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[Away.com](#) serves WW as culinary spot again

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Looks like a second helping of Walla Walla is being served on [Away.com](#)'s top culinary travel list.

The travel planning Web site released today its list of top 10 "hidden-gem destinations to eat and be merry this fall."

This is the second consecutive appearance on the list for Walla Walla, ranked No. 7 between Fes, Morocco, and Southwest London.

The list is intended to veer slightly from cities already famed for their culinary charms -- think Paris or San Francisco -- to quaint U.S. destinations and off-the-beaten-path international retreats, according to the announcement.

Starting in the No. 1 position, the list includes: Bangkok, Thailand; Mumbai, India; Big Island, Hawaii; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Carmel, Calif.; Fes, Morocco; Walla Walla; Southwest London, United Kingdom; Wellfleet, Mass.; Providenciales, Turks & Caicos, British West Indies.

"Culinary-focused travel is becoming increasingly popular, and it's not just for foodies anymore," said [Away.com](#) Senior Editor Kate Chandler, in the announcement. "Whether you're a casual diner or a bona fide epicure, these 10 culinary hot spots deliver both food to wow your palate and the kind of genuine cultural experiences that really defines travel."

Along with Buenos Aires and Wellfleet, Walla Walla was also singled out in the "not-to-miss culinary adventures for fall" category. Chandler touted Walla Walla's grape harvest season with its "wine lunches, vintner dinners and 5K races."

Providence St. Mary Medical Center has a taker in its "Care Enough to Wear Pink" challenge.

Earlier this month the hospital challenged local businesses to encourage employees to wear pink in an effort to raise awareness about breast cancer.

The Walla Walla YMCA has accepted. Staff members will wear pink through the end of this week. The Y is also collecting donations -- part of its "Change for a Change" push -- for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

The Walla Walla nonprofit is also promoting breast cancer awareness through its [pink Cybex treadmill](#). For each mile members walk on the treadmill, located in the Fitness Center, the Cybex corporation will donate 10 cents to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. The Y will match that amount.

The pink treadmill, purchased for the purpose of promoting breast cancer awareness, will be raffled this month. Members can pay \$25 for a chance to win the machine, valued at \$6,000.