

Epcot International Food & Wine Festival celebrates 20 years

Walt Disney World Resort: The Epcot International Food & Wine Festival celebrates 20 years this fall, bringing Guests 53 days of international fun and flavor from Sept. 25-Nov. 16.

As Guests taste their way around the World Showcase Lagoon and - new this year - into Future World, they'll explore more than 30 food and beverage Marketplaces serving up small-plate portions of long-time festival favorites and new dishes making their festival debut. New dishes range from a Pepper Bacon Mac n' Cheese at the Farm Fresh Marketplace to a Scottish Citrus Thistle at the Scotland Marketplace.

Festival goers also can enjoy a wide range of culinary demonstrations, celebrity concerts and other events included with Epcot admission.

Separately priced culinary experiences, meanwhile, are available for advance booking.

Here's a quick rundown of some of this year's new offerings:

Remy's Ratatouille Hide & Squeak*: Join Remy, the rat with an unusual knack for cooking, in a search around World Showcase Lagoon for the ingredients he needs to create his signature ratatouille dish.

Rockin' Burger Block Party*: While you won't find the *Disney Files* staff getting down on the dance floor (we lack the gift of rhythm), you may find us enjoying a burger at the Rockin' Burger Block Party. This new event serves gourmet

burgers and refreshing beverages while Guests dance to tunes inspired by musicians who have made their mark on the beverage industry (select Fridays).

Next Eats: Experience the innovations and technology from The Land like never before at two new Marketplaces near the Epcot Character Spot - Sustainable Chew and Chew Lab - where you'll find eco-home-inspired food dishes created by celebrity chefs from the Emmy Award-winning ABC Daytime series "The Chew." While there, you'll learn about cutting-edge food science and the hottest culinary tech trends. "The Chew" crew (including stars Mario Batali, Michael Symon, Carla Hall, Clinton Kelly and Daphne Oz) will tape five shows at the festival Oct. 7-9 for airing during the week of Oct. 12-16.

Artistry of Wine and Cheese: In Future World West, Cheese Studio and Wine Studio Marketplaces will pair perfectly with welcoming pergolas evoking the ambiance of Napa Valley.

New Eat to the Beat acts: Tiffany, Everclear, Maxi Priest and Chaka Khan are among those scheduled to make their Eat to the Beat concert series debuts at the America Gardens Theater, joining such returning festival favorites as Wilson Phillips, Smash Mouth, Jo Dee Messina, Boyz II Men and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.

Learn more online at EpcotFoodFestival.com.

*Additional fee applies

Membership Extras: To learn about special Epcot International Food & Wine Festival offerings created for Disney Vacation Club Members as part of Membership Magic, click the "Membership Extras" link within the "My DVC Membership" tab at disneyvacationclub.com.