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### Railroad Offering Money-Saving Getaways to World-Class Beaches Here on Long Island

*Destinations Include Long Beach, Jones Beach & Fire Island*

#### Come Back to Long Beach - New LIRR Discount Package

From New York & Brooklyn: \$22/ From Jamaica Station: \$18.75

Long Beach's beautiful oceanfront beckons once again and the city is eager to serve the hundreds thousands of visitors who annually make the barrier island their destination of choice.

The LIRR has teamed up with the city to create a Getaway Package that offers a 26% discount off the regular cost of train fare and beach admission, plus valuable merchant discounts and free rides on the City of Long Beach's shuttle bus and trolley loop to Long Beach's West End, home to many great restaurants. Enjoy the ambiance of a seaside resort, just a short train ride from Penn Station, Brooklyn or Jamaica. Just a few blocks from the LIRR's Long Beach Station, Long Beach offers unsurpassed ocean swimming, summer concerts and arts festivals. Hourly service is available from Penn Station, Brooklyn and Jamaica.

#### Jones Beach and the Jones Beach Theater

Package Price from New York & Brooklyn: \$18.75/ From Jamaica: \$15.25

The most renowned of all Long Island State parks, Jones Beach features one of the world's finest beaches, refreshing ocean surf, swimming pools and the waterfront entertainment venue, the Jones Beach Theater. The LIRR Jones Beach Getways Package includes discounted one-day, round-trip rail to Freeport Station and NICE N88 bus transportation to the East or West Bathhouses or Jones Beach's Centre Mall. Train service is available about every half hour. Connecting NICE buses leave Freeport starting every 30 minutes from 8:35 AM to 6:35 PM, the last bus leaves at 7:35 PM. From Jones Beach service will run every 30 minutes from 9 AM to 7 PM, the last bus is at 8 PM. LIRR customers can also save by using the LIRR Jones Beach Package to get to the famed Jones Beach Theatre. Bus service is available before and following each event and Jones Beach Theatre is again offering the hottest superstar musical acts.

#### Robert Moses State Park

Package Price from New York & Brooklyn: \$23/ From Jamaica: \$18

Take the LIRR to Babylon Station and walk downstairs for the S-47 Suffolk Bus. Located on the western tip of Fire Island, Robert Moses State Park offers world-class sand and surf in a casual, less-crowded atmosphere. The Park has five miles of ocean beach, picnic areas and an 18-hole pitch & putt golf course.

#### Captree Fishing

Package Price from New York & Brooklyn: \$47 Adults and \$30 for Children 5-11

Take the LIRR to Babylon Station and walk downstairs for the S-47 Suffolk County Transit Bus. Fish for the big one on the Great South Bay. Captree is a fisherman's haven and a picnicker's delight, so pack a lunch and enjoy a day of fishing while taking in the beautiful views. And no need to bring fishing gear, it's all included.

#### The World Famous Fire Island Beaches

The LIRR offers special packages to ten Fire Island beach locations. Fire Island provides an opportunity to leave the car behind and enjoy miles of boardwalk, trails and pristine beaches.

#### KISMET/FIRE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE:

Package Price from New York & Brooklyn \$36.75/ from Jamaica \$36.25/ Kids 5-11: \$20

Take the LIRR to Bay Shore Station and board a David Brothers Taxi to the Fire Island Ferries. Intensely informal, carefree and easygoing, Kismet is known as a great community with something for everyone. Amenities include a couple of full service restaurants, two public tennis courts, a basketball

court, and playground area. Just a half-mile from the beach is the 150 year-old-plus Fire Island Lighthouse. General admission to the Lighthouse is included.

#### **OCEAN BEACH:**

Package Price from New York & Brooklyn: \$32.75/ from Jamaica: \$32.25. Kids 5-11: \$16

Take the LIRR to Bay Shore Station and board a David Brothers Taxi to the Fire Island Ferries. Home to over a dozen restaurants, hotels, and endless attractions such as sidewalk sales, live bands, and innumerable shops and boutiques, Ocean Beach is truly the 'cosmopolitan' center of Fire Island. For the ultimate seafood experience by the water, or to just unwind and take in the charming atmosphere, Ocean Beach has it all and it's a great family destination.

