

Modern on the Rails

...Right on Track!

By Laura Leigh



I recently had the pleasure of dining at Modern on the Rails, located in the former Mamaroneck railroad

station. It's a beautiful old building and the owners have kept many of the original components – stained glass, wood floors, tin ceilings, brick and wainscoted walls – creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Crystal chandeliers add a touch of whimsy and provide the perfect soft lighting. We were welcomed by Colin, the maitre D, and seated in a cozy round banquette.

The menu boasts a wide variety of dishes, truly something for everyone's palate. Chicken, pasta, seafood, steak, and meat for the hearty appetite, a gorgeous raw bar (featuring five kinds of oysters!) and a variety of savory 'pizzettas' for lighter fare are among the standouts. An extensive wine list boasts varieties from around the world.

My companion and I began our meal with selections from the raw bar, one of the specials, Rails Burrata, and Chipotle Calamari, recommended by Carlos, our waiter. The raw bar selections arrived on a bed of ice, garnished with lemon wedges and a trio of dipping sauces...fresh and delicious! The savory burrata was served with fig jam, fresh arugula, toasted crostinis and bacon bits. Need I say more? The calamari was tender and tasty with just enough of a kick; no wonder it is considered a signature dish!

For the main course we selected two of the specials. The fork-tender stuffed Chicken Valdestano was bursting with ricotta cheese, spinach and prosciutto and enhanced by a rich brown sauce. The perfectly cooked salmon stuffed with crabmeat, shrimp and scallops served on a bed of spinach with a brandy-infused dipping sauce, was moist, flaky and delicious.

We left room for dessert and shared the Rails Crepes, light, thin homemade crepes with a choice of fillings, topped with whipped cream and a drizzle of caramel. Perfection! A steaming cinnamon-dusted cappuccino capped off a perfect meal.

Open since October, Modern on the Rails features a Happy Hour (M-F, 4-7), Sunday Brunch from 11:30am-2:00pm, and lunch every day except Monday.

Outdoor seating provides a beautiful spot for al fresco dining.

A vast and varied menu, scrumptious food and an attentive, friendly staff make this a place you will want to try...and I can't wait to go back!

Modern on the Rails is the second venture of Modern Restaurant & Lounge of New Rochelle, NY. For information or reservations call 914-777-9300 or modernontherails.com



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