

Dinner aboard a boat cruise is a Northern Michigan highlight

Soo Locks Boat Tours combines favorite attraction with fabulous meal

(SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN) Vacation is meant to be a departure from the everyday, so shouldn't that apply to meals, too? A dinner cruise aboard the [Soo Locks Boat Tours](#) is a departure in every sense of the word.

Departure (noun): 1. the action of setting off on a journey 2. a change from the usual or expected way

From the minute the gangplank is pulled and the lines are thrown, it becomes abundantly clear that this is no chain restaurant and the only thing fast about the food is how quickly the scene outside the window changes to feature the [Soo Locks](#) while dinner is served.

Regularly-scheduled dinner cruises can be enjoyed mid-May through mid-October, with a revolving menu that ranges from turkey with traditional fixings to Lake Superior Whitefish. Sides, desserts, and homemade bread accompany every meal. Coffee, hot tea, and lemonade are all included in the dinner cruise and alcoholic beverages are available at a cash bar.

While the meals are worth raving about, it is the surroundings that make for unique dining. Cruise alongside massive ore freighters, workhorse tugboats, fishing boats, and any number of other vessels that call the St. Marys River home. The tour boat explores Sugar Island's North Channel while diners enjoy firsts and seconds at the buffet.

As the 2 ½ hour cruise navigates the river, a scene of history unfolds, including the most important landmark of the entire Upper Great Lakes region: the world famous Soo Locks. The fascinating spectacle of raising or lowering ships 21 feet serves as the perfect after-dinner entertainment. A narrator explains the process of "locking through", as well as the sights found on the Michigan and Ontario shores. Dessert is served above the Locks on the Upper [St. Marys River](#).

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