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Dining-Out Log

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Restaurant Types

Automat	International, historical term for a cafeteria with various prepared dishes sold from wall-mounted vending machines.
Bar à Huîtres	French restaurant specializing in fruits de mer, specifically oysters and other fresh, raw seafood.
Bar Mleczny	A milk bar that once sold Polish workers cheap, hot, dairy-based lunch under communism, and still caters to budgeting locals.
Barraca	A roadside stall selling food, often including xima, a cassava or maize porridge, in Mozambique's busy corners.
Bia Hoi	Vietnamese for both "fresh beer" and the place to drink it, a casual open-air stall serving its own home brew.
Bistro	Informal French restaurant, typically family-owned, serving hearty, home-style fare and wine typical of the region.
Boteco	A casual neighbourhood Brazilian place where socializing is the priority, but drinks and light snacks are on hand.
Brasserie	Originally an Alsatian brewery, now serving beer and choucroute – hot sauerkraut and cured meats – into the night.
Bruine Kroeg	Typical Amsterdam coffee shop with walls tinted brown from smoke absorbed over many years (now often tobacco-free).
Buschenschank	Also called heurigen and found on-site at Austrian wineries, this friendly spot offers new wine and regional fare.
Canguan	In China, a smaller, mid-price restaurant specializing in one particular type of regional food.
Carvery	Freshly sliced meat, often served alongside a buffet, is the affordable speciality of this type of British restaurant.
Cevicheria	Originating along the coast in Latin America, any spot focusing on ceviche, fresh seafood "cooked" in citrus juice.
Cha Chaan Teng	In China, a casual diner serving pots of hot tea alongside a large menu of both Western and Eastern comfort food.
Chaa Lau	Traditional Chinese house of dim sum, a meal of many small dishes, often offered from carts and served with tea.
Chifa	A restaurant for food cooked by Peru's large Chinese population: fried rice, noodle dishes, wontons etc.
Chip Shop / Chippy	Commonplace across the Anglo-Saxon world, a quick place for fish and chips – battered fried cod or haddock and thick-cut fries – usually takeaway.
Chiringuito	Casual Spanish shack, often found at the beachside, offering a shady spot to enjoy small snacks and cold beverages.
Churrascaria	Historically linked to the Brazilian gaúchos' fireside meals, today's restaurant carves rotisserie meats at the tableside.
Comida Corrida	Inexpensive Mexican café serving a hearty multi-course lunch, often soup, rice, beans, tortillas and meat stews.
Crêperie	Little stall or shop offering crêpes – thin French pancakes – folded or wrapped around sweet or savoury fillings.
Dai Pai Dong	Traditional Hong Kong stall where one can have noodles, congee (rice porridge), sandwiches, milk tea and more.
Dhaba	A quick stop for spicy Punjabi fare, often found along Indian and Pakistani roads and popular with truckers.
Diner	Iconic casual American place serving a large, diverse menu of breakfast, lunch and dinner foods at all hours.
Estiatorio	With both oven and grill, a good place to get a variety of hot and cold Greek dishes in a refined setting.
Fast Food	A place with an inexpensive menu of prepared items served quickly. Often sold by large corporate brands.
Food Truck	Retrofitted truck selling a unique gourmet meal – waffles, dumplings, Korean BBQ, schnitzel – in an American city.
Fournos	Named with the Greek word for oven, it offers typical pastries and pies filled with cheese, spinach, aubergine etc.
Freiduria	In Southern Spain, a casual stall or cafeteria-style restaurant for fried fish, squid, shrimp and other seafood.
Frituur	Kiosk in Belgium serving frites in paper cones. Twice-fried, the potatoes are soft inside and crispy outside.
Furun	This small corner bakery will offer typical Egyptian breads, but also often European-style pastries and breadsticks.
Gargotte	In Senegal, this tiny open-air roadside stall has no sign and no menu, serving simply rice with a sauce <i>du jour</i> .
Gostilna	Often attached to an inn, serving traditional Slovenian beverages and fare like goulash, dumplings and venison.
Guanz	Ubiquitous in Mongolia, a canteen offering buuz (dumplings), soups and stews during the day and evening.
Heladeria	Latin American ice-cream parlour, often family-run, offering a wide variety of flavours to take away or enjoy on-site.
Hostinec / Pivnice	A Czech bar, often a warren of small rooms, serving beer by the half-litre and sometimes offering cheap meals.
Hotel	In Australia, a hotel serves casual drinks and hearty pub food, but won't always offer overnight accommodation.
Hoteli	A simple restaurant to sit and sample East African cuisine – often rice or porridge, plus a vegetable or meat stew.
Imbiss	Quick German snack shop with a variety of wurst and potatoes on offer at all hours. Many have only tall tables, no chairs.
Irani Café	In Mumbai, a café typical of India's Parsi community serving Irani chai tea and various sweets and savouries.
Izakaya	This Japanese after-work spot offers drinks, grilled skewers of meats and other snacks for sharing with friends.
Kafeneion	Found in every Greek town, a coffee house for lingering over the newspaper, a game of backgammon and conversation.
Kaffie	A typical coffee shop in South Africa's cities, but a corner shop with basic packaged goods in its more rural areas.
Kavárna	Primarily offering coffee, tea, slices of cake and pastries, this Czech café may also cook full hot meals.

