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## Olympic pavilions offer a taste of the world

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VANCOUVER — The Olympic pavilions are major attractions, worthy of eternal waits to get in. That's the upside.

The downside? Those eternal waits. Patience, my missing gene, is the passport to enter these palate-pleasing portals. My job entails foraging for food in these venues so I visited some pavilions and checked out others.

One day, I sat down to two lunches, acquiring both a waddle and a wattle to match. The first lunch was at the House of Switzerland (at Bridges restaurant on Granville Island) and the second, after a rigorous jaunt across False Creek on the Aquabus, was at Ontario House (Concord Place).

At Ontario House, I had just missed Toronto's celebrity chef Jamie Kennedy and his cooking demo, stage left. I liked this venue. The food area is centred on a sleekly modern counter and all the items (tapas size) are \$5. Not bad, considering it's a fast food set-up. I liked the slider, a smokey mini-burger and Dufflet's brownie (a beloved Toronto bakery) was delicious. Jerk-marinated Conestoga pork loin skewers were nicely spiced but dry; pakoras and duck spring rolls were fine as long as you juiced it up with their sauces.

Ontario pavilion's food counter during the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

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