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### MTA Long Island Rail Road's 'NYC Getaways' Are Your Ticket to Summer Fun

#### *4 New Bargains Top LIRR's Line-Up of Discount Excursion*

No one gets you into New York City for a day or evening of summer excitement for a better price than MTA Long Island Rail Road. And the nation's busiest commuter railroad is proud to announce that it is now offering discount travel packages to over 20 different New York City destinations throughout the summer.

This summer's list of [NYC Getaways](#) is topped by two new New York Harbor cruises aboard the stylish yacht [Zephyr](#); city cycling with [Bike and Roll NYC](#), America's premier bicycle rental and tour company; and the ultimate virtual tour of the great metropolis from the comfort of a luxury tour bus for [The Ride](#).

Long Islanders will want to make their reservations as soon as possible whether they buy their tickets at their local station ticket window or ticket vending machines.

#### **ZEPHER Happy Hour Cruise (Thursdays/Fridays thru Oct. 7, 2011)**

Save big – up to 43% - on the cost of round trip rail fare and a Happy Hour (and a half) cruise around New York Harbor aboard the luxury yacht ZEPHYR. That's 90 minutes with a live DJ, drink specials, and promotional giveaways on a one-of-a-kind trip offering spectacular views of New York City from the comfort of multiple climate-controlled decks. You will glide past many legendary landmarks, including the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, the Chrysler Building and the Brooklyn Bridge. This trip is for adults 21 and over with valid ID.

Adults \$35.25: Includes LIRR discounted round-trip rail fare and Happy Hour on the Harbor Cruise discounted admission

Reservations are required before purchasing LIRR package tickets, call 212-809-0808, ext. 0 or email [reservations@nywt.com](mailto:reservations@nywt.com) to confirm your reservations. Ship departs from Pier 16 in the historic South Street Seaport in lower Manhattan. Boarding is at 6 PM sharp and the ship sails 6:30 - 8 PM. Seniors 65 and over should check current regular admission and rail fare and compare with package price.

#### **ZEPHYR Seaport Music Cruise (Saturdays through Oct. 8 2011)**

Dance the night away for two hours on a large dance floor, as ZEPHYR's resident DJ spins your favorite club mixes and rotating theme music nights. This dance cruise aboard ZEPHYR offers 2 cash bars with beer and drink specials. This cruise along the Harbor is guaranteed to get you moving. This trip is for adults 21 and over with valid ID.

Adults \$35.25: Includes LIRR discounted round-trip rail fare and Seaport Music Cruise discounted admission, a savings of 43%.

Reservations are required before purchasing LIRR package tickets, call 212-809-0808, ext. 0 or email [reservations@nywt.com](mailto:reservations@nywt.com) to confirm your reservations. Ship departs from Pier 16 in the historic South Street Seaport in lower Manhattan. Boarding is at 8:30 PM sharp and the ship sails from 9-11 PM. Seniors 65 and over should check current regular admission and rail fare and compare with package price.

#### **BIKE AND ROLL NYC (Daily thru Nov 13, 2011)**

Take a ride with America's premier bicycle rental and tour company! Explore the urban oasis of beautiful Central Park, ride over the world-famous Brooklyn Bridge, or cruise the car-free greenways of New York Harbor with the Statue of Liberty in the background. Bike and Roll NYC will allow you to experience the Big Apple in a way you will never forget. This offer is valid at two Manhattan locations:

Hudson River Park, Pier 84 at 557 12th Avenue at 43rd Street  
Battery Park, Pier A at 18 Battery Place at West Street

Bike and Roll's summer operating hours through August 31, 2011) are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Pier 84); 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Pier A). Fall hours: September 1- November 13, 2011 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Reservations are necessary. Please call Bike and Roll NYC at 212-260-0400 at least 48 hours ahead of your ride date to confirm reservation and to provide height information. On the day of your ride, bring a photo ID. For more information, visit [www.bikeandroll.com](http://www.bikeandroll.com).

For your safety please wear a helmet when riding and obey the rules of the road at all times. Individuals 18 and under are required by law in most states to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle; and we strongly recommend that all riders wear helmets. Wearing a properly fitted helmet reduces your risk of head injury by 85%.

