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Get On Board With Festive Spirit On LIRR's Holiday Express Trains

Double the Holiday Fun With Trains From Ronkonkoma on Dec. 1, and Babylon Station on Dec. 2; Appearances By Santa Claus, Carolers and More

The Long Island Rail Road is again launching its spirited [Holiday Express Train](#) following two successful, sold-out years.

Make it a part of your holiday traditions and bring the whole family aboard one of the Holiday Express Trains: the first running on Saturday, December 1, 2018, from Ronkonkoma Station, and the second on Sunday, December 2, 2018, from Babylon Station. Both trains travel non-stop directly to Penn Station in Manhattan, a central location to plan a day trip around seasonal activities following the train ride.

The bi-level diesel trains will be decked out in holiday splendor, and families can take part in festive sing-along caroling. Reserve your seats for a ride you'll never forget with on-board entertainment, giveaways and special appearances by Santa Claus and other holiday favorites.

Tickets for this year's events go on sale Thursday, November 1, 2018, starting after 12 a.m.

More than 700 people took part in the 2016 inaugural Holiday Express ride from Ronkonkoma Station to Penn Station. Following its overwhelming success, the LIRR added a *second* train to its lineup in 2017, this one from Babylon to Penn Station, bringing more holiday cheer to about 1,400 people.

VIDEO: [Take a glimpse into the magic from last year's rides.](#)

Reservations are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dates and Routes

The trains leave promptly at their scheduled times. The LIRR asks that customers arrive 45 minutes earlier than the scheduled departure times to allow enough time for boarding and to pick up tickets. Car and seat numbers are given when your reservation is filled.

- Saturday, December 1, 2018: Departs **Ronkonkoma Station** at 9:50 a.m., non-stop to Penn Station.
- Sunday, December 2, 2018: Departs **Babylon Station** at 10 a.m., non-stop to Penn Station.

Reservation Policy

- Reservations will open after 12 a.m. on November 1, 2018.
- All reservations are online **ONLY** on a first-come, first-served basis.
- [Click here to fill out reservation request online.](#)
- All tickets must be paid for at the time of reservation.
- Information on how to get your train tickets will be included in your reservation email confirmation.

Wait List

- All customers that are unable to get a reservation due to the train being sold out will be placed on a waiting list in the order in which their request was received. If cancellations are received, we will contact you to inquire if you still wish to make a reservation.

Pricing

- Adults (Ronkonkoma): \$35.75 (includes reserved train seat charge).
- Adults (Babylon): \$33.50 (includes reserved train seat charge).
- Children (5-11): \$1.00 (family fare policy applies). Max. 4 children per fare paying Adult.
- Children under 5 are free; however, we must be notified of their attendance to secure a seat on the train

For Additional Information

For more information about reservations, cancellations, and travel tips, visit <http://web.mta.info/lirr/getaways/holidayexpress/>.

Have questions? Please contact our Holiday Express service representatives by emailing holidayexpress@lirr.org.

Please note that **no** reservations will be accepted by phone.