Pocket Guide to HIDDEN GEMS IN THE WORLD EPCOT World Showcase

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EPCOT World Showcase

Norway

☐ As you enter Norway the first building has a roof made of real sod, back in the "ole country" this would be trimmed by the goats, however here in WDW the horticulturists take care of it. Make sure and go into the Stave Church, there are only 28 of these left in Norway. I also know of one larger than the Epcot model built in the Black Hills of South Dakota, all the pieces for that one were shipped in from Norway.

China

☐ Make time for the acrobats show in China, then check out the temple ceiling, and lastly for an inexpensive souvenir, see the man in the back of the gift shop for a personalized fan.

Germany

☐ Germany offers wine tasting for a small fee, and then you can order up your favorite and have it sent to your hotel room or the front gate for pickup later in the day

☐ In Germany make sure and spend some time enjoying the train exhibit, which often has seasonal differences, and look for the clock with the figures that pop out on the hour, and the pickle tree. If you are not familiar with the pickle legend, ask a cast member.

U.S.A.

☐ Stop into the American Pavilion, don't pass it by as you figure you spend enough time in our grand country, the shows here are worth stopping for and they have different

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exhibits that change. Take time to enjoy the pictures painted through out American Adventure pavilion.

Japan

☐ Try on the traditional Japanese garments in the department store in Japan, pose for a picture, then head upstairs to the bar for a bit of quiet and a beverage.

☐ The Japanese Pagoda has 5 stories and each represents an element the Buddhists believe all things were created from: Earth, Water, Fire, Wind and Sky.

Morocco

☐ The Morocco pavilion offers a free tour of their "country" including cultural and historical bits about this fascinating country. This might even induce you to exploring all the other countries to find some hidden areas, such as the maze garden in the back corner of the UK.

☐ Notice the wall mosaics in Morocco, each one has at least one flawed or cracked tile on purpose, as they believe only Allah can create perfect things.

France

☐ The bridge crossing from France to the UK represents crossing the English Channel, Disney's version of the Channel? Look for a bike and an easel around the channel as if an artist were painting and just stepped away for a minute.

United Kingdom

☐ Look for the butterfly garden in the UK; it is located in the Not-a-garden where the apothecary grows his herbs. There is a butterfly box here where the butterfly cocoons are protected until they hatch

Other

☐ World Showcase Passports (approx $10 at shops/carts throughout Epcot), you can get them rubber stamped and signed in each country at the Kidcot station; they also come with a stamp for each country and a button that reads "World Showcase Traveler."

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☐ Speaking of the Kidcot Stations, your child (or I am sure you if you are so inclined) can make a free mask, they can color it and decorate it, there are ornaments to hang from it and they can get a stamp in each country and a signature from the Cast Member (remember the Cast Members are from each country, so they are a wealth of information for inquisitive minds, young and old alike). If you finish up all the countries you get a special prize!

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