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LIRR Beach Getaways - Your Ticket to Long Beach, Jones Beach, Robert Moses, Fire Island and Captree Fishing

Holiday Weekend Kicks-Off Summer of '16 & Oceans of Fun on LI's South Shore

MTA Long Island Rail Road is the ticket to the world-class beaches of Long Island's South Shore. As you plan your day in the sun, make your first stop the 2016 Long Island Rail Road Beach Getaways guide.

Copies of the full-color brochure can be found at LIRR terminals and stations and the details are also available at the MTA LIRR website www.mta.info/lirr/getaways/. You'll find that the Railroad's day-trip packages have all the ingredients for a truly unforgettable summer day filled with sun bathing, swimming, waterfront restaurants, fishing and more.

All LIRR Beach Getaways packages include round-trip rail as well as bus, taxi and ferry travel and beach admission where necessary. Whether your destination is the surf of nearby Long Beach, the oceanfront state parks at Jones Beach and Robert Moses, or vast Fire Island shoreline, the LIRR gets you there quickly and without the hassle of highway driving.

The railroad runs a 10:09 a.m. express to Long Beach on weekdays and holidays and this year is introducing two extra eastbound Montauk branch trains on Fridays with Fire Island lovers in mind. The first departs Jamaica at 8:04 a.m. with stops including Bay Shore, Sayville and Patchogue where beachcombers connect to ferries bound for their favorite Fire Island community. A second eastbound train will depart from Babylon at 12:02 p.m. and make another trip to Patchogue.

Jones Beach State Park Package

(Memorial Day Weekend 5/28 - 5/30; Daily 6/25 to 9/5)

The most renowned of all Long Island State Parks, Jones Beach offers miles of sand, shoreline, ocean surf, swimming pools and a two-mile-long boardwalk. Take the train to Freeport Station and walk downstairs for the N88 NICE Bus. Our Jones Beach State Park Package includes: Round-trip rail to and from Freeport station, bus transportation (NICE Bus) to the East or West Bathhouses or the Central Mall at Jones Beach. The cost is \$20.50 from NYC and Brooklyn; \$17.00 from Jamaica.

Long Beach Package

(Weekends 5/28 - 6/19; Memorial Day, 5/30; Daily 6/25 to 9/5)

Only a short train ride from Penn Station, Brooklyn or Jamaica, Long Beach has the ambiance of a seaside resort with superb ocean swimming and is a short walk to many local eateries. Our Long Beach Package includes discounted one-day round-trip rail to Long Beach station, discounted admission to the beach, a participating vendor's coupon for a round-trip ride on the Long Beach Bus and discounts at participating vendors throughout the city. Take the train to Long Beach station. The cost is \$23.75 from NYC and Brooklyn; \$20.50 from Jamaica. For more information on visit www.longbeachny.org

Robert Moses State Park

(Daily 6/20 to 9/5)

Located on the western end of Fire Island National Seashore, Robert Moses State Park offers world-class sand and surf in a serene setting. Take the train to Babylon station and walk downstairs for the S-47 Suffolk Bus. The package includes round-trip rail and round-trip bus transportation to Robert Moses. The cost: \$24.25 from NYC and Brooklyn \$19.25 from Jamaica.

Captree Fishing

(Daily 6/20 to 9/5)

Captree State Park 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. Fishing gear is included. For a schedule of boat departure times, call (631) 669-6464 or visit: www.captreefleet.com. Take the train to Babylon station and walk downstairs for the S-47 Suffolk Bus to Captree Fishing Boats. Package includes: round-trip S-47 Bus transportation and admission on one of Captree's fishing boats. The cost is \$48.00 from NYC and Brooklyn; \$48.00 from Jamaica; \$30.50 children (5-11).

Fire Island Getaway Packages:

(Daily May 28 to September 5)

To Bay Shore Station for Kismet, Ocean Beach and Ocean Bay Park

Kismet is an easygoing, community with something for everyone – restaurants, tennis courts, playground area, and of course beaches! Round out your day with a tour of the Fire Island Lighthouse. Ocean Beach has excellent nightlife while keeping its reputation of being a great family destination and home to over a dozen restaurants, street fairs, live music, shops and boutiques. Ocean Bay Park is one of the most relaxed of the Island communities with a mix of families and singles, bay-front dining and legendary Happy Hour celebrations. Take the train to Bay Shore station and board a David Brothers Taxi to the Fire Island Ferries. The Kismet package includes: round-trip rail; round-trip ferry voucher; round-trip taxi voucher and admission to the Lighthouse. The cost: \$40.25 from NYC and Brooklyn; \$39.75 from Jamaica, \$22.00 children 5-11. For Ocean Beach and Ocean Beach Park, the cost is \$36.25 from NYC and Brooklyn; \$35.75 from Jamaica; \$18.00 Children (5-11).

To Sayville Station for Cherry Gove, Fire Island Pines & Sunken Forest at Sailors' Haven

(Daily May 28 to September 5)

Cherry Grove is known for its artistic expression with murals, mosaics and paintings – all produced by locals. It also is home to spectacular beaches, restaurants, and clubs. The Pines, named for its beautiful wind-sculpted pine trees, and zigzag boardwalk is truly an architectural paradise. For Cherry Grove and the Pines, take the train to Sayville station and board a Colonial Taxi to the Sayville Ferry. The package includes round-trip rail; round-trip ferry voucher, round-trip taxi voucher and is priced at \$33.25 from NYC and Brooklyn; \$32.75 from Jamaica.

Sunken Forest at Sailors' Haven is a Fire Island National Seashore Park and home to the Sunken Forest, a vast eco-system of plants and wildlife. Take the train to the Sayville station and board a Colonial Taxi to the Sayville Ferry. The package for Sunken Forest at Sailors' Haven includes: round-trip rail; round-trip ferry voucher, round-trip taxi voucher and is priced at \$31.25 NYC, \$30.75 Jamaica & \$17 Children 5-11.

For schedule of ferry departure times call Sayville Ferry Service (631) 589-0810 or visit: www.sayvilleferry.com

To Patchogue Station for Davis Park and Watch Hill

(May 28 to September 5)

Davis Park After swimming, walking or sunbathing on the beach, enjoy the ambience at the only beach front restaurant in Fire Island. And on the weekends why not stay for live music and dancing too. Take the train to Patchogue station, then a Lindy's Taxi to the Davis Park Ferry. The David Park package includes round-trip rail, round-trip taxi voucher and round-trip ferry voucher and the package is priced at \$39.50 from NYC and Brooklyn; \$39.00 from Jamaica; \$29.00 Children (5-11). Watch Hill, part of the Fire Island National Seashore, offers a peaceful ocean beach and nature trails and a great starting point for all things outdoors. Take the train to Patchogue station. You can walk to the Watch Hill Ferry from the west end of the station. Package includes: Round-trip rail; round-trip ferry voucher and the package price is \$32.00 from NYC and Brooklyn, \$25.75 from Jamaica \$17.00 Children (5-11). For schedule of ferry departure times for both Davis Park and Watch Hill call the Davis Park Ferry Co. (631) 475-1665 or visit: www.davisparkferry.com.

For More Information:

To find out more, pick up a copy of the LIRR's Beach Getaways Brochure at LIRR terminals and stations or go to www.info/lirr and click on "Deals and Getaways."