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Eating Fast Food in a Foreign Country

There's no denying that having food adventures in foreign countries is fun. Trying strange dishes while practicing your language skills is great. However, sometimes you just want something familiar. Almost every country in the world has fast-food restaurants. There may be some little local differences, but generally speaking, order a Big Mac anywhere in the world and you know exactly what you're getting.

Ordering fast food is uncomplicated, too. Basically, it's just looking at pictures and pointing, right? Step one: point at your meal. Step two: point at the small, medium, or large cup for your drink. Then, a little sign language should also let you convey "hot," "iced," or "without ice," too. Step three: gesture "for here" or "to go." Step four: pay. It couldn't be easier.

Fast-food restaurants everywhere may all seem the same, but a little of a country's character always slips through. Often these differences appear as small, curious details, and they're just enough to remind you: though it might seem like home, you're still on vacation. For example, in the Japanese McDonald's you can get a shrimp burger. In the McDonald's in India there's no beef-cows being sacred to Hindus. In McDonald's in France, you can even buy a beer!

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