Adults \$45, Children 5-11: \$26.75: Includes discount round-trip rail fare and discount bike rental; trailer carriages, trailer tandems, and child seats available for children for an additional cost.

**THE RIDE (Daily except the holidays below)**

You've never seen New York quite like this! **THE RIDE** is a new entertainment experience that turns the streets of New York into a stage. And you've got front row seats. The Ride will move you through the city, turning famous NYC landmarks into backdrops as a live show plays out right in front of you. Through advanced audio and video technology, amazing performances, local insider info and non-stop excitement, The Ride will transform the way you see New York. What's part of the show and what's everyday life in the big city? The fun's in figuring it out. So get on and find out for yourself.

For more information, visit [www.experiencetheride.com](http://www.experiencetheride.com), email [info@experiencetheride.com](mailto:info@experiencetheride.com) or call 646-289-5060. Turn-in ticket voucher to The Ride box office at 1535 Broadway at the NY Marriott Marquis (10AM to 8PM daily). It will be exchanged for a timed ticket for boarding the next available The Ride - subject to availability. The Ride departs from 46th and Broadway. The discount package price is \$60 for adults and \$46.50 for children 5-11 and includes discounted round-trip rail fare and The Ride discounted admission. Seniors 65 and over should check current regular admission and rail fare and compare with package price.

**THE RIDE departs as follows - all times are PM:****Through July 3**

Mon - Thurs: 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30

Friday: 2, 3, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9

Saturday: Noon, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9, 10

Sunday: Noon, 1, 2, 3, 4

**July 5 - December 31**

Monday - Thursday: 7, 7:30, 8:30

Friday: 7, 8, 9

Saturday: Noon, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9

Sunday: Noon, 1, 2, 3, 4

**Holiday Exception Dates:**

Monday, July 4 - Independence Day

Monday, September 5 - Labor Day

Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving

Friday, November 25 - Black Friday

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

**Twenty LIRR NYC Getaway Packages In All:**

Don't forget about the Long Island Rail Road's other great NYC Getaway Packages:

**American Museum of Natural History/Rose Center:** Travel from outer reaches of the universe to an exploration of life and culture on our planet.

**Circle Line 2-Hour Semi-Circle Cruise:** Experience the highlights of Midtown and the Lower Manhattan Financial District during a two-hour narrated sail around Manhattan.

**Empire Adventure:** Visit the Empire State Building 86th floor observation deck and take NY SKYRIDE virtual air tour of New York.

**Food on Foot Tours:** Travel the world within New York's five boroughs; experience the culture and the cuisine.

**Gray Line Sightseeing:** Explore various neighborhoods in Manhattan or Brooklyn on Gray Line's hop-on, hop-off double-decker buses.

**Harry Potter™ - The Exhibition:** Get up-close look at artistry and craftsmanship that went into creating iconic props and costumes for the Harry Potter films.

**Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum:** Former U.S. Navy warship with 30 restored aircraft, former USS Growler submarine and a Concorde.

**Macy's VIP Shopping:** Your VIP shopping package will entitle you to a 10% discount off almost everything at Macy's Herald Square, the world's largest department store.

**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.

**NBC Studio Tour:** Go behind the scenes of such shows as "Saturday Night Live," and "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon," and the "Today Show."

**Pompeii – The Exhibit:** Experience the Italian city before and after the epic volcano eruption 2,000 years ago at the Discovery Times Square Exposition.

**Ripley's Believe It or Not:** An amazing collection of artifacts and exhibits proves that fact is indeed stranger than fiction.

**The "Beast":** Through September 30, New York's very own speed boat thrill ride around New York Harbor.

**Top of the Rock:** The most spectacular unobstructed views from the heart of midtown Manhattan, available from the 70th floor observation deck at 30 Rockefeller Plaza.

**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.

**Broadway:** And don't forget to check our packages for Broadway show offers.

Tickets for the New York Getaways can be purchased at the LIRR's blue, green or gray ticket machines or at station ticket offices. All ticket 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, visit our website at [www.mta.info/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr). Click on the Deals & Getaways icon on the right. Customers may also call LIRR 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 the LIRR at 718-217-5477.

