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LIRR Summer Getaways to Long Island - One Day at a Time

New Trips Include a Day of Music, a Day of Wine & a Day that Promises a Bonnie Good Time

MTA Long Island Rail Road is introducing four new Long Island Getaways to its lineup of over 20 escorted and unescorted sightseeing tours, travel packages and deals available through the summer offering discounts galore.

For the first time, LIRR customers can enjoy discounted packages to the Great South Bay Music Festival in Patchogue, the annual Seafood Music Festival in Sayville, the Long Island Wine – Adventures on the North Fork and the Long Island Scottish Festival in Westbury.

So all you have to do is enjoy. From the festivals, cruises, golf course or the beach, we've got you covered and our packages, deals and tours will save you money too.

Introducing four new day trips

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Great South Bay Music Festival Deal(July 13-15): The Great South Bay Music Festival, the largest three day Music, Art and Cultural Festival on Long Island is back! This "Family-Music-Fest" is situated waterside on the majestic Great South Bay on the south shore of Long Island, in Patchogue. From July 13 thru 15, tens of thousands of music lovers will flock to hear over 40 National artists, as well as local rising stars, perform classic & contemporary rock, pop, jam, Dixieland, jazz, country, folk, and blues on four stages.

Seafood & Music Festival (August 25-26): The 21st Annual Seafood, Crafts & Music Festival in Sayville is catering "Long Island Style," which means that the seafood will be the best and freshest anywhere! Eat, stroll through our phenomenal vendors, or just sit and relax to the best variety of rock, folk and maritime music you'll hear. The Long Island Maritime Museum plays host to this event. There will be museum tours, live education workshops, children's activities and more.

LI Wine – Adventures Package (July 21, 29, August 11, 19): Long Island's Wine Country has 40 vineyards, fun-filled festivals and an abundance of things to do. The LIRR has partnered with North Fork Express Bus to get you to some of these exciting locations. Six dates are currently scheduled out at Baiting Hallow Farm Vineyards, where you can enjoy live music, tastings, a food court including their infamous "Merlot Meatball" and a tour of their Horse Rescue. You can also try LI Vodka, right next door. We've set this package to be flexible so stay tuned for other adventures throughout the year. We also welcome groups of 10 or more to plan your itinerary on Long Island's East End.

Long Island Scottish Festival Deal (August 25-26): For more than half a century Long Island's Scottish Community has been gathering to celebrate and further the culture, heritage and traditions of Scotland. They've come together annually for competitions and demonstrations that gladden the heart of every Scot and many a Celt on Long Island. It's one of the Island's oldest ethnic festivals and one of the most colorful with its pageantry, tradition, athletics, entertainment, history and the great American institution of browsing and shopping.

Old Favorites Are Back

Back again are many of the LIRR's favorite one-day getaways, excursions that Long Islanders enjoyed last year.

Bethpage Golf, Polo & Tennis Package(Daily except August 21-26): Play on the course that was home to the 2009 U.S. Open. There are five public courses at Bethpage, including the famous Black Course, ranked third on the Top Ten Golf Courses in the country. Perhaps tennis is your game. Bethpage has hard and clay courts open to the public. And not far away, the park's polo grounds thunder with excitement with matches played every Sunday in June, July, August and September. The Polo is free for all spectators.

Montauk Lighthouse (Escorted **Saturdays: July 21 & Family Fun Day August 18**): Visit the "ultimate" seaside resort community at the tip of Long Island. During your day on the East End, you'll visit three distinct areas: Montauk Village, the Lighthouse, and Gosman's Dock. Stroll through the village, stopping to window-shop or purchase items from the unique stores. For lunch, select from a variety of restaurants, purchase a sandwich, or dig into home-brought food while you relax on the beach. Your visit to the Montauk Point Lighthouse Museum can include a 137-step climb up the spiral staircase in the lighthouse tower, with a spectacular view from the top.

Montauk Village & Golf Package (Daily) 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.

Nautical Mile Package (Daily): Freeport's Nautical Mile can be an interesting date location, a fun place to hang with friends, or a great family trip. Enjoy the four-acre waterfront park, boardwalk, and marina. Sit on a bench at the foot of the mile or play 18-holes at the Crow's Nest Mini Golf course. Take a

cruise, eat, drink and be merry at a host of waterfront restaurants and bars.

North Fork Wine Train Summer Fridays thru Labor Day Weekend: The North Fork of Long Island is the home of some world class vintages produced and sold by local wineries. On summer Fridays, the LIRR will be featuring locally made wines for sale on the 5:21 PM train from Ronkonkoma to Greenport. Among the vineyards whose wines will be featured are Laurel Lake Vineyards in Laurel, Peconic Bay Winery in Cutchogue, Macari Vineyards in Cutchogue and Mattituck, Pindar Vineyards in Peconic, Duck Walk Vineyards in Water Mill, Jason's Vineyard in Jamesport, and Pelligrini Vineyards in Cutchogue.

Oyster Bay Village Package (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays Only June 1 – Sept. 2): Spend an enjoyable day in President Theodore Roosevelt's hometown, and one of the most picturesque and historic areas of the North Shore of Long Island. With its quiet beauty, quaint charms, and pristine waterfront, you'll want to avail yourself of a self-guided walking tour of the village, and/or complimentary use of the Oyster Rides Historic Trolley. The walking tour features attractions such as [Billy Joel's 20th Century Motorcycle Museum](#), [Oyster Bay Railroad Museum](#), [Raynham Hall Museum](#), [Oyster Bay Historical Society's Wightman House](#) and many others.

Splish Splash Package(Weekends from June 2; daily from June 18 thru Sept. 13): 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 TravelChannel, Splish Splash features one-of-a-kind water rides like the Dragon's Den, the Hollywood Stunt Rider, Alien Invasion, Dr. VonDark's Tunnel of Terror and the new Kahuna Bay Wavepool, featuring boogie boarding! Splish Splash has 19 water slides, 2 wavepools, a 1300' long Lazy River, kiddie areas and more.

Sunday Brunch Cruise Escorted Tour **Sundays: July 22 & August 12.** Come aboard the Lauren Kristy, and join us for a beautiful cruise on the Great South Bay, with great views of Fire Island and the South Shore of Long Island. A tasty buffet brunch will be served as we sail toward West Sayville.

Tanger Deer Park Package(Daily): Outlet shopping is fun for the family. With a collection of the most popular upscale brands and designer name stores, along with restaurants, cafes and a 16-screen theater, Tanger Outlets at the Arches is a premier shopping and entertainment destination.

For More Information

For additional information and a copy of the [Long Island Getaways brochure](#) customers can contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and say: Long Island Rail Road. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider for the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511. Customers can also consult the [LIRR's website](#) at www.mta.info/lirr for [schedule information](#) and the ["Deals & Getaways"](#) section for details.