CUISINE

Wine That Goes With a Shrimp Roll

SIAN DRINKERS HAVE preferred beers and liquors to wine, but that may be changing. Most restaurants in