickets in advance, since the Mineola ticket office is

closed on weekends. Tickets can also be purchased at all full-service Ticket Machines between May 21 and May 27. Customers purchasing tickets from Ticket Machines should select: Deals & Getaways > LI Getaways.

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

To learn more about Long Island Rail Road getaways and packages, follow us on Twitter @ LIRRDDeals4u.