

Blue Pacific restaurant in King of Prussia is quite simply our family's favorite restaurant to dine at. We've enjoyed so many meals there over the years, often accompanied by our teenage daughters who were just tots when we first visited! Now that's a recommendation you don't usually get!

At any restaurant you visit, what you want is, quite simply, good food. At Blue Pacific, that's exactly what you'll get. Their menu is a true testament to their chefs' expertise and creativity. Deciding what to have will be the hardest thing you have to do -- as it still is for me! Your first decision will be what to start your meal with: a selection of delicious appetizers, soups and salads or perhaps something from the sushi bar? If you're not a raw seafood aficionado, then don't think you won't enjoy sushi because some of the selections are cooked. Do you enjoy fried shrimp? Then why not try a fried shrimp roll? Very nice! Or a fried soft shell crab roll? Delectable! Let me just say that if you haven't tried fried foods done in the Japanese style of cooking, then you haven't had good fried food. It should be *lightly* battered, the oil should be *clean and* at the *correct temperature*, and only fried *until* done. Unfortunately, what passes for most fried foods is the total opposite: overly battered, overly cooked, in oil that isn't fresh or at the correct temperature when the food was fried which results in a most unappetizing product. Most definitely *not what I would consider* good food. All you have to do is ask your server to suggest some cooked sushi for you to try. So, you've made your first decision, now your second. Should you just order sushi for dinner (as I have many times) or select from the dinner menu one of many tempting Japanese and pan Asian dishes which will make your mouth water! Just reading the descriptions of the dishes is enough to make my salivary glands go into overtime!! In my mind, this is what separates Blue Pacific from other restaurants. They offer a varied selection of original dishes where the ingredients are fresh, the chefs know what defines good food, and everything is cooked to order. That should be what you want when dining out. What you won't find on their menu is what I unashamedly refer to as "glop" -- an unappetizing precooked mixture, from which most of the menu items are made of with the only change being type of meat or seafood added. Unfortunately, this is what people were told and believed was the "real thing". It couldn't be further from the truth. At Blue Pacific, your selection is "made to order", which literally means that it's not made until someone orders it. That's what well prepared food should be -- not something simmering away in a pot for the better part of the day.

The atmosphere is very nice as well. When you visit Blue Pacific, you leave the hustle and bustle behind you. Background music is cool jazz. The staff is always quick with a smile in welcoming you to their restaurant. Appealing to both families and the working crowd, you have your choice

of table arrangements depending on what you'd like. You can sit at the sushi bar and watch their skilled chefs prepare your selection (an art unto itself); at a more private table, or at their full service bar where you can enjoy a drink by yourself or with friends. Delicious fine wines, micro brewed and Asian beers, Saki and a full selection of liquors are offered. If you'd like to order some food, you can order off the full menu; not the usual limited bar menu. Again, it's the choices you have that ensure your experience will be a good one.

My family really enjoys foods prepared simply and well. Although we've visited other restaurants from time to time, what we've found that makes Blue Pacific stand out from others is the quality and expert preparation of food, an atmosphere which is at once relaxing and friendly to all, and their genuine way of making their guests feel right at home.

Located in the Plaza at the King of Prussia Mall, Blue Pacific is easy to get to and there are no worries about finding a parking space or having to pay steep parking fees. If shopping is on your list, this is the place to do it! Store directories can be picked up at various locations throughout the mall which will help you get around. Also, you're not restricted by the Mall's hours as Blue Pacific has their own separate entrance.

If you haven't dined at Blue Pacific, maybe it's time you did. For all the reasons above and more, I heartily recommend it!

-Mary Ellen Wells