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LIRR Announces 2011 New York City Getaway Packages

Four New NYC Attractions Are Added to List of Ever-Popular Deals and Discounts

MTA Long Island Rail Road has released details on its offerings of 2011 New York City getaways, which is now expanded with four new special deals and discounts. With discounts to seven perennial attractions, six great tours, five special events, and a shopping extravaganza, savvy LIRR customers will be able to enjoy even more of New York City's world-renowned attractions and events throughout the year.

This year's line-up includes these four great new travel and discount packages.

Pompeii - The Exhibit - Opens March 4 the Discovery Times Square Exposition, 226 West 44th Street between 7th & 8th Avenues: Experience Pompeii before and after the epic eruption 2,000 years ago. Imagine the moment their world vanished and discover 250 miraculous artifacts unearthed since. Witness the life and death of those frozen in time by ash - featuring the largest collection of body casts ever presented. And see a brand-new, immersive movie experience depicting a timelapsed representation starting from the moment of Mount Vesuvius' massive explosion.

18th Original GLBT Expo - March 12-13 at the Javits Center: The 18th Original GLBT Expo is the world's oldest and largest business / entertainment / lifestyle event for the gay community. Exhibitors include the Rainbow Wedding Network, the largest Gay Wedding Expo in the nation, and Passport Magazine's Travel Expo, where attendees can discover exotic Gay-Friendly destinations. And the Expo is packed with special events, including New York's Top Gay Chef Contest, the Gay Professionals "Meet & Greet" Wine Tasting and Pairing event, the Gay Film Festival and more.

New York Comic Con - October 14-16 at the Javits Center: The East Coast's biggest and most exciting popular culture convention. Our show floor plays host to the latest and greatest in comics, graphic novels, anime, manga, video games, toys, movies, and television. Our panels and autograph sessions give fans a chance to interact with their favorite creators. Our screening rooms feature sneak peeks at films and television shows months before they hit either big or small screens.

Food on Foot Tours: Travel the world within New York City's five boroughs. To experience a culture, you must experience their cuisine. Since New York is the melting pot of the world, its vast array of cuisines is its shared culture. You'll see the neighborhoods where New Yorkers live and eat. You'll share a passion for all things New York and you'll travel the way New Yorkers do, by subway and foot. You'll take in the city in a relaxed manner while getting to know others from around the world. Bring your appetite.

In addition, the LIRR will continue to offer these ever-popular packages:

Attractions

American Museum of Natural History's **Rose Center for Earth and Space:** Travel from the outer reaches of the universe to the inner workings of the Earth, and on to an exploration of the range of life and cultures on our planet. Now featuring a new exhibition allowing you to explore the human brain!

Blood Manor: A first-class haunted attraction in Chelsea with themed rooms, corridors, and a labyrinth of passageways designed to maximize your fears!

Empire Adventure: Visit the iconic 86th floor observation deck of the Empire State Building, but first, go on NY SKYRIDE, a thrilling Imax-style virtual air tour of the city.

Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum: This former U.S. Navy warship, with 30 restored aircraft, former USS Growler submarine and Concorde, offers a snapshot of heroism and education and dynamic adventure for visitors of all ages.

Madame Tussauds New York: Get up close and personal with over 200 life-like celebrities from the worlds of film, TV, history, politics, music and sports. And don't forget Madame Tussauds new Cinema 4D Theater.

Ripley's Believe It or Not: An amazing collection of artifacts and exhibits proves that fact is indeed stranger than fiction. Ripley's provides the ultimate insight into the world of the odd and bizarre.

Top of the Rock: The most spectacular unobstructed views from the heart of midtown Manhattan, available from the 70th floor Observation Deck of 30 Rockefeller Plaza.

Events

2011 New York Times Travel Show - Feb. 25-27 at the Javits Center: Take the train to Greece? It's possible with this special package. With over 500 exhibitors from more than 150 countries, you have your choice of destinations to explore!

2011 New York International Auto Show - April 22-May 1 at the Javits Center: Sneak peeks at some of the hottest cars and trucks ever displayed under one roof.

Shopping, Fun and Tours

Macys VIP Shopping: The world's largest department store, Macy's at Herald Square, is a shopping empire with selling space spread over 10 1/2 floors occupying an entire city block. Your VIP shopping package will entitle you to a 10% discount off almost everything in this store!

Circle Line 2-Hour Semi-Circle Cruise: Experience the highlights of Midtown and the Lower Manhattan Financial District during this two hour narrated sail around Manhattan. Or, bask in the glow of the setting sun and be dazzled by the City's glistening lights as you watch the rising moon on the two-hour Harbor Lights Cruise.

Gray Line Sightseeing: Explore various neighborhoods in Manhattan or Brooklyn on Gray Line's hop-on, hop-off double-decker buses. Spend as much time as you like at one stop, re-board a bus and continue on to the next neighborhood.

NBC Studio Tour: Go behind the scenes of the network's New York operations. Visit the sets of shows such as "Saturday Night Live" and "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon, the "Today" Show, and learn how they are broadcast.

The Beast - May 1-Sept. 30: New York's very own speed boat thrill ride. Mad Dog, your daring captain, will take you for a wet 'n' wild ride through New York harbor. Hold onto your hat!

Uncle Sam's New York Tours: A social, interactive experience and a chance to meet new people from across the world on walking tours from all around town.

Customers can learn more by picking up a brochure at Penn Station and other LIRR stations, or by visiting the LIRR website and clicking on "Deals & Getaways" and then "New York City Getaways."

Tickets for the New York Getaways can be purchased at the LIRR's blue, green or gray ticket machines or ticket offices. All machines accept credit and debit cards; gray and green machines also accept cash. Select "Deals & Getaways" then "NYC Getaways" followed by the tour or package of your choice. Ticket offices accept cash, credit and debit cards or personal checks. For more information, customers can contact Travel Information at 718-217-5477 (718-217-LIRR). If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 718-217-5477.