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NEED A STAY-CATION? TRY ONE OF LIRR'S LONG ISLAND GETAWAYS

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

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

(NEW) Bethpage Golf & Tennis: Daily (Special Non-escorted Package)

Tee-off on the course that was home to the 2009 U.S. Open. There are 5 courses open to the public including the famous Black Course, which is ranked third on the Top Ten Golf Courses in the USA.

Package includes discounted round-trip rail and round-trip taxi ride from Farmingdale Station to Bethpage State Park, 15% off coupon on your lunch or dinner menu at Taste 99 located in the Oak Room inside the Clubhouse. Package cost is \$20. (Greens Fees not included)

(NEW) Huntington Village Package: Daily (Special Non-escorted Package)

Huntington Village boasts great shopping, restaurants, galleries and more. Major events include:

- Huntington Lighthouse Tours*: 6/13, 27; 7/11, 25; 8/8, 22; 9/19 – A historic treasure of the sea, tours leave by boat from Gold Star Battalion Beach. On Labor Day weekend, musical talent will rock the boats. Visit HuntingtonLighthouse.org for reservations and details.

Package includes round-trip rail to/from Huntington Station, two Orange & White Taxi stubs to/from the village center (or for two or more to/from the harbor for the Lighthouse) and a LIRR Huntington Deals Coupon; good for discounts or special offers at participating merchants. Coupon has no cash value. The package cost is \$32 for adults, \$15.50 for children 5-11.

(NEW) LI Wine & Spirits: (Escorted Tour) June 12; July 10 & 31; August 14; September 11 & 25; October 2 & 9. To provide our customers with a greater sampling of Long Island wines and vineyards, this year we will offer four different "flights" (itineraries). Enjoy several varieties of wine at each of these locations. We have added stops at two new venues: Sparkling Pointe (for a taste of the bubbly!) & LiV Vodka!

Flight #1 – June 12 & October 2 – Martha Clara, Sparkling Pointe, & LiV Vodka

Flight #2 – July 10 & September 11 – Bedell, Corey Creek & Sparkling Pointe

Flight #3 – July 31 & September 25 – Pindar, Duck Walk & Sparkling Pointe

Flight #4 – August 14 & October 9 – Macari, Martha Clara & Sparkling Pointe

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. *Includes North Fork Deals Coupon, good for special offers at participating merchants. For more information about North Fork wineries, visit Long Island Wines. The package cost for adults is \$52.

(NEW) North Fork Villages Package: Daily (Special Non-escorted Package) The beautiful, New England-style villages of Riverhead, Mattituck, Southold and Greenport offer a relaxed, scenic escape and are home to a world-class wine region. Sample the fruits of the area on a winery tour, enjoy the shops, restaurants, and attractions. Extend your stay at one of the cozy Bed & Breakfasts or hotels.

Special events include:

- LI Wine & Food Festival: June 25-27 (Get \$5 off admission with coupon) Meet local & celebrity chefs. Enjoy the wines & fare of the region.

- 33rd Annual Mattituck Street Fair: July 10 (raindate July 11)

Food, entertainment and many unique arts and crafts.

- Riverhead Polishtown Street Fair & Polka Festival: August 21-23

More than 250 stands featuring polish foods, arts & crafts and polka dance music.

Package includes off-peak round-trip rail to, and returning from Riverhead, Mattituck, Southold or Greenport, and a LIRR North Fork Deals Coupon good for discounts or special offers at participating merchants. Coupons are good for up to a week for overnight guests; they may be presented only once to each vendor, and have no cash value. Package costs range from \$10 to \$34, depending on zone. Adults and seniors receive coupons; family fare is available for children.(\$1.50; up to 4 per adult)..

(NEW) Port Jeff Ferry: Daily (Special Non-escorted Package)

Package includes discounted rail, taxi, discounted ferry tickets, as well as a coupon for \$5 off any New England Tour including Foxwoods Casino (get \$30 in vouchers) and LIRR Port Jeff Deals Coupon, good for offers at participating merchants. Coupons have no cash value. The package cost is \$42 for adults and \$37 for seniors 65 and older.

Montauk Village: Daily (Special Non-escorted Package)

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.

