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MTA LIRR Launches Special Summer Service to Hamptons, Montauk & Greenport

Weekend Service to Greenport & North Fork Resuming

The MTA Long Island Rail Road is ramping up its summer service to Long Island's East End with the start of the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Whether your destination is the Hamptons or Montauk Point on the South Fork or such North Fork destinations as Mattituck and Greenport, the LIRR is dedicated to making the journey convenient and comfortable, while you save time, money and energy getting there.

The LIRR's Summer Season gets underway Friday, May 25 with the following service enhancements.

Hamptons Reserve Service Aboard Cannonball Express (Fridays Only)

If your destination is the Hamptons and Montauk, the LIRR's Hamptons Reserve Service aboard the Cannonball is the fast and hassle free way to go. For \$37 before boarding (\$43 when you pay onboard), you get a one-way reserved seat in a bi-level air-conditioned coach car with ergonomic two-by-two seating on a train that speeds 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. The \$37 price includes a one-way off-peak rail ticket for \$18.25 and a Hamptons Reserve seat charge of \$18.75.

The Cannonball departs on Fridays at 4:06 PM from Hunterspoint Ave. (just a hop from Grand Central Terminal via the 7 subway), connecting at Jamaica Station with trains leaving Penn Station at 3:58 PM and Atlantic Terminal at 3:56 PM. The Cannonball travels express to Westhampton and then stops at Hampton Bays, Southampton, Bridgehampton, East Hampton, Amagansett and Montauk, making the entire trip in about 2 hours and 45 minutes. Customers traveling to Amagansett are advised to sit in the third car from the rear of the train, directly in front of the reserved cars --only this car will platform at Amagansett Station.

To make a reservation online for [Hamptons Reserve Service](#), go to www.mta.info/lirr and click on "Deals & Getaways," and then "Hamptons Service." [Online reservations](#), which require credit card guarantee, are accepted beginning the Wednesday prior to the week you plan to travel through midnight the day before your trip. The LIRR will confirm your reservation by email and give you an assigned seat number or indicate that you have been placed on a waiting list. [Seasonal reservations](#) can also be made for the Hamptons Reserve service.

Customers not canceling by noon on Thursday will be charged \$18.75 for the seat.

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. To make a reservation by phone simply call 511, say "LIRR," then say "More Options" and then say "Hamptons Reserve."

Coach seats on the Cannonball do not require a reservation.

In addition to the Cannonball and the regular schedule of Montauk trains, the LIRR is providing the following extra summer service to the Hamptons and Montauk.

Friday Only Eastbound Trains (May 25 – October 5, 2012)

- The 1:49 PM train from Hunterspoint Avenue (connecting at Jamaica with the 1:43 PM train from Penn Station), arriving Montauk at 4:45 PM.
- The 4:30 PM train from Hunterspoint Avenue (connecting at Jamaica with the 4:24 PM train from Penn Station), arriving Montauk at 7:35 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 from Penn Station and the 6:41 PM train from Hunterspoint Avenue), arriving Montauk at 10:10 PM.

Sunday Only Westbound Trains (May 28 – October 7, 2012)

- The 1:23 PM train from Montauk, arriving at Penn Station at 4:37 PM.
- The 6:35 PM train from Montauk, arriving at Penn Station at 9:37 PM.
- The 8:34 PM train from Montauk, arriving at Penn Station at 11:37 PM.

(These trains will not operate Sunday, September 2)

Monday Only Train (June 4 – October 8, 2012)

- The 7:01 AM train from Montauk, arriving at Penn Station at 10:05 AM.

Because of the extended Labor Day weekend, this train will NOT operate on Monday, September 3. It will instead run on Tuesday, September 4. This train will also run on Tuesday, May 29, and Thursday, July 5.

The fares to the Hamptons (Zone 14), are \$18.25 off-peak and \$25 peak when you purchase your ticket before boarding. On board fares are \$24 off-peak and \$31 peak.

Greenport Weekend Service Restored (May 26-October 7, 2012)

In addition to the regular daily train service to and from Greenport, the LIRR is resuming weekend service for the summer season, beginning May 26 and running through October 7, with two eastbound trains and two westbound trains each day. That means easy access to the North Fork town of Riverhead and villages of Mattituck, Southold and Greenport, an area that offers a relaxed, scenic escape to hamlets that together comprise a world-class wine region.

Weekdays:

Trains depart Penn Station twice Monday thru Thursday (at 9:14 AM and 5:41 PM) and three times on Friday (with the addition of the 3:55 PM Penn Station departure) for Greenport. Due to seasonal track work midday weekdays, bus service is being substituted for train service on the Ronkonkoma Branch. Customers should pick up a copy of the LIRR's [May 14 Ronkonkoma Branch timetable](#) at stations or visit the LIRR's website at www.mta.info/lirr.

Weekends:

Trains depart Penn Station twice on Saturday and Sunday (at 9:15 AM and 2:15 PM, arriving Greenport at 12:05 PM and 5:05 PM, respectively).

North Fork Wine Train

Starting Friday, May 25 and continuing each Friday through October 5, the 3:55 PM train from Penn Station (connecting at Jamaica with trains from Hunterspoint and Atlantic Terminal) with a change of trains at Ronkonkoma, operates to Greenport, arriving at 6:45 PM. The train from Ronkonkoma to Greenport is the LIRR's North Fork Wine train – back by popular demand. Each Friday during the summer season, red and white wine from the Long Island wine region is offered for purchase, by the glass, on the Wine Train. New this year, full bar service will also be available on this train for customers who wish to purchase beverages other than wine.

Ticket Info

LIRR's one way/round trip tickets are valid for 14 days from date of sale; ten trip tickets are valid for 6 months. Tickets are refundable within 30 days from date of sale, subject to a \$10 processing fee. The LIRR suggests customers traveling to the East End, purchase ten trip tickets to save time and share with friend. Our off-peak ten trip ticket offers a savings of 15%.

For additional schedule information, 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.