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SOME BRIDES ARE JUST BORN TO BE WILD... THE IRON HORSE HOTEL.

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Not all Brides dream of a horse drawn carriage. Some actually prefer the power of the horse on two wheels, with the wind in their hair and the wide-open road. And for couples looking for a destination wedding, honeymoon or romantic getaway, that will surely get their motor running; there's no doubt that Milwaukee's Iron Horse Hotel will have all the feeling like they are in hog heaven.

Located just a few blocks from the Harley-Davidson Museum, this 100-year-old timber framed warehouse turned luxury boutique hotel is an authentic and cool as Fonda and Hopper in Easy Rider. Early American Indians coined the train the "Iron Horse" and modern culture applying the moniker to the motorcycle. The first and only hotel exclusively to cater to bikers, The Iron Horse Hotel pays tribute to the iconic two-wheeler and the heart and spirit of the early settlers of our country.

Brides can switch to and from their high-heels, cowboy or riding boots amongst the array of wedding and reception venues. Smyth restaurant serves a modern version of Wisconsin "comfort food" of steak and potatoes as well as more delicate seafood dishes. Rustic-elegant décor flows throughout the hotel and continues in the restaurant with leather booths, ironwork chandeliers, and worn wooden floors. Posh, outdoor lounge seating at the Yard provides an urban backdrop as well as the unique sight and slow chugging sounds of a working train just outside of the hotel. The Library features an impressive book collection and provides an intriguing space for Sunday Brunch.

Couples can hole up in a choice of 100 luxurious, loft-style rooms that showcase original brick walls, exposed beams and ductwork. Bathrooms are generous sized and sleek as the chrome on a Harley. Edgy and historical artifacts from London to small town flea markets punctuate the hotels design. Local artists are featured throughout the interior including classic black and white photographs of Route 66. The hotel is also operation on a high "green" caliber with the use of recycled products integrated throughout the accommodations, amenities and décor.

There is a lot to get revved up about this hot property and no need to BYOB - as you can rent a motorcycle just in case, you can't... Bring Your Own Bike. For more information visit www.theironhorsehotel.com.

