

SMALL WORLD

You can eat like a globe-trotter without leaving the States: Check out Little Denmark, Little Ethiopia and more.



LITTLE DENMARK

Solvang, CA



This tiny city, founded in 1911 by a small group of Danish-American settlers, looks just like the real deal—and it has more windmills per square mile than Denmark itself. **Solvang Restaurant** (1672 Copenhagen Dr.) is a good place to start the day, if only for an *aebleskiver* (below, left), a pancake-doughnut hybrid topped with raspberry jam and powdered sugar. You'll find just about every other Danish baked good—strudel, butter rings, kringle (below, right)—nearby at **Mortensen's Danish Bakery** (1588 Mission Dr.) and plenty of Danish souvenirs at **Rasmussen's Solvang** (1697 Copenhagen Dr.). If you stick around for dinner, try a Danish-style open-face herring sandwich at **The Greenhouse Café** (487 Atterdag Rd.) or a plate of *frikadeller* (pork-and-veal meatballs) at **Bit o' Denmark** (473 Alisal Rd.).





LITTLE CZECH REPUBLIC

West, TX

Czech immigrants settled in Texas in 1880, and more than a century later, many of the restaurants and residents of West, TX, are still Czech. The city sits between Dallas and Austin, and road-trippers love stopping at **Czech Stop** (104 South George Kacir Dr.) for a *kolache* (below), a traditional stuffed yeast roll. The 24-7 spot is known for its classic flavors, like fruit or poppy seed, while **Gerik's Ole Czech Bakery** (511 West Oak St.) is famous for its *klobasnek*, a savory take on the same pastry. You can find recipes for kolache and other Czech favorites in the rows and rows of cookbooks at **Olde Czech Corner Antiques** (130 North Main St.). At the end of the day, you should head to **Picha's Czech-American Restaurant** (220 North Main St.), an Eastern Europe-meets-West diner where you can get pierogi—or chicken-fried steak.

LITTLE ODESSA

Brooklyn, NY



Locals call the south Brooklyn neighborhood of Brighton Beach "Little Odessa," a reference to the former Soviet port city where the most recent wave of immigrants originated. The 10-block stretch is home to thousands of Ukrainian and Russian families, and you'll hear their native languages more often than English. **Brighton Bazaar** market (1007 Brighton Beach Ave.) is full of imported favorites, like traditional candies, pickled veggies and smoked fish. The neighborhood's most popular restaurants are on the boardwalk, including **Cafe Restaurant Volna** (3145 Brighton 4th St.), famous for its chicken Kiev and beef stroganoff, and **Tatiana Restaurant & Nightclub** (3152 Brighton 6th St.), which serves family-style dinners until 4 a.m. on weekends. There's plenty of vodka, too: Choose from more than 100 Russian varieties at **Ocean Wine & Liquor** (514 Brighton Beach Ave.).



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LITTLE ETHIOPIA

Washington, D.C.



Washington, D.C., is home to the largest Ethiopian population in the U.S., and in this neighborhood, native customs are very much alive. Every Sunday at 2 p.m., **Sidamo Coffee and Tea** (417 H St. NE) hosts a traditional coffee ceremony. The beans are roasted, hand-ground and brewed on the spot. You can listen to live Ethiopian music at **Dukem Restaurant** (1114 U St. NW; call ahead for dates), or try a sampler of Ethiopian classics at **Ethiopic Restaurant** (401 H St. NE), a short walk from the main drag. If you don't get enough of the famous spongy bread *injera* over dinner, you can stop by **Habesha Market** (1919 9th St. NW) and buy a whole stack to go.



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