#### **OCEAN BAY PARK**

Package Price from New York & Brooklyn: \$32.75/ from Jamaica \$32.25/ Kids 5-11: \$16

Take the LIRR to Bay Shore Station and board a David Brothers Taxi to the Fire Island Ferries. One of the most relaxed of the Fire Island communities, Ocean Bay Park has a mix of families and singles. Bay-front dining is found at two of four restaurants. There is also a grocery, two pizzerias and a bagel shop.

#### **CHERRY GROVE**

Package Price from New York & Brooklyn: \$32.75/ from Jamaica \$32.25

Take the LIRR to Sayville Station and board a Colonial Taxi to the Sayville Ferry. Time has no meaning on Fire Island. You'll think you've entered a different world. Lie on the beach, and let yourself go. Push your toes through the warm sand. Relax, dine and dance, and indulge yourself. The shops and restaurants are all brilliantly colored and built on multi-levels, so you can find something for everyone.

#### **FIRE ISLAND PINES**

Package Price from New York & Brooklyn: \$32.75/ from Jamaica \$32.25

Take the LIRR to Sayville Station and board a Colonial Taxi to the Sayville Ferry. "The Pines" named for the beautiful wind-sculpted pine trees, is an architectural paradise and the largest community on the Island. When you approach from the bay side, you are reminded of Monte Carlo or the South of France. Colorful umbrella-spiked tables on the terraces of bars & restaurants form the picturesque harbor.

#### **SUNKEN FOREST AT SAILORS' HAVEN**

Package Price from New York & Brooklyn: \$30.75/ from Jamaica \$30.25/ Kids 5-11: \$17

Take the LIRR to Sayville Station and board a Colonial Taxi to the Sayville Ferry. Sailor's Haven, considered the crown jewel of the Fire Island National Seashore, and is home to the Sunken Forest. Sunbathe on a pristine ocean beach or take a walk on the beautiful 1.5 mile nature trail through Sunken Forest – an enchanting 300 year-old primeval holly forest situated below the primary dune. Guided tours of the forest are provided by the Fire Island National Park Service.

#### **DAVIS PARK**

Package Price from New York & Brooklyn: \$36/ from Jamaica \$35.50/ Kids 5-11: \$26

Take the LIRR to Patchogue Station, and board Lindy's Taxi to the Davis Park Ferry. On one end, a huge boat-filled marina, on the other magnificent ocean waves form this community's great landscape. After swimming, walking or sunbathing on the beach, enjoy the local popular restaurant and bar, with live music and dancing on the weekends.

#### **WATCH HILL**

Package Price from New York & Brooklyn: \$30.25/ from Jamaica \$24.25/ Kids 5-11: \$16

Take the LIRR to Patchogue Station. Watch Hill Ferry terminal is a short walk west on Division St., then south on West Ave... Lounge in the sun on a peaceful beach on secluded shores or walk the nature trails.

#### **Beach Getaway Tickets**

Beach package tickets may be purchased at gray, green or blue ticket machines and at open ticket offices. All ticket machines accept credit and debit cards; gray and green machines also accept cash. Select "Deals & Getaways," then "Beach Getaways" followed by the package of your choice. Open ticket offices accept cash, personal checks, credit and debit cards. Rail tickets are valid for 60 days from date of sale and refundable for 60 days - subject to \$10 refund processing fee. Admission tickets are only valid on dates indicated for each package. Fire Island package tickets that include ferry/taxi must be used on the same day and are not valid after 5:30 PM on Fridays. Customers are advised to check ferry and connecting train information prior to their trip.

#### **For Additional Information**

Customers can pick up a copy of the LIRR's 2013 Beach Getaways Brochure at terminals and stations or online at [www.mta.info/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr). They can also contact the LIRR's Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and saying: 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. For a schedule of ferry departure times call Fire Island Ferries at 631-665-3600 or visit [fireislandferries.com](http://fireislandferries.com).