

Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad showcases retro train cars

Head to Spooner in Washburn County for a ride on one of the beautifully restored retro train cars of the Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad.

The line offers several heritage rides that take passengers back to the timeless elegance of rail travel.

The three-hour Elegant Dinner Train features a sumptuous five-course meal that includes Wisconsin's finest cheeses, dinner salad, soup de jour, choice of grilled flat iron steak, grilled pork loin chop, steamed salmon or vegetarian pasta. The meal is topped off with Eli's Cheesecake.

"People come away with a real sense of history and nostalgia," said Mardell Vreeland, office manager. "They're fascinated with the restored vintage rail cars from 1912 through 1950. Along with the ride and beautiful scenery, people feel like they've been transported to a bygone era."

Private groups also can charter an afternoon ride from 15 to 224 passengers in traditional railway seating.

For groups that have more time, America's Only Moving Bed & Breakfast Dinner Train provides a romantic ride through the Wisconsin countryside with an overnight stay. This train offers a unique rail experience that begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a delicious dinner as the train winds its way through the scenic



Spooner Train, Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad, Spooner

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northwoods and along the Namekagon River. When the train arrives back at the station, passengers can relax, enjoy dessert, watch a video or even find their way to the dance car before retiring to their vintage sleeper car for the night. Continental breakfast is served in the morning.

Motorcoach parking is available in the station parking lot.

This year, the line will add rides for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Thanksgiving lunches, plus a new 11-bedroom sleeping car that will

increase overnight capacity to 60 guests. 🚂

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