

NewsBriefs from Around Our World

New After-Hours Experience at Epcot Invites Walt Disney World Resort Guests to Sample, Sip and Stay Awhile Longer

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. – Walt Disney World Resort guests can now sample and savor flavors from around the world after the nightly finale with the *Epcot After Hours Wind Down*, an intimate experience at one of four authentic and exclusive lounges. Award-winning Epcot Chefs and Sommeliers pair a beverage flight with cultural cuisine.

Reservations begin April 10, with the first *Epcot After Hours Wind Down* taking place on April 17. Guests can book the experience at Disneyworld.com/Spring.

DATES: Thursdays through Sundays

TIMES: 9:20 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

LOCATIONS: La Cava del Tequila (Mexico), Spice Road Table (Morocco), Tutto Gusto Wine Cellar (Italy), Rose & Crown Pub (United Kingdom)

MENU: Selection of appetizers and one beverage flight (cash bar option available to purchase additional beverages)

PRICE: Adults \$35 per person/per location (tax and gratuity not included)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.disneyworld.com/spring or call 407-WDW-DINE

Curtain Call! A New After-Dark Experience Treats Epcot Guests to One More Bite of Fun

The magic doesn't end once the sun sets during the 21st Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival. A new after-dark experience gives guests one more taste of World Showcase excitement like never before.

After a day of blooms and bulbs, the *IllumiNations Sparkling Dessert Party* bursts with color in the sky, and bubbles in the glass. Guests can sample decadent desserts from around the world, paired with the perfect international sparkling wines in an intimate and exclusive environment – all while watching Epcot's nightly fireworks spectacular, *IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth*. Reservations begin March 12. The first *IllumiNations Sparkling Dessert Party* is March 15.

Here are details:

IllumiNations Sparkling Dessert Party

Dates: Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays

Time: 7:45 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.

Location: Showcase Plaza

Prices (including tax and gratuity): Adults \$49, Children \$29

Menu (subject to change):

- Italy: Tiramisu
- France: Vanilla Pot de Crème
- United Kingdom: Shortbread Cookies
- Morocco: Traditional Baklava
- American Adventure: Sugar Dusted Cronis with Strawberry Sauce and Whipped Cream
- Disney Parks ice cream novelties

- Lemonade, coffee, teas
- Sparkling wine from Washington State and Prosecco from Italy

How to Book: Guests can call 407-WDW-PLAY

For more information: Disneyworld.disney.go.com/destinations/epcot

Exquisite Easter Eggs on Display April 4-22 at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa

No need to go on a hunt for these Easter eggs! Guests visiting Walt Disney World Resort this spring can view 18 enormous and intricately designed edible works of art at the 3rd annual Easter egg display in the lobby of Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa. Under the guidance of Master pastry Chef Erich Herbitschek, the pastry team at the Grand hand-paints the eggs (16 to 20 inches tall) with tinted cocoa butter. This year, guests can look for amazing themes that tell the stories of "Frozen," "The Little Mermaid," "Cinderella," "Pocahontas," "Lady and the Tramp," and more. All of the eggs are created with modeling chocolate, fondant, sculpted sugar and royal icing, and each egg takes 18-20 hours to create.

'Maleficent' Sneak Peek Now at Disney's Hollywood Studios

Starting April 18, guests at Disney's Hollywood Studios will have the chance to see a special extended trailer of "Maleficent" in the ABC Sound Studio. The special sneak peek at the untold story of Disney's iconic villain from the classic "Sleeping Beauty" will be playing daily through mid-June. "Maleficent" opens in theaters on May 30, 2014 and stars Angelina Jolie as the mistress of all evil.

Perfect Petals Brunch featuring the Disney Collection by Vera Bradley at Epcot on May 4

Spring has sprung at Walt Disney World, and with the beautiful blooms of the 21st Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival comes a new event, "A Perfect Petals Brunch featuring the Disney Collection by Vera Bradley," which comes to World ShowPlace on Sunday, May 4, 2014. This ticketed event will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and will feature the release of a brand new color called "Mickey's Perfect Petals," as well as a special appearance by Barbara Bradley Baekgaard, co-founder of Vera Bradley. Guests can purchase tickets at DisneyParksMerchandise.com, and the cost is \$125. Admission to Epcot is also required to attend.

The Force is Strong at Disney's Hollywood Studios: *Star Wars* Weekends Adds Another Weekend in 2014

In celebration of all-things-*Star Wars*-, the annual Force-filled *Star Wars* Weekends is returning to Disney's Hollywood Studios at Walt Disney World Resort for an additional weekend in 2014. A 5th weekend will expand the event to every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from May 16-June 15, 2014, giving guests an extra weekend to experience one of the largest *Star Wars* parades in the world, meet-and-greets with their favorite *Star Wars* characters and celebrities, the chance to purchase one-of-a-kind *Star Wars* memorabilia and much more. Also adding to the fun, two new character dining options celebrating the *Star Wars* saga will be available to guests for breakfast and dinner. Each evening during this year's event will end with a gala fireworks show featuring *Star Wars* music.

Marketplace Co-Op Opening Soon at Downtown Disney

A new merchandise location, the Marketplace Co-Op, is coming to Downtown Disney Marketplace in 2014. The shop will have six boutiques that showcase new and innovative merchandise and will serve as a testing space for new Disney retail concepts, shops and products. When it opens, the Marketplace Co-Op's six new boutiques will be:

- **Beautifully Disney** - A beauty destination from women featuring make-up, fragrance and beauty accessories.
- **Centerpiece** – Home products with a Disney flair that includes room furnishings, textiles and everyday ware.
- **Cherry Tree Lane** - Accessories for the sophisticated woman with a passion for scarves, shoes, bags and jewelry.
- **D-Tech on Demand** - A place to personalize and customize electronic accessories.
- **The Trophy Room** - Vintage-inspired, lifestyle sports apparel and collectibles.
- **Zoey and Pickles** - A girls' destination containing the latest trends and glamour for the up-and-coming fashionista.

Part of the multi-year transformation of Downtown Disney into Disney Springs, the Co-Op will occupy the space that formerly housed Team Mickey.