

Walt Disney World Guests From Around the Globe Find Foods to Make Them Feel at Home

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. – Step in the Rose & Crown Pub in the United Kingdom in Epcot World Showcase and you'll often hear a clipped British accent and see guests convivially gathered around the bar sipping Bass ale, Harp lager or Guinness stout.

Many Walt Disney World culinary experiences open a new world of flavors and textures to adventurous guests — but those same dishes can mean a comforting taste of home to world travelers.

Epcot World Showcase has the most concentration of authentic cuisine. In the **Biergarten Restaurant** in **Germany** homemade spaetzle and bratwurst are on the menu along with Beck's in 33-ounce steins. At **Bistro de Paris** in **France**, diners can enjoy roasted duck breast with French wines. **Japan** offers tempura, sushi and sashimi in the Tokyo Dining , and stop downstairs at the Mitsukoshi Department Store's sake bar for a sake tasting with several vintages for sale. .

Restaurant Marrakesh in **Morocco** offers chicken tangine, lamb, couscous and other savories. At **Mexico's San Angel Inn Restaurante**, the most authentic dish is *mole poblano*, or chicken in a chocolate-based sauce. Classics such as Canton pepper beef, five-spiced fish and kung pao chicken are served in **Nine Dragons Restaurant** in **China**. And in **Norway's Akershus Royal Banquet Hall**, home-style herring, Norwegian gravlax, smoked mackerel and traditional kjottkake (meatballs) are customary.

International travelers enjoy the diverse menu at **Jiko-The Cooking Place** at **Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge**, South African-inspired cuisine includes grilled wild boar tenderloin, grilled wild Gulf shrimp curry and maize-crusted corvina. Chef Scott Hunnel at **Victoria & Albert's** at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa spends much of his time seeking the finest ingredients from around the world, and diners at his AAA Five-Diamond restaurant can request just about anything and Hunnel will try to make it happen.

If you're hankering for truffles from France, Australian Kobe beef or African pheasant, Hunnel's menu is a panoply of exquisite tastes.

Kimonos is an oasis of serenity in the busy scene at Walt Disney World Swan. Elegantly decorated in dark teak with silk kimonos on the walls, you can sample more than 15 kinds of sake and pristine sushi, as well as tempura, teriyaki and other Japanese starters. And a favorite of Japanese guests, the karaoke machine cranks up nightly at 9 p.m.

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