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CUYAHOGA VALLEY SCENIC RAILROAD AND SPICE CATERING CO. PARTNER TO BRING A NEW DINING EXPERIENCE ABOARD HISTORIC TRAIN CARS

PENINSULA, OH, November 26—Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) and Spice Catering Co. have partnered together to bring a new farm-to-table dining experience to guests aboard the train in 2019.

'Dinner on the Train with Spice' will take place every Friday from January 25, 2019 to May 31, 2019. Guests will be seated in CVSR's recently acquired historic California Zephyr Silver Solarium and Silver Lariat Vista Dome train cars. Passengers will enjoy three courses of locally sourced, seasonally inspired cuisine by Spice Catering Co. as the landscape of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park rolls by.

"We're thrilled to be partnering with Spice to bring a new high-end dining excursion aboard the train," said CVSR President & CEO Joe Mazur. "Our passengers have the opportunity to ride through Cuyahoga National Park aboard vintage California Zephyr cars while eating food that was grown in the park. It's a really unique experience," said Mazur.

Spice Catering Co. will present a three-course meal with ingredients sourced from Spice Acres, a 13-acre sustainable family farm located within Cuyahoga Valley National Park, along with other local and Countryside Initiative farms. The menu will change monthly with the season's harvest, and will feature special menus for Valentine's Day, Cinco de Mayo, and Lent. A vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free option is available upon request for the entrée course only.

"Translating the Spice team's talent and expertise with immersive, inventive dining experiences to create this dinner series is such an adventure for us," said Ben Bebenroth, Chef, Farmer + Founder of the Spice Companies. "The opportunity to offer a distinctly Spice experience on these beautiful, historic train cars as they wind through the Cuyahoga Valley, where much of our food is sourced, is truly magical."

The dining excursion departs from Rockside Station at 7:30 p.m. Guests may board at 7 p.m. to enjoy a signature cocktail, canapes and view the recently acquired 1940'S California Zephyr train cars. The train will depart at 7:30 p.m. Guests can expect the train ride to last two hours.

Tickets are \$115 per person and include complimentary bar service, two-hour train ride and three-course dinner. Tickets can be purchased at cvsr.com/dinner-on-the-train or by calling 1-800-468-4070 x1.

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About Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a private sector, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR has been providing excursion rail service for more than 40 years. For more information about the railroad, visit [CVSR.com](https://cvsr.com).

About Spice Catering Co.

Originally formed in 2003 as a side project to satisfy the niche for organic catering in Northeast Ohio, Spice Catering Co. has grown to serve thousands of guests in their homes, at event centers, and at local farms across the region. In addition to off-premise catering, the company now serves parties at its operational center, Spice Kitchen + Bar, in Cleveland's Gordon Square Arts District. Spice Catering Co. sources 80% of its ingredients from small farms within a 150-mile radius, including its own 13-acre organic farm in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Spice Acres. To learn more, visit spicecaters.com.

About Cuyahoga Valley National Park

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit nps.gov/cuva.