



California State Railroad Museum Foundation Proudly Supports Farm-to-Fork Initiative & Offers Two VIP Cocktail Train Ride Experiences

Tickets on Sale Soon for Farm-To-Fork Cocktail Train Rides Presented by Rabobank on September 29 & 30

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (August 23, 2018) – Showcasing the rich history and deep connection between agriculture and the railroad, the California State Railroad Museum Foundation is proud to continue its multi-year partnership with Visit Sacramento as an official Farm-to-Fork sponsor. To celebrate the important role the railroad once played in bringing the fruits of the farm to emerging new communities throughout the region and nation, the Foundation is excited to announce that two VIP Cocktail Train Ride experiences will be available this year, one each evening, on Saturday, September 29 & Sunday, September 30, 2018. In addition, the Foundation is pleased to welcome returning sponsor Rabobank N.A. – a locally based bank serving California communities grounded in agriculture – for the 2018 Farm-to-Fork Cocktail Train ride experiences. The VIP Cocktail Train first debuted in 2015 and was recognized as a finalist in *Sunset Magazine’s* Travel Awards competition in the “Best Train Experience” category.

“Early in its history, the Sacramento Southern Railroad was primarily used to transport pears, asparagus, celery, seeds and other agricultural products to markets from local Delta communities,” said Cheryl Marcell, President & CEO of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation. “Today, the Museum and Foundation are proud to offer historic and authentic excursion train rides on the very same Sacramento Southern Railroad – now in the 35th consecutive year – as part of the deliciously fun VIP Cocktail Train Ride experiences.”

With VIP train rides on each evening at 6 p.m. departing from the Central Pacific Freight Depot in Old Sacramento, Cocktail Train ride guests can sit back and experience what first class was like during the early decades of the 20th century as developed by the Southern Pacific Railroad. Ticketed guests will delight in a signature cocktail, exquisite appetizers and a delicious dessert from Hoppy’s Railyard Kitchen & Hopgarden. The specially created menu items will be prepared and presented by Executive Chef Kent Souza and his talented culinary team. In farm-to-fork style, the food and beverages will showcase seasonal ingredients, grown and sourced locally. Uniformed stewards will provide the finest first-class service onboard three of the California State Railroad Museum’s first class cars: the Audubon dining car, the *El Dorado* lounge car and the French Quarter lounge car from the 1950s that served the famed Southern Pacific “Sunset Limited” service. As an added treat, the cars will be pulled by two eye-catching locomotives – Western Pacific No. 913 and Southern Pacific No. 6051 – both of which are classic streamlined locomotives representative of the first generation of diesel-electric locomotives.

Space is limited on the Farm-To-Fork Cocktail Train and tickets will go on sale August 23. Train ride tickets cost \$100 per person and all train ride guests must be 21 or over. The VIP Cocktail Train is a Foundation fundraiser for the California State Railroad Museum and Railtown 1897 State Historic Park. For more information or to purchase tickets on the VIP Cocktail Train presented by Rabobank, please visit <https://www.californiarailroad.museum/>.

About the California State Railroad Museum Foundation

The mission of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation (CSRMF) is to generate revenue and awareness on behalf of its destinations, while supporting the preservation, interpretation and promotion of our railroad heritage. The Foundation provides funding for ongoing support of numerous programs, both at the museum's Old Sacramento location and at the historic park in Jamestown, Calif. For more information, please visit www.californiarailroad.museum

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