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## **UNFORGETTABLE DINING EXPERIENCES OFFERED BY TOP EXPERTS AT THE WALT DISNEY WORLD SWAN AND DOLPHIN**

**LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla.** – Celebrity dining venues, awarding-winning chefs, extensive wine lists, unique cocktails, eye-catching restaurant designs and unmatched service are just a few of the elements that make the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin a recognized leader in the resort dining experience.

Featuring 22 restaurants and lounges, the resort offers something for everyone, from the most passionate foodie, to those seeking a quick, yet satisfying meal.

The culinary team is led by Executive Chef Dan Herman, a master of eco-friendly kitchen creations. His organic menus draw rave reviews from banquet guests. Wherever possible, the resort uses locally grown and organic ingredients to provide guests with the highest quality dishes.

The resort's extensive beverage program employs more than 70 sommeliers and rivals those in fine dining venues globally. The wine program features more than 1,400 selections, including organic and rare vintages, plus tastes from Greece, Turkey, Israel and South Africa. The resort's director of food and beverage, Luciano Sperduto, holds the prestigious B.A.R. certification for cocktails.

In 2010, the resort launched the Swan and Dolphin Food & Wine Classic to share their passion and expertise of the culinary arts with guests. This annual event in the fall features hands-on food and beverage seminars and a culinary festival featuring food and drink tastings from the resort's restaurants. For more information on this year's event, guests can visit [www.FoodandWineClassic.com](http://www.FoodandWineClassic.com).

Dining options at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort include:

### **SIGNATURE DINING**

**Todd English's bluezoo (Dolphin):** This AAA Four-Diamond creation of internationally renowned celebrity chef Todd English features coastal cuisine with both international and New American culinary influences. From the signature simply fish to the two-pound Maine "Cantonese" lobster, bluezoo's menu serves blissful bites for every palate. The restaurant's award-winning design by Jeffrey Beers captures an ethereal, underwater theme with sophistication. The signature "Dancing Fish" grill spit roasts an assortment of fresh fish over an open fire pit. [www.thebluezoo.com](http://www.thebluezoo.com) Reservations recommended. Dinner only.

**Il Mulino New York Trattoria (Swan):** The acclaimed Il Mulino New York Trattoria offers its superior signature dining experience in a relaxed and vibrant setting at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort. Guests can enjoy fragrant wood-fired pizzas, fresh fish, chicken, pastas and meats, which all burst with hearty blends of seasonal ingredients drawn from the Abruzzi region of Italy.

[www.swandolphin.com/ilmulino](http://www.swandolphin.com/ilmulino) Reservations recommended. Dinner only.

**Shula's Steak House (Dolphin):** Newly renovated and refreshed with new menu items and a new look, guests can enjoy a premium Black Angus steak, The SHULA CUT®, in the midst of Miami Dolphins memorabilia representing the 1972 undefeated season under the NFL's winningest coach, Don Shula. From the field to the kitchen, Shula scores big with entrees that have made his restaurant "Critic's Choice for Orlando's Best Restaurant." A wine list featuring more than 450 selections has been a consistent winner of the *Wine Spectator* Best of Award of Excellence. Touchdown! [www.swandolphin.com/shulas](http://www.swandolphin.com/shulas) Reservations recommended. Dinner only.

**Kimonos (Swan):** Dark teakwood, colorful kimonos and an intimate atmosphere are the inviting hallmarks of this authentic Japanese sushi restaurant. Kimonos' house specialties include gyoza, octopus, shrimp and the signature dragon roll. Kimonos also features karaoke sing-a-longs with favorites from the '50s and on -- always a hit with the late-night crowd. [www.swandolphin.com/kimonos](http://www.swandolphin.com/kimonos) Dinner only.

**Amare (Swan Reserve):** With a name meaning "to love", guests will fall for this casual upscale venue inspired by the tastes and cultures of the Mediterranean region. The menu focuses on highlighting fresh premium ingredients popular in the area, including a wide variety of seafood, citrus, olive oils, pasta and pitas.

The restaurant will feature an extensive Mediterranean-based wine list featuring several specialized wine flights with selections from across the region. The restaurant is open for three meals a day.

## **CASUAL DINING**

**Garden Grove (Swan):** Set in a tranquil atmosphere featuring a 25-foot oak tree centerpiece, Garden Grove offers breakfast, lunch and dinner. Special memories are in store during evening dinners and weekend breakfasts featuring beloved Disney characters. For dinner, the restaurant features an unlimited buffet of fresh, gourmet vegetables, soups and salads, accompanied by a delectable selection of prime rib, half roasted chicken, or cedar plank salmon and chef's created sides. A special seafood buffet is served on Friday and Saturday. Breakfast features a buffet or a la carte menu; lunch is served a la carte.

**Fresh Mediterranean Market (Dolphin):** Fresh Mediterranean Market serves made-to-order breakfast dishes along with a full buffet. Lunch offers custom salads with some of the finest, local products available. Sangria and wine also are featured. Open for breakfast and lunch.

## **FAST AND FABULOUS**

**fuel (Dolphin):** This is not the typical grab-and-go restaurant, as fuel offers high-quality, quick service food and drink options for breakfast, lunch and dinner developed by the resort's culinary team. Desserts and pastries are offered from the resort's world champion pastry chef. Guests can also indulge in self-serve frozen yogurt and candy. Those seeking an energy boost will find an assortment of teas, espressos, frappés and coffees, including a special Nitro Brew, cold brewed with liquid nitrogen

**The Fountain (Dolphin):** This ice cream fountain and snack shop is the ideal stop for crisp salads, custom-grilled burgers and a delectable array of hearty sandwiches and sweet treats. It's hard to resist the hand-dipped and soft-serve ice cream. Open for lunch and dinner.

