Walt Disney World News

Insider Information on Disney Dining

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. – What's the most romantic dinner spot at Walt Disney World Resort? Where can I find kosher foods? Is vegetarian on the menu? Some "insider tips" on Disney dining:

Most romantic dinner spot: A table for two at Victoria & Albert's at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa. Wedgwood China, Christofle silver, Frette linens, personalized menus and impeccable service.

How to order kosher meals: Kosher meals are available at most table-service restaurants at Walt Disney World Resort. A 24-hour notice is required, and the meals are purchased from an outside vendor. Guests also may bring their own preferred kosher products. Kosher food always is available at these quick-service locations: Cosmic Ray's Starlight Cafe in Magic Kingdom; the food courts at Disney's All-Star Movies Resort, All-Star Music Resort, All-Star Sports Resort and Disney's Pop Century Resort; ABC Commissary at Disney's Hollywood Studios; Riverside Mill Food Court at Disney's Port Orleans Resort, and Pizzafari at Disney's Animal Kingdom.

Take a break: If you're spending the day in Magic Kingdom, at lunchtime hop on the monorail for a quick trip to Kona Cafe at Disney's Polynesian Resort or Grand Floridian Cafe at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa. It's a relaxing change of pace, and service is faster as most guests are in the theme parks. And beer, wine and mixed drinks are available.

Coffee coup: Coffee is tops at The Wave…of American Flavors at Disney's Contemporary Resort, with organic Columbian; Kona Cafe at Disney's Polynesian Resort, with 100 percent Kona coffee press pots; Boma-Flavors of Africa and Jiko-The Cooking Place at Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge, with press pots of Kenyan coffee; Tangierine Cafe in Morocco in Epcot World Showcase with Moorish espresso; and Cuban coffee at Bongos Cuban Cafe at Downtown Disney West Side. At Victoria & Albert's at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa, coffee is brewed in a hand-blown Cona vacuum pot, using a method that's been famous for more than a half century — its main feature is that the coffee is prepared entirely in glass where coffee has no contact with metal parts or paper filters, giving you only a clean smooth taste with the perfect extractions of oils and caffeine which give coffee its full taste.

Afternoon tea: The centuries-old tradition is observed daily at Garden View Tea Room at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa, a formal affair with real china, linens, and an assortment of dainty pastries and finger sandwiches. Also French press coffee service.

Fill 'er up: Favorite all-you-care-to-eat restaurants include `Ohana at Disney's Polynesian Resort; Whispering Canyon Cafe at Disney's Wilderness Lodge; Boma-Flavors of Africa at Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge; Cape May Cafe at Disney's Beach Club Resort; Chef Mickey's at Disney's Contemporary Resort; 1900 Park Fare at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa; Crystal Palace and Liberty Tree Tavern in Magic Kingdom; The Garden Grill Restaurant (The Land), Biergarten (Germany) and Akershus Royal Banquet Hall (Norway) in Epcot; Hollywood & Vine at Disney's Hollywood Studios; Tusker House at Disney's Animal Kingdom.

Room with a view: Dining rooms with knockout views include California Grill at Disney's Contemporary Resort; La Hacienda at Mexico in Epcot World Showcase; Coral Reef Restaurant at The Seas with Nemo & Friends pavilion in Epcot Future World; Narcoossee's at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa; and Rose & Crown Pub & Dining Room in the United Kingdom in Epcot World Showcase.

Where is Mickey Mouse? The Big Cheese is the most-requested character dinner partner, and he can be found at Chef Mickey's Fun Time Buffet (breakfast and dinner) at Disney's Contemporary Resort;; and at the Garden Grill restaurant (dinner only) in The Land at Epcot.

Where to find sushi: California Grill at Disney's Contemporary Resort; Tokyo Dining in Japan in Epcot World

Showcase; Wolfgang Puck Cafe at Downtown Disney West Side; and Kimonos in the Walt Disney World Swan hotel.

Best steak dinner: It's a toss-up — Yachtsman Steakhouse with its glassed-in butcher shop at Disney's Yacht Club Resort, Le Cellier Steakhouse in Canada at Epcot World Showcase, or Shula's Steakhouse at the Walt Disney World Dolphin hotel.

The freshest seafood: Coral Reef Restaurant at The Seas with Nemo & Friends at Epcot, with a panoramic view of the 5.7-million-gallon saltwater aquarium; California Grill at Disney's Contemporary Resort; Flying Fish Cafe at Disney's BoardWalk; Todd English's bluezoo at Walt Disney World Dolphin; and Fulton's Crabhouse at Downtown Disney.

World's best milkshakes: Take your pick — "Mom's" special shakes at 50?s Prime Time Cafe at Disney's Hollywood Studios, or any flavor at Beaches & Cream at Disney's Beach Club Resort.

Best vegetarian: California Grill at Disney's Contemporary Resort has an ever-changing selection. Also Jiko-The Cooking Place at Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge.

Tops for families: Kouzzina by Cat Cora at Disney's BoardWalk; `Ohana's all-you-can-eat feast at Disney's Polynesian Resort; "Hoop-Dee-Doo Musical Revue" at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort and Campground; Whispering Canyon Cafe at Disney's Wilderness Lodge; Boma-Flavors of Africa at Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge; Chef Mickey's at Disney's Contemporary Resort; Crystal Palace in Magic Kingdom; 50?s Prime Time Cafe and Sci-Fi Dine-In Theater Restaurant at Disney's Hollywood Studios.

Grown-ups only: For an evening without the kids, favorites include Victoria & Albert's and Cítricos at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa; Jiko-The Cooking Place at Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge; Artist Point at Disney's Wilderness Lodge; Bistro de Paris at the France pavilion in Epcot World Showcase; California Grill at Disney's Contemporary Resort; Todd English's bluezoo at the Walt Disney World Dolphin; The Dining Room at Wolfgang Puck's in Downtown Disney West Side.

Best table for viewing "IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth": Sit on the outdoor terrace at the Rose & Crown Pub & Dining Room in the United Kingdom pavilion in Epcot World Showcase. Or at La Hacienda in the Mexico pavilion.

Best place to grab a quick sandwich: Earl of Sandwich at Downtown Disney Marketplace.

Most unusual tableside entertainment: The authentic belly dancers in Morocco in Epcot World Showcase.

Best desserts on the run: Norwegian delicacies — rice cream with strawberries and almond pastry rings — are featured at Kringla Bakeri Og Kafe at Norway in Epcot World Showcase. Nearby in France, the little Boulangerie Patisserie offers fresh-baked croissants, brioches, eclairs, fruit tarts and chocolate mousse. At Disney's Hollywood Studios, head for Starring Rolls Café for sweets. In Magic Kingdom, gooey chocolate brownies or a frozen latte from Main Street Bakery. At Disney's Animal Kingdom, oversized cupcakes at Kusafiri Bakery.

Most exclusive table at Walt Disney World Resort: The Chef's Table in the kitchen at

Victoria & Albert's at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa. Seats up to eight, and it's booked six months in advance. Chef Scott Hunnel takes extraordinary care of his guests.

Most unusual wine list: Jiko-The Cooking Place at Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge features the most extensive collection of South African wines in North America. The wine list is exclusively South African, and most of the 65 vintages are available by the glass. The Wave…of American Flavors at Disney's Contemporary Resort serves only screw-cap wines, focusing on bright-style New World wines from the Southern Hemisphere, including Argentina, Chile, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa.

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