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Metro-North's Staycation Showcase Getaway Day, Wednesday May 14th in Grand Central

Featuring I Love NY's Path Through History

Find the hottest Summer Getaways in New York City, the Hudson Valley, Connecticut and beyond at Metro-North Railroad's "Staycation" Showcase on Wednesday, May 14, at Grand Central Terminal from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Representatives from some of the best places in the region will be on hand to remind you of the abundance of possibilities close to home from Empire City Casino to the New York Botanical Garden to Walkway Over the Hudson.

"New York State has so much to offer in terms of its cultural richness, agriculture and history. Metro-North provides a convenient way to get to these wonderful attractions and let customers enjoy a vacation right in their own backyard," said Metro-North Railroad President Joseph J. Giulietti.

This year the showcase will appeal to history buffs with live performances and varied exhibits and displays by partners from I Love NY's Path Through History program. Re-enactors and a cultural educator will bring to life activity at historic sites around New York State. The re-enactors, in full field regalia, will help promote Path Through History Weekends, – weekend events happening at historically and culturally significant sites and locations throughout the Empire State, June 7-8 and 14-15. Residents and visitors alike can utilize Metro-North in conjunction with nearby car rental options at their station stop to visit the Path Through History sites along the rail line.

In addition to Path Through History exhibitions and re-enactors, the "Staycation" showcase also will feature tasting and sampling of the bounty of the Hudson Valley, live music presented by MTA Music Under New York, getaway prize drawings from Metro-North's exciting line-up of hospitality and tourist attraction partners.

Staycations are easy to get to and offer tons of fun for friends and families.

Exhibitors include:

Westchester County Tourism

Empire City Casino

New York Botanical Garden

Rye Playland

FunFuzion @ New Roc City

Scenic Hudson

Delamar Greenwich Hotel

Bannerman Castle Trust

Shoreline Chamber of Commerce

Courtyard by Marriott, Stamford Downtown

Visit New Haven

City of Milford

New Haven Fairfield Inn by Marriott Hotels

Mohegan Sun

Hilton Stamford Hotel

Madame Tussauds

Hudson Valley Bounty

Taste NY

Long Island Rail Road Getaways

Walkway Over the Hudson

Clinton Crossing Premium Outlets

Connecticut Convention & Sports Bureau

Path Through History site representation include:

- Cradle of Aviation Museum
- Baseball Hall of Fame
- Fort Ticonderoga
- Fort Ontario State Historic Site
- NYS Parks Regional Representatives
- The Museum at Bethel Woods
- Gold Coast Mansions
- Perry Ground, Turtle Clan member of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy
- Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site
- Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site
- Brooklyn Beyond, representing Wyckoff Family Farmhouse, Old Stone House, Lefferts Historic House, BLDG 92 at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Transit Museum, Weeksville Heritage Center, Green-Wood Cemetery & Brooklyn Historical Society

For more information on Metro-North Getaways, visit mta.info/mnr

About Path Through History

Path Through History highlights historically and culturally significant sites and events throughout New York State. The program, introduced by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, builds on New York's already robust heritage tourism attractions. The initiative is currently focused on 13 themes including: Arts & Culture, Natural History, U.S. Presidents, Women's Rights, Canals & Transportation, Civil Rights, Colonial History, Immigration, Innovation & Commerce, The Revolutionary War, Native American Heritage, Sports History and the War of 1812. Important heritage sites and events across the state were selected with input from leading historians. For more information, visit www.iloveny.com/paththroughhistory.

Music Under New York Path Through History Line-Up

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 a.m.

Muhamadou Salieu Suso, Gambian kora

Born into a West African Gambian family of Mandinka griots extending back nearly 1,000 years, Muhamadou continues the tradition performing throughout Africa and Europe. He is the leader of the Jaliya Kafo music ensemble and in the nation's rapidly growing African music scene. salieususo.fourfour.com

12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Prize Raffle Drawing

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fort Ticonderoga Re-enactment

Region: North Country

Activity interpretation at the Fort during the 1777 time period

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Fort Ontario State Historic Site, re-enactor

Region: Central New York

A costumed performer from Fort Ontario State Historic Site will perform a cappella renditions of period patriotic music, poetry, and provide a woman's perspective of a local village life on the northern frontier.

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Mark Twain

Region: Southern Tier

Hear Mark Twain's own words as he comments on his own childhood and life experiences, as well as religion and politics. Hilarious, thought-provoking and surprisingly relevant over a century later! "You've probably noticed that the human race is a curiosity..."

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Prize Raffle Drawing

2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Marian Pidvirny, violin

Born Lviv, Ukraine, he learned to play violin on his grandfather's knee. He studied with Matis Vaytsner at the Music Academy of Lviv and toured with his orchestra all over the US. In 1996 Marian joined Music Under New York and has played in numerous weddings and social gatherings.

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Susan B. Anthony

Region: Finger Lakes

A spoken performance by Susan B. Anthony, the most widely known suffragist and icon of the woman's suffrage movement.

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Annie Edison Taylor, "Woman in a Barrel"

Region: Western New York

Annie Edison Taylor has been a legend of Niagara Falls since 1901 when she became the first person to go over the Falls in a Barrel. Annie will retell her story at Metro-North's Getaway Day as she has to countless thousands of visitors to Niagara Falls - from every corner of the world, and across North America.

4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Civil Rights

Region: Capital-Region

Solomon Northrup

An interpretation of Solomon Northrup and Twelve Years a Slave. The performance will delve into the history of slavery, the condition of the America of his time, the reason for Solomon Northrup's enslavement and his time after he regained his freedom.

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

U.S. Presidents

Region: Mid-Hudson

George Washington and FDR will provide a 10-minute stage spoken word performance each

Attractions Highlighted:

- Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site, Newburgh, NY
- Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site Hyde Park, NY

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Iroquois Performance by Perry Ground

He is a Turtle Clan member of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy

Region: Mohawk Valley

Mr. Ground will perform dynamic and interactive Native American storytelling and educate about Haudenosaunee culture and regalia. He has been telling stories for over 15 years as a means of educating people about the culture, beliefs, and history of the Haudenosaunee. Ground learned most of the stories he shares from the elders of various Native American communities and feels that practicing and perpetuating the oral traditions of Native people is an important responsibility.

5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Prize Raffle Drawing

5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Leonel Lorador, guitar

Growing up in a musical family, Leonel emulated his Portuguese father's guitar playing and his Spanish mother's love of song. Leonel's guitar style is inspired by the music of Andalusia and his eclectic repertoire has made him popular at concerts, weddings and private parties. lorador.com

Taxi stand/outside:

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Poor Cousins, guitar & violin

New England meets Old Ireland, this husband and wife duo combines intimate, nourishing songs and gutsy tunes in an easy-going style. On fiddle, Naomi Morse finds sounds both fiery and flowing, blending seamlessly with Emmet Mc Gowan's rhythmic and elegant guitar back-up. thepoorcousins.com