**Picabu (Dolphin):** Picabu, for whom the restaurant is named, is an artful animated wood-carved character adding excitement to the dining experience. The 24-hour fare, served cafeteria style, includes hot and cold sandwiches, pizza and other favorites, perfect for family dining. A Taqueria section allows guests to custom-order tacos and burritos.

**Java (Swan):** Escape for sweet and savory breakfast options as well as sandwiches, wraps, salads and

desserts throughout the day at this convenient grab-and-go. The venue also serves a variety of wines, beer, juices teas, espressos, frappés and coffees, including a special Nitro Brew, cold brewed with liquid nitrogen.

**Chill (Swan):** Guests can cool down and relax with a refreshing selection of unique frozen libations. Some of the offerings include a Cold Fashioned, featuring Four Roses Small Batch Bourbon, angostura bitters and fresh citrus; a Mango Margarita and a Paloma, which contains a blend of Herradura Silver Tequila and fresh grapefruit juice. Family friendly options include sodas and snacks, including chips and cookies.

**Grounds (Swan Reserve):** Offering craft coffee, sandwiches, pastries and more to providing a great way to fuel quickly for a day of meetings or visiting the theme parks.

## **POOL-SIDE PANACHE**

**Cabana Bar and Beach Club (Dolphin):** Kick back poolside for a flatbread, fish tacos or grass-fed organic burger. Wispy white drapes, exotic woods and glass floor tiles surround you with South-Beach-chic ambiance. The outdoor Cabana Bar and Beach Club encourages everyone to “come as they are” for savory treats like the soft shell crab “Spider Roll” and charred Ahi tuna tataki. Nighttime is signaled by the lighting of the towering fire torches, which bring warmth and a touch of magic to the scene. A signature chandelier sits above a glowing Onyx bar in the center of this resort oasis.

**Splash Pool Bar & Grill (Swan):** This playful poolside café is designed for guests who don’t want to leave the Florida sun for even a minute. The menu serves up specialty salads, sandwiches other snacks and a variety of refreshing libations. Diners can relax beneath cool canvas umbrellas and enjoy a leisurely table-service meal.

**Tangerine (Swan Reserve):** Guests can enjoy signature drinks poolside along with casual fare including flatbreads, salads, burgers and sandwiches, and stay cool with the restaurant’s signature popsicle – tangerine flavored, of course.

## **TIME TO LOUNGE**

**Phins (Dolphin):** Centrally located the Dolphin lobby, Phins offers the ideal gathering spot for family, friends and colleagues. The lounge offers a full selection of wines, custom cocktails and craft beers, including the resort’s own Phins and Feathers craft beer, as well as light bites. Phins treats visitors with a new adult punch special daily, Sunday morning specialty brunch cocktails as well as its own signature cocktails including the Smoke N’ Roses, served in a smoke box infused with smoke.

**Todd English’s bluezoo Lounge (Dolphin):** Toast the good life with fine champagne, a classic or creative cocktail or cordial in a chic underwater setting around a blue, backlit bar. Those seeking a unique taste can find the latest creations from the resort’s expert mixologists, such as the Bazooka Joe Vodka, the flaming Burnt Orange as well as the venue’s signature cocktail, the Zooberry.

**Stir (Swan Reserve):** An airy, tropical feel centrally located in the Swan Reserve serving specialty cocktails and light bites including Chef’s selection of handcrafted salamis of Spain & Italy and a Soppressata, red onion, torn mozzarella, San Marzano flatbread.

**Il Mulino Lounge (Swan):** Unwind with wines from Italy or classic cocktails.

**Kimonos Lounge (Swan):** Karaoke sing-a-longs with favorite hits from the ‘50s and on pair well with cocktails and a wide variety of Japanese sake.

**Shula's Lounge (Dolphin):** Sink into a leather chair and tune in to a favorite sports channel while sipping wine or sampling a special drink.

### **PERFECT FOR PARK HOPPING**

**Picabu Sundries Shop (Dolphin):** Snacks, toiletries, sodas and sweets are all part of this fully-stocked convenience store located adjacent to the Picabu eatery. At Picabu, visitors can stock up on everything needed for a full day at the Disney theme parks. Open 24 hours.

For more information on any of the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort restaurants or to make dining reservations, please call (407) 934-1609 or visit [www.swandolphin.com/dining](http://www.swandolphin.com/dining).

### **About the *Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin***

In the heart of the Walt Disney World Resort, the award-winning Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin resides amongst the greatest theme parks and attractions in Central Florida. The complex is located between *EPCOT* and *Disney's Hollywood Studios*, and nearby *Disney's Animal Kingdom* Theme Park and *Magic Kingdom* Park. Guests can discover 22 world-class restaurants and lounges, sophisticated guest rooms and the luxurious Mandara Spa. The resort features six pools, three health clubs, nearby golf, complimentary transportation throughout the *Walt Disney World* Resort and early entry to all four theme parks daily and extended evening theme park hours on select nights in select theme parks. The newest addition, the 14-story Walt Disney World Swan Reserve, opened 2021 and offers an upscale, boutique atmosphere as well as 149 suites ideal for families and two presidential suites. For more information, visit [www.swandolphin.com](http://www.swandolphin.com).

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