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### Get Ready for Summer at Metro-North's Getaway Day at Grand Central Terminal on Wednesday, May 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### *Free Event to Feature Regional Travel Showcase, Live Entertainment and Getaway Prizes*

You don't have far to travel if you want to get away. Whether you're planning a spring escape or looking ahead to a summer excursion, come explore places to go and things to do that are an easy train ride away at MTA Metro-North Railroad's annual Staycation Showcase at Grand Central Terminal on Wednesday, May 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This free event highlights a wide range of special, wallet-friendly discount rail packages to more than 30 attractions, destinations and cultural venues around New York City, the Hudson Valley and Connecticut.

Metro-North has partnered with the region's top regional destinations and attractions to showcase options for easy day trip and overnight getaways – whether it's a family outing, romantic weekend or outdoor adventure. Explore places to go and things to do with special offers, including:

[New York Welcomes You](#)
[New York State Parks and Recreation](#)
[Ulster County Tourism](#)
[Visit New Haven](#)
[Empire City Casino](#)
[Mystic Seaport Museum](#)
[Essex Steam Train](#)
[Storm King Art Center](#)
[New York Botanical Garden](#)
[Columbia County Tourism](#)
[Westchester Tourism](#)
[Maritime Aquarium](#)
[VR World](#)
[Gulliver's Gate](#)

While you're pursuing travel deals, enter for a chance to win a getaway day prize and enjoy live performances on the "Getaway Day" stage, featuring:

#### **Nellybombs, Presented by Newburgh Illuminated: 11 a.m. - noon**

Nellybombs is a duo from Beacon, NY that delivers a unique and captivating blend of Soul, R&B, Jazz and Blues. Singer-songwriters Nelly Llano (vocals) and Francisco Mena (guitar) create an almost supernatural, yet profoundly familiar vibe through their music that is sure to stimulate your senses while wrapping you in a nostalgic blanket of soulful melodies and frenetic rhythms.

#### **E Hula Mai Dance Academy, Presented by New York Botanical Garden: noon – 2 p.m.**

Under the direction of Mahealani and Lyndsey Kamau, E Hula Mai Dance Academy perpetuates the ancient customs of Hawaiian chant and dance, specializing in hula kahiko (traditional) and 'auana (modern). Accompanying them are Kumu Hula Kona Garcia of Hula Hālau 'o Nā Liko Ao Puna, master chanter and 'ukulele player; William Wynne, bass musician and back up guitarist; and Patrick Kaleo Carvalho, lead guitarist.

**Rosegold, Presented by Jazz in the Valley: 2 -3 p.m.**

Young musicians with a passion for the music of years past and a desire to bring the jazz art-form to new audiences with a balance of tradition and innovation. Rosegold formed in 2016 as a student ensemble at SUNY New Paltz. Since its inception, the group has had the privilege of performing at the legendary Apollo Theater and venues in the Hudson Valley.

Everyone attending the Staycation Showcase is eligible to enter a drawing to win such prizes as:

- 2 apple picking tours from EscapeMaker.com
- LEGOLAND Discovery Center: enter to win 4 general admission tickets
- \$100 gift card to B&H
- Rye Playland: enter to win family4-pack of tickets
- Westport Bike Rentals: enter to win 2 bike rentals
- Trinity Cruises: 2 Hudson River cruise tickets
- Ripley's Believe it or Not: 2 tickets to Ripley's new experience in June
- Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome: airshow passes for 4 people
- White Plains Crowne Plaza Hotel - enter to win overnight stay with breakfast for two
- Tickets to Escape to Margaritaville

And if you can't wait until Getaway Day to begin exploring great staycation deals, visit [mta.info/mnr/getaways](https://mta.info/mnr/getaways) for a complete listing of Metro-North's discount rail packages special offers and rail itineraries. Year-round favorites include: [West Point Tours](#) and seasonal adventures like, [Bannerman's Island Cruise](#) or [Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts](#).

Deals & Getaways brochures have a complete listing of packages. You can pick-up your brochure at Grand Central Terminal or any Metro-North ticket office.