



Off the Rail Café

— *All Aboard for a Flavor-Packed Ride!* —

Long before interstate highways and commercial airlines changed the way we travel, the railroad represented the height of comfort, elegance, and adventure. A train journey wasn't simply transportation; it was an experience. Passengers could relax and enjoy freshly prepared meals in elegant dining cars, as the rhythmic click of the rails carried them to destinations across America.

Located inside an authentic 1891 Central of Georgia passenger railcar in downtown El Dorado, Off the Rail Café offers guests a memorable dining experience unlike any other. Whether seated inside, beneath the covered courtyard, or on the outdoor patio, visitors are transported to the golden age of rail travel.

The historic railcar was rescued from a Texas wheat field by local developers Richard and Vertis Mason before being relocated to downtown El Dorado. They added a caboose which serves as the kitchen for the restaurant. Today, owners Dean and Angela Morrison have transformed it into one of the city's favorite restaurants, operating from what Dean jokingly

calls "the smallest kitchen in the world."

Off the Rail Café has earned a following with its fresh menu. Breakfast favorites include Stuffed French Toast, Bananas Foster French Toast, homemade omelets, fluffy pancakes, and biscuits with Arkansas-style chocolate gravy. Lunch features handcrafted sandwiches, burgers, soups, salads, quesadillas, and rotating daily specials, while recent evening hours have added another opportunity to enjoy the restaurant's distinctive atmosphere.

Dean takes pride in preparing many of the signature items from scratch, including chicken salad, tuna salad, pimento cheese, burgers, gumbo, and homemade dressings. Guests can also enjoy mimosas, beer, wine, and the restaurant's popular Bloody Mary.

The Morrisons' commitment to quality, Southern hospitality, and unforgettable dining has also inspired the opening of MAD House 101 Restaurant & Bar (see page 15). Together, their restaurants have helped strengthen downtown El Dorado's growing culinary scene. ☐



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OFF THE RAIL CAFÉ • 220 East Main • Monday – closed • Tuesday – Friday 7am – 9pm • Saturday 8 am – 9pm
Sunday 8 am – 2 pm