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Four Ballparks That Hit Home Runs on Taste

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LOS ANGELES (TheStreet) -- For baseball fans, October is about playoffs. Whether their team made it all the way or struck out on the first pitch, Major League Baseball fans look to the playoffs to satisfy their hunger for the game one last time before bidding it adieu for the winter.

It's a time for faded jerseys, frayed baseball caps, cold beer and -- as anyone who's made a mad dash to the concession stand before the seventh-inning stretch can attest -- food.

Ballpark cuisine isn't all peanuts and Cracker Jack. These days, it's filet mignon and fine wine too. If you have playoff or World Series tickets, you can satisfy your inner fan as well as your inner foodie. <u>TravelsinTaste.com</u> has scouted out the best in ballpark dining for fans of the Angels, Phillies, Dodgers and Yankees.

Angel Stadium: At Angel Stadium in Anaheim, Calif., you can watch the Los Angeles Angels battle it out against the New York Yankees today and Tuesday. If you're lucky, you can do it from one of the stadium's three clubs, including the Diamond Club, a full-service upscale restaurant and bar, located directly behind home plate on the Field Level, that's open only to fans with field-level Diamond Club season tickets.

Serviced by Aramark, the clubs offer an always-changing menu that has included Southwest regional fare like chicken mole burritos, nachos and soft chicken tacos.

Citizens Bank Park: The Philadelphia Phillies are hosting the Los Angeles Dodgers at Philadelphia's Citizens Bank Park today and Wednesday. Fans with refined palates can skip the concessions in favor of the Executive Dining Room, where celebrities and MLB executives dine.

The restaurant, located on the stadium's exclusive Hall of Fame Club Level, is reminiscent of an old-style country club and serves upscale cuisine to match. You can find Philly favorites like cheese steaks, along with less traditional options, such as vegan hot dogs, southwestern veggie burgers and gluten-free beer. Citizens Bank Park has been voted the No. 1 vegetarian ballpark three years in a row by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Dodger Stadium: Last week, the Los Angeles Dodgers hosted the Philadelphia Phillies at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. Famous for its grilled-not-boiled hot dog, the Dodger Dog, the stadium's other signature offerings include fish tacos and garlic fries.

In the spirit of California cuisine, fans can also enjoy healthier options like curried chicken salad made with low-fat mayonnaise and fruit and yogurt parfaits from the stadium's "Healthy Plate" carts. For something more upscale, try the Stadium Club restaurant, which offers dishes designed by a registered dietitian, like roasted pear and arugula salad and balsamic maple glazed salmon.

Yankee Stadium: The New York Yankees hosted the Los Angeles Angels at New York's new Yankee Stadium last week. And while they missed the old stadium's spirit, fans relished in the new stadium's selection of eats, which includes sushi, premium steak sandwiches, brisket and Asian noodle soups. The stadium even features special stations manned by celebrity guest chefs like Masaharu Morimoto of the *Food Network's* "Iron Chef" cooking competition.

On game days, foodies are most likely to flock to NYY Steak, Yankee Stadium's upscale steakhouse, which serves aged USDA Prime steaks and fresh seafood, such as Alaskan king crab. And in case you're not a fan of ballpark beer, the restaurant has a selection of nearly 100 different fine wines.

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