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Metro-North Offers Fall Getaway Deals to Scenic Hudson Valley Destinations

Experience Region's Natural Beauty, Locally Sourced Foods and History

Leafy wineries. Magnificent scenery. Farm to table cuisine. MTA Metro-North Railroad has partnered with some of the Hudson Valley's top tourism partners to offer customers special discounted excursion packages. Designated as a National Heritage Area, the Hudson Valley is steeped in history, natural beauty, culture and a burgeoning food and farmer's market scene. Discovering a region deemed by National Geographic Traveler as one of the "top 20 best world destinations" is an economical, convenient train ride away on Metro-North.

Don't miss out on these great Hudson Valley fall getaway deals. Go to <http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/outbound.htm> to plan your trip today.

Farm Fresh Beacon: Saturday, Sept. 9; Sundays, Sept. 17 & 24

The Experience:

Explore the City of Beacon and then travel to Fishkill Farms, where you can pick apples and vegetables while taking in the majestic mountain landscape. Next, you'll head to Sprout Creek Farm, a 200 acre working farm and market featuring artisanal cheeses. Wrap up the day at Zoe's Ice Cream Barn and enjoy hand-crafted ice cream in a rustic barn-like setting.

The deal:

- Package price from Grand Central Terminal/Harlem-125th Street: adults, \$33.50; seniors, persons with disabilities and individuals receiving Medicare, \$28; children 5-11, \$8; children under 5, \$6.
- Package price from other stations: check [here](#) for price from your boarding station.

Farm fresh bus reservations are required and must be made at least 48 hours in advance at: <https://escapemaker.com/FarmFreshTours/> and confirmed BEFORE you purchase a train ticket. A credit card is required to hold your shuttle bus reservation. Seats are limited. A \$20 per person fee will be charged if you do not show up without emailing reservations@escapemaker.com a cancellation notice by Wednesday at midnight (EST) the week of your tour.

For more information, call 877-997-2726 or visit http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/getaways/outbound_ffb_applepickingtour.htm

Getting there:

Take the Hudson Line to Beacon Station where a shuttle will meet the train arriving at Beacon at 11:24 a.m. Click [here](#) for an itinerary.

Farm Fresh Poughkeepsie: Dutchess Farms & Distilleries Tour: Saturdays, Sept. 2, 16 & 23;

Sunday, Sept. 10

The Experience:

Explore the scenic, historic towns of Rhinebeck (9/2, 9/16 & 9/23) or Red Hook (9/10), and then head to roadside treasure Montgomery Place Farmstand to shop for local produce. Tour the former home of Prohibition-era liquor operation, Dutch's Spirits, for moonshine, peach brandy and bitters tastings. End the day with a visit to Taconic Distillery for facility tours, tastings and booze-infused goodies to take home. Tastings will be available at an additional cost.

The deal:

- Package price from Grand Central Terminal/Harlem-125th Street: Adults, \$37; seniors, persons with disabilities and individuals receiving Medicare, \$30.50; children 5-11, \$8; children under 5, \$6.
- Package price from other stations: Check [here](#) for price from your boarding station. Farm fresh bus reservations are required and must be made at least 48 hours in advance at <https://escapemaker.com/FarmFreshTours/> and confirmed BEFORE you purchase a train ticket. A credit card is required to hold your shuttle bus reservation. Seats are limited. A \$20 per person fee will be charged if you do not show up without emailing reservations@escapemaker.com a cancellation notice by Wednesday at midnight (EST) the week of your tour.

After you've made your reservation, purchase your rail/bus ticket at any Metro-North ticket office or full-service ticket machine (excluding Poughkeepsie Station). Some activities may require an additional fee.

For more information, call 877-997-2726 or visit http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/getaways/outbound_ffp_dutchess_distilleries...

Getting there:

Take the [Hudson Line](#) to Poughkeepsie Station where a shuttle will meet the train arriving at Poughkeepsie at 10:44 a.m.

Farm Fresh Poughkeepsie: Wine, Wool & Spirits: Saturday, Sept. 30**The experience:**

Delight in the fall foliage of the Hudson Valley! Stock up on local produce and baked goods at the Migliorelli Farmstand. Then, visit the Hudson Valley Sheep & Wool Farm and shop for yarn, fiber supplies and handcrafted items. Wind down the day at Tousey Winery and Hudson Valley Distillery to wind down the day. Wine and spirits tastings will be available at an additional cost.

