

A VARIETY OF PLACES FOR EATING OUT IN GREAT BRITAIN (ДЕ МОЖНА ПОЇСТИ УВЕЛИКІЙ БРИТАНІЇ)

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У доповіді йдеться про різновиди закладів харчування у Великобританії, про традиції харчування і про британську національну кухню.

When you want to eat out in Britain there is a wide variety of places to go. Paradoxical as it may seem, it can be a problem to find a place serving only typical British food. Restaurants serving "British" food tend to be either very expensive and found in luxury hotels, or cheap and nasty serving mainly fried food. Many typical English dishes centre on roast meat.

Almost all hotels have an attached restaurant where non-residents can have lunch or dinner, and a lounge where they can have tea, coffee or a drink before their meal.

Cafes provide a cheap place to have a cup of tea or a meal and are usually open all day. The "fish and chip" bar or shop where you can buy fried fish and chips to eat either there or at home are found very often. Many towns, especially those in popular tourist areas, have tea shops.

One of the cheapest places to eat is a snack bar, a type of cafe. It may not serve meals at all but only tea and coffee, with food such as soup and sandwiches.

The buffets at railway stations are often similar, although many serve alcoholic drinks as well.

There are eating-places for drivers on main roads and motorways. They are usually large fast food restaurants.

Pubs are places where usually local people go for a drink and a chat. The British have to be 18 to drink alcohol in a pub. If they are "under age" – too young to drink alcohol – and they are served alcoholic drinks, the landlord may lose his licence to sell alcohol. Most pubs are owned by a brewery, the place where the beer is made. These pubs sell only the beer made by that brewery. If the pub displays the sign "free house" this means the pub is owned by the landlord, who is free to buy from any brewery. Everywhere in Britain pubs are an attraction for tourists.