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Discover Fun Summer Getaway Deals at Metro-North's "Staycation Showcase"

Saturday, May 21 Free Event at Grand Central Terminal to Feature Regional Travel Offers, Prizes and Hands-on Fun

Don't let the summer go by without taking a great escape – even if it's just for a day or a weekend. MTA Metro-North Railroad's Staycation Showcase - at Grand Central Terminal on Saturday, May 21 from 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - will highlight over 30 attractions, destinations and cultural venues around New York City, the Hudson Valley and Connecticut.

Metro-North has partnered with some of the region's top tourism partners to offer customers special discounted excursion packages. Representatives from regional destinations and attractions will help you plan your next getaway – whether it's a family outing, romantic weekend or outdoor adventure. Explore easy to reach, affordable and exciting daytrips and overnight places to go and things to do throughout New York City, the Hudson Valley and Connecticut, including: Discovery Times Square, Empire City Casino, International Festival of Arts & Ideas, Lyndhurst Mansion, Maritime Aquarium and much more.

With an eclectic mix of performers from MTA Music Under New York, hands-on activities, and prizes -- the Staycation Showcase promises to be a truly festive event. Kids can create a project to take home at the Kids X-Press arts and crafts table or shoot hoops at the NBA Store's station. Travel Channel's "Mysteries at the Museum" host will also make an appearance at the I LOVE NY table.

As you're exploring at Getaway Day, you can enter drawings for a chance to win:

- An overnight stay at the Hilton Hotel in Yonkers
- Tickets to Ripley's Believe It or Not!
- A family 4-pack for tour of Central Park TV & Movie Site
- VIP tickets to Discovery Times Square exhibits
- Gift certificate for Peekskill's Evening Star Hudson River Cruise
- Rye Playland Family 4-Pack
- An overnight stay at the Fairfield Circle Inn
- Gray Line Sight Seeing NY Family 4-Pack
- Bronx Zoo Total Experience tickets
- Family 4-Pack tickets to the New York Spectacular
- Family 4-Package tickets to New York Liberty
- Tickets to Jazz at Lincoln Center, Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola
- Tickets to the American Museum of Natural History
- NBA Store gift card
- Family 4-Pack to the New York Botanical Garden
- Tickets to the Bronx Historical Walking Tour
- An overnight package featuring the Corning Museum of Glass
- A pair of tickets to the Putnam Wine & Food Festival

Parents won't want to miss the lights, camera and action at the NYMetro Parents cover photo contest area. NYMetroParents.com and its sister magazines Big Apple Parent, Brooklyn Parent, Queens Parent, Westchester Parent, Fairfield Parent and Rockland Parent will host a table with the chance to win a photo shoot for your child to appear on the cover of their magazine.

And for those who can't make it to Getaway Day, they can visit mta.info/mnr/getaways for a complete listing of Metro-North's discount rail Getaway packages, customer deals for shows and festivals and much more. Year-round favorites include the New York Botanical Garden and seasonal Dutchess County Farm Fresh Tours. Metro-North is also excited to introduce easy access and discounts for the Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts and outdoor adventures in Westport, Connecticut.

Deals & Getaways brochures, with a complete listing of packages, are available at Grand Central Terminal, all Metro-North ticket offices, and at hotels and visitor centers throughout Manhattan.