Package includes discounted round-trip rail to/from Montauk Station, two Lindy's Taxi stubs to/from the center of town or the harbor, and a LIRR Montauk Deals Coupon; good for discounts or special offers at participating merchants. Coupon is good for day of travel and up to one week for overnight guests; can be presented only once at each vendor. Coupon has no cash value. Adults \$41, Children 5-11: \$11.50.

Patchogue Village: Daily, (Special Non-escorted Package)

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. Major events include:

- Great South Bay Music Festival: 7/9-11

Terrific American Themed Arts & Music on the Great South Bay. Bus shuttle will meet trains at the station, and pick up at the drop off point. Please leave at least 30 minutes for the return trip.

- Alive After 5 Festival: 7/2, 16 & 30, 8/13

Original art, crafts, jewelry, and more.

Patchogue Village: (cont'd)

Package includes off-peak round-trip rail to/from Patchogue Station plus a "LIRR Patchogue Deals Coupon". Present coupon for offers from a participating merchants. Coupon is good for day of travel and up to one week for overnight guests; can be presented only once at each vendor. Coupon has no cash value. The package cost is \$22 for adults, \$1.50 for children 5-11.

Port Jeff Village: Daily (Special Non-escorted Package)

Port Jefferson is a picturesque village of natural beauty, worthy of a special trip for a day of fun. Major summer event, is the Second Annual GreenFest: June 12

Package includes discounted round-trip rail tickets, two Lindy's Taxi stubs and a "LIRR Port Jeff Deals Coupon." The package cost is \$27 for adults, \$11.50 for children 5-11.

Montauk Lighthouse: (Escorted Tour) June 26, July 17 & August 21(Family Fun Weekend). 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 \$44.50 for adults, \$31.50 for children 5-11.

Sunday Brunch Cruise: (Escorted Tour) July 18 & August 15. 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 \$65 for adults, \$57.50 for children 5-11.

Orchard Harvest: (Escorted Tour) July 24 & September 18.

Country farms, picturesque villages and wineries define eastern Long Island's North Fork. You'll experience all three during your harvest time tour of this scenic region. At our first stop, Wickham's Fruit Farm, enjoy a guided tour of the orchard on a hayride. Pick your own fruits of the season and take them home; included in the price. You may also want to purchase delicious homemade items including donuts and pies. Our next stop is Duckwalk Vineyards North, where you'll get five tastings of some of the best local wines available. All included in the price. Our last stop is at the seaport village of Greenport. Purchase a late lunch at one of several excellent restaurants. Then enjoy some of the many points of interest, including the East End Seaport Maritime Museum, or the 1920's restored carousel. If you would like to stay, there is a train leaving Greenport Station at 6:11 pm. The package, which includes a North Fork Deals Coupon, costs \$49 for adults, \$35 for children 5-11.

Splish Splash: (Special Non-escorted Package) Weekends from June 5; Daily June 21-Sept 6. Located in Riverhead on more than 90 acres, Splish Splash is metro New York's largest family water park. Voted one of America's top 5 water parks by the Travel Channel, Splish Splash features one-of-a-kind water rides like the Dragon's Den, the Hollywood Stunt Rider, and Alien Invasion. Enjoy their latest addition, Dr. Van Dark's "Tunnel of Terror" Splish

Splash has 19 water slides, a wave pool, a 1300' long Lazy River, kiddie areas and more. Two gift shops and a large food court are also on site. Package includes discounted round-trip rail to/from Ronkonkoma Station, connecting shuttle bus, and up to a 27% savings on park admission. The cost is \$60 for adults, \$46.50 for children 4-11.

Tickets for the Long Island Getaways (escorted and non-escorted) can be purchased in advance at the LIRR's blue, green or gray ticket machines. All machines accept credit and debit cards; gray and green machines also accept cash. Select "Deals & Getaways" then " Long Island Getaways" followed by the tour or package of your choice. Escorted tour tickets can be purchased up to midnight on Thursday of the week of the tour; package tickets are available on valid dates. LIRR ticket offices accept cash, credit and debit cards or personal checks. Escorted tour 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; package tickets are available on valid dates. Please consult our website, www.mta.info/lirr for updated information, or call the LIRR's Travel Information Center at 718-217-LIRR, 516-822-LIRR or 631-231-LIRR to confirm escorted tour status. Copies of the 2010 Long Island Getaways brochures will be available at stations later this month.