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SUMMERTIME – AND THE LIVING IS EASY WHEN YOU LET MTA LIRR TRANSPORT YOU TO LONG ISLAND'S EAST END

All Aboard the Cannonball Express to Hamptons & Montauk; Check Out New Discount Packages to Beautiful North Fork Villages --- The LIRR Is the Greenest Way to Get Out East

Temperatures are rising and the East End of Long Island is already beckoning New Yorkers with its spectacular ocean beaches, fantastic fishing, sprawling vineyards, exhilarating nightlife and countless cultural treasures.

Every summer for over a century, the LIRR has added extra trains to whisk fun-bound customers away to the East End's beautiful resort communities. Whether your destination is the Hamptons or Montauk on the South Fork or such North Fork favorites as Mattituck and Greenport, the Long Island Rail Road is dedicated to making your journey comfortable and convenient, while you save time, money and energy getting there. It's the greenest way to go.

During Summer 2010, the Railroad's special service to the East End includes:

Hamptons Reserve Service: The Cannonball

Take The Cannonball, the LIRR's premier Friday afternoon express train to the Hamptons and Montauk and take advantage of its special Hamptons Reserve Service. For \$34.75 you get a reserved seat in our bi-level air-conditioned coaches with ergonomic two-by-two seating on a train that speeds out east (Westhampton is the first stop) in time for you to make Happy Hour. Reservations guarantee your seat and our courteous attendants serve beverages and snacks.

To make reservations online, go to www.mta.info/lirr and click on Hamptons Service. Online reservations are accepted beginning the Wednesday prior to the week you plan to travel, through midnight the day before your trip. A confirming e-mail will be sent either providing your seat number or indicating that you have been placed on a waiting list.

Telephone reservations can be made beginning each Monday for travel during the same week. Hamptons Reserve representatives are available Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to Noon and 1 to 3 PM, and Fridays, 9 AM to Noon. The reservation phone number is 718-558-8070.

Be advised that reservations for this popular service normally sell out early in the week. A waiting list is taken in the order of calls received. If seats become available through cancellations, they will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

The Cannonball departs Hunterspoint Avenue Station (just a hop from Grand Central Terminal on the #7 subway) every Friday at 4:06 PM with stops at Jamaica (4:25 PM), Westhampton (5:41 PM), Southampton (6:03 PM) Bridgehampton (6:13 PM), East Hampton (6:25 PM) and Montauk (6:48 PM). From Penn Station a special connecting Montauk train departs at 3:58 PM. Please walk to the middle of the train for a smooth transition to a seat on the Cannonball at Jamaica. A connecting train also departs Atlantic Terminal in Brooklyn 3:56 PM for transfer to the Cannonball at Jamaica. Non-reserved seating on the Cannonball is available at the regular ticket price.

Montauk Branch Service:

Regular service to the Hamptons is available on the LIRR's Montauk Branch. Train schedules by station or branch are available on line at www.mta.info/lirr. You can also obtain convenient pocket-sized schedules for your particular station at Penn Station or at Hamptons stations.

In addition to the Cannonball and the regular schedule of Montauk-bound trains, the LIRR offers the following Friday-only service to the Hamptons and Montauk beginning May 28.

- The 1:57 PM train from Hunterspoint Avenue (connecting at Jamaica with the 1:50 PM train from Penn Station), arriving Montauk at 4:45 PM
- The 5:09 PM train from Penn Station (connecting at Jamaica with the 4:59 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 at Montauk at 10:10 PM.

The regular one-way fare to the Hamptons (Zone 14) is \$16.75 off-peak and \$23.00 for peak trains from New York City. Customers should buy tickets before boarding, since the on-board fare is \$23.00 off-peak and \$29.00 for peak travel. To save time, customers are also advised to purchase round-trip tickets in advance. You can save 15% percent off the regular price of 10 individual off-peak one-way fares by purchasing our Off-Peak Ten-Trip ticket. This ticket is good for one year and is also transferable, so you can share it with friends.

Greenport Branch Service

Regular daily and weekend train service to the North Fork villages of Riverhead, Mattituck, Southold and Greenport offer a relaxed, scenic escape to hamlets that together comprise a world-class wine region. Sample the fruits of the area on a wine tour, enjoy the shops, restaurants, and attractions. Extend your stay at one of the cozy Bed & Breakfasts or hotels. Trains depart Penn Station twice each weekday for Greenport and twice on Saturday and Sunday. Starting Friday, May 28, and for each Friday through October 8, the 3:55 PM train from Penn Station (connecting at Jamaica with the 3:56 PM from Atlantic Terminal) with a change of trains at Ronkonkoma, operates to Greenport, arriving at 6:45 PM.

New North Fork Villages Package

Beginning June 1, the LIRR is offering a special ticket package that will allow you to tour the beautiful, New England-style villages of the North Fork. The package includes off-peak round-trip rail to and returning from Riverhead, Mattituck, Southold or Greenport, and a LIRR North Fork Deals Coupon Book good for discounts or special offers from over 30 participating merchants. The cost from New York City is \$34 for adults and \$23 for seniors 65 and older. Visit our website to see the price from your station. Special events include: the LI Wine & Food Festival: June 25-27; 33rd Annual Mattituck Street Fair: July 10; Riverhead Polishtown Street Fair & Polka Festival: August 21-23; and the Greenport Maritime Festival: September 24-26.

Children's Tickets for the North Fork Villages Package

Up to four children ages 5-11 can travel per adult with the LIRR Family fare (\$1.50 roundtrip before boarding; \$2 onboard trains). At gray or blue ticket machines, after you purchase the package, on the "Ready to Pay" screen select: "Buy More Tickets" >"Round Trip"> select stations> "Off Peak Round Trip", and select number of children's tickets.

For additional information customers can contact the LIRR's 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 718-558-3022. Customers may also consult the LIRR's website at www.mta.info/lirr.