- Kawiarnia** In Poland, a comfortable spot to sit over coffee, pastries and sometimes wine, ice cream or small savoury snacks.
- Kebabji Ahwa** In Syria and Lebanon, a café that cooks lamb, chicken and beef kebabs to order over a long charcoal grill.
- Kebabçı** Döner kebab – thin slices of meat shaved off a rotisserie and served on a pitta – originated in this Turkish shop.
- Kneipe** Like a neighbourhood pub, a place to meet friends and socialize over drinks and simple, traditional German food.
- Koffiehuis** Historic Dutch café for enjoying a coffee and cookie or slice of vlaai, a lattice-top tart often filled with fruit.
- Kro** Strategically located along the King's Highway, an inn or restaurant offering typical Danish regional cuisine.
- Lanchonete** Typical of Brazilian cities, a stall offering quick breakfasts of pastries, snacks and fresh fruit juices.
- Lokanta** In Turkey, workers head to this cafeteria at lunchtime and pile their plates high with hot, inexpensive food.
- Mamak Stall** From Malaysia's Tamil Muslim community, a casual stall serving filled flatbread, halal meat and more 24 hours a day.
- Mantıcı** A restaurant cooking manti, a traditional Turkish speciality of lamb and spices wrapped in small pieces of dough.
- Maquis** An Ivory Coast restaurant serving kedjenou – braised chicken and vegetables – plus meat, fish, cassava etc.
- Mgahawa** Informal spot for a Tanzanian meal: rice or ugali, a cornstarch paste, alongside mboga, usually beans or greens.
- Mongolian BBQ** Originating in Taiwan, now known all over the world, each diner selects meats, vegetables and sauces for the chef to stir-fry over high heat.
- Mwanauzaji Wa Chakula** In Tanzania, these men sell anything from packaged cookies to sticks of grilled corn to hungry travellers on buses.
- Osmizza** Only open seasonally, a casual way for farms in Slovenia to offer their own wine, salami and cheeses to guests.
- Osteria** Serving affordable local wines and simple snacks into the night, this Italian café has an easy, familiar appeal.
- Ouzeri** Sometimes live music accompanies the small menu and glasses of ouzo, an aniseed-flavoured spirit, at this Greek spot.
- Paladar** Privately-owned Cuban restaurant, with limited capacity and a kitchen cooking local rice, beans, pork and seafood.
- Pastanesi** A little Turkish bakery specializing in sweet pastries and small cookies, sometimes also offering ice cream.
- Pie and Mash** A traditional English shop selling minced beef pie with mashed potatoes and liquor, a parsley and eel sauce.
- Pizzeria** Best place for pizza, an oven-baked, round flatbread from Italy, usually topped with tomato sauce, cheese and more.
- Pojangmacha** Tented street stall in South Korea, either for daytime snacks like filled sausage or pancakes, or for evening drinking.
- Polleria** Whether family-run or a chain, the place to enjoy Peruvian rotisserie chicken, often with salad and potatoes.
- Pub** British institution, a neighbourhood spot for friends to casually enjoy a beer, with a menu of standard fare.
- Pulperia** In Central or South America, a small general store that often doubles as the local bar in rural areas.
- Pupuseria** In El Salvador or abroad, casual spot for pupusas, small cornmeal cakes filled with cheese, beans, herbs or meat.
- Ramen-ya** Japanese shop serving individual bowls of ramen, a broth with noodles and items like pork, egg, spring onions and bamboo.
- Seafood Jau Ga** Cantonese restaurant specializing in seafood, which is often kept live in tanks and prepared freshly by steaming.
- Sobaya** Japanese restaurants specializing in soba, a buckwheat noodle often served in broth with various accoutrements.
- Steak House** Traditionally full of American businessmen, an upmarket wood-panelled den paying homage to steak, steak and steak.
- Taberna** Local Spanish bar where locals come to enjoy a beer with friends, often providing complimentary tapas.
- Takeaway** A storefront offering food to be eaten off the premises: fish and chips, sandwiches, curry, kebabs etc. (also known as take-out).
- Taqueria** Mexican spot offering cheap, quick, tasty tacos: corn tortillas holding meats, vegetables, cheeses and salsas.
- Tasca** Restaurant dedicated to tapas, traditional Spanish small, savoury dishes.
- Taverna** Typical Italian bar, open until late and offering small snacks to complement the beer, wine and cocktails.
- Trattoria** Italian restaurant serving fresh, seasonal meals. Typically family-run, and more formal than an osteria.
- Turo-Turo** Sample a variety of prepared dishes like adobo, pork or chicken braised in spices in this quick Filipino eatery.
- Weinstube** Cosy German spot for enjoying varieties of local wine, often alongside plates of cold cuts and cheeses.
- Würstchenbuden** The place to stop between meals for a currywurst, kabob or pommes rot-weiß – French fries with ketchup and mayonnaise.
- Zunftthaus** Formerly housed the guilds of Swiss artisans and workers, now serves typical Swiss meals to the public.