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MTA Long Island Rail Road Offering Extra Trains & Discounted Rail Package to Annual Oyster Festival in Oyster Bay, L.I. this Weekend

Deal Includes Vouchers for Free Oyster Sampler & Free Midway Ride for Kids

MTA Long Island Rail Road has scheduled three extra eastbound trains and three extra westbound trains to accommodate customers heading to the 29th annual Oyster Festival in Oyster Bay, L.I. this Saturday, October 13 and Sunday, October 14. As an official LIRR Long Island Getaways event, customers can purchase a discounted round-trip rail package that includes vouchers for three oysters on the half shell for adults and free admission to the midway ride "The Slide" for children.

The festival, which originated as a hometown parade honoring its most famous resident, U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt, has evolved into the largest outdoor maritime event on Long Island. Every year, more than 200,000 visitors flock to the waterfront in downtown Oyster Bay for the two-day extravaganza, drawn by live entertainment, Tall Ships, top-notch artisans, pirate shows, midway rides, and the iconic oyster eating and shucking contest. There is also the lure of the Food Court, where volunteer chefs and culinary pros work side by side, cooking and serving dozens of unique oyster, clam and other seafood concoctions along with traditional festival fare.

For the event, the LIRR is supplementing its regular weekend schedule to provide hourly service from Jamaica Station to and from Oyster Bay Station. Eastbound, three extra Oyster Bay-bound trains will leave Jamaica Station at 11:52 AM, 1:52 PM and 3:52 PM. Westbound, three extra trains will depart Oyster Bay, the first at 1:17 PM, the second at 3:17 PM and the third at 7:17 PM. Shuttle buses will also be available from the Syosset Station, making the event accessible from the east on the Port Jefferson Branch.

Railroad Plans to Check Tickets at Oyster Bay Station

In order to better accommodate the heavy ridership anticipated for the festival, the LIRR will be checking tickets as customers exit and enter trains at Oyster Bay Station.

One-Day Getaways Package Tickets by Zone

Zone	Stations	Adults	Children (5-11)
1	Penn Station, Atlantic Terminal, Woodside, Kew Gardens, Forest Hills	\$18	\$2.50
3	Jamaica	\$13	\$2.50
4	New Hyde Park, Mineola	\$6	\$2.50
7	Carle Place, Hicksville, Albertson, Locust Valley	\$6	\$2.50
9	Cold Spring Harbor, Northport	\$6	\$2.50
10	Kings Park, Port Jefferson	\$11	\$2.50

To Purchase a Long Island Getaways Package to the Oyster Festival

The LIRR's Long Island Getaways discount packages for the Oyster Festival in Oyster Bay are not sold onboard the train, but may be purchased in advance at any LIRR ticket office or from the gray, green and blue machines ticket machines at LIRR stations. When using a ticket machine, select "Deals & Getaways", then "Long Island Getaways" followed by the tour or package of your choice, in this case the Oyster Festival, listed in alphabetical order.

For More Information:

For schedule information, LIRR customers can pick up a [special Oyster Bay weekend schedule](#) or can find the schedule on the LIRR website www.mta.info/lirr. They can also call 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and say: Long Island Rail Road.

For a full schedule of Oyster Festival events, visit the Oyster Festival website at <http://www.theoysterfestival.org> or call festival organizers at (516) 628-1625