The deal:

- Package price from Grand Central Terminal/Harlem-125th Street: adults, \$37; seniors, persons with disabilities and individuals receiving Medicare, \$30.50; children 5-11, \$8; children under 5, \$6.
- Package price from other stations: [Check here](#) for price from your boarding station. Farm fresh bus reservations are required and must be made at least 48 hours in advance at <https://escapemaker.com/FarmFreshTours/> and confirmed BEFORE you purchase a train ticket. A credit card is required to hold your shuttle bus reservation. Seats are limited. A \$20 per person fee will be charged if you do not show up without emailing reservations@escapemaker.com a cancellation notice by Wednesday at midnight (EST) the week of your tour.

After you've made your reservation, purchase your rail/bus ticket at any Metro-North ticket office or full-service ticket machine (excluding Beacon station). Some activities may require an additional fee.

For more information, call 877-997-2726 or visit: http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/getaways/outbound_ffp_winewoolspirites.htm

Getting there:

Take the [Hudson Line](#) to Poughkeepsie Station where a shuttle will meet the train arriving at Poughkeepsie at 10:44 a.m.

18th Annual Hudson River Ramble: Weekends of September 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and October 1**The experience:**

Presented by the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and Hudson River Valley Greenway, this event series celebrates the history, culture and natural resources of the Hudson River Valley. Guided hikes, walks, paddles, bike rides, historic site tours, festivals, and m more! Most events are easily accessible by Metro-North. Some of the participants include:

- Free Sails with Ferry Sloops from Ossining
- Saw Mill River Heritage Tour from Yonkers
- Tours of Untermyer Gardens from Greystone
- Hawks on High at Philipse Manor
- Fall Crafts at Lyndhurst from Irvington
- Farm fresh Dinner on Bannerman's Island from Beacon

For more information on each event, please visit: http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/getaways/outbound_HRV_Ramble.htm

Getting there:

Take the [Hudson Line](#) to the various stations close to where the events will be held.

The Experience:**Path Through History Weekend: Columbus Day weekend, October 7-9**

As an added bonus to your exploration of the Hudson Valley, I LOVE NEW YORK is hosting its second Path Through History Weekend this year during the Columbus Day weekend, October 7-9. Experience events that celebrate New York's rich heritage at historically and culturally significant sites throughout the state. Path Through History Weekend features many Hudson Valley events that are easily accessible by just hopping on Metro-North. Some of the events in the Hudson Valley include:

- Yonkers: Saw Mill River Heritage Trail Tour
- Beacon: [Bannerman Island History Walking Tour and Cruise on the Estuary Steward](#)
- Beacon: Beacon Historical Society's Ghost Tours (evening event)
- Greystone: [Garden and Estate Tours of Untermyer Gardens](#)
- Irvington: [Tours with a Halloween Twist at Lyndhurst Mansion](#)
- Poughkeepsie: Behind the Scenes Tour at Locust Grove Estate
- Harrison: Moonlight over the Jay Heritage Center (evening event)

Getting there:

- Take the [Hudson Line](#) or [New Haven Line](#) to the various stations close to where the events will be held.

To learn more about Path Through History Weekend events and attractions in the Hudson Valley and beyond, please visit: <https://paththroughhistory.iloveny.com/>

Metro-North offers dozens of other getaway deals to the Hudson Valley, Connecticut and beyond, to learn more please visit: <http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/outbound.htm>

Metro-North has many channels for all schedule information and service updates.

Email and text message service updates – Customers are urged to sign up to receive the alerts by visiting MyMTAAlerts.com. To avoid unwanted messages, a user can tailor the messages to the specific branch, and the specific times of day.

MTA.info – The rail tab of the “Service Status” box at the left side of www.MTA.info is always the definitive source for the latest status for each branch, updated every minute. In addition, customers can visit www.mta.info/mnr to see special service notices in the upper center of the page.

@MetroNorth on Twitter – Twitter users can follow @MetroNorth to receive updates of a similar nature to the email and text alerts, shortened to fit Twitter’s format.

Metro-North Train Time app – Customers who use the Metro-North Train Time app will see up-to-the-minute status for each upcoming train at each station. The app is available via the Apple Store for iOS devices or Google Play Store for Android along with MTA eTix - Metro-North Railroad’s mobile ticketing app which allows customers to buy Metro-North tickets on their mobile device -- anytime, anywhere. As a caution, trains that start out their trips on time may experience delays en route.

The above communications channels can be accessed while at home or on the go. For customers who are located at stations, Metro-North will post the latest service updates on **digital signs at station platforms** and will make **audio announcements** over public address systems, and **on-board announcements** made by train crews.

For those who prefer the **telephone**, information is available from the Metro-North’s Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and saying: “Metro-North Railroad.” For customers calling from Connecticut, the number is: 877-690-5114. Those who are deaf or hard of hearing can use their preferred service provider for the free 711 relay to reach Metro-North at 511