# United Kingdom Brings Old World Charm To World Showcase

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — A stroll on the World Showcase promenade leads Epcot visitors to the cobblestone streets of the United Kingdom pavilion. Eight different architectural styles set the mood for a tour of “merry olde” England — from a London street to a country courtyard.

Buildings range from London Victorian to Yorkshire Manor, Tudor to Georgian, Hyde-Park and Regency to a Shakespearean cottage. There’s even strolling entertainment and street performers.

The Rose & Crown Pub and Dining Room, presented by Bass Exports Ltd., is typical of Victorian England with its etched glass panels, dark mahogany bar and authentic dart board. The pub’s crown bullion window panes are cut from disc-shaped hand-blown glass and came directly from the British Isles. Next door, Yorkshire County Fish Shop features fish & chips.

After sampling cottage pie, Bass Ale and other “pub-grub,” World Showcase visitors can stroll across the street where Disney Imagineers have placed a replica of an ancient sundial at the town crossing. Nearby stands the thatched-roof Anne Hathaway cottage where visitors may sample English cookies and other goodies, and purchase Twinings tea from The Tea Caddy.

Next is The Queen’s Table, specializing in Royal Doulton Fine China and figurines as well as fine fragrances. Opposite is the Pringle of Scotland shop with a variety of athletic ware and gift items.

Before leaving the United Kingdom for another World Showcase adventure, visitors can browse in the Toy Soldier toy shop; the Crown & Crest for chess sets, pub items and tartans; and Historical Research Center for family crest items.

Disney Imagineers spent three years researching pictures and books and visiting favorite historic sites throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Lamp posts, signs, chimneys, street furniture and even bright red English telephone booths provide World Showcase visitors with the atmosphere that makes the United Kingdom so popular with world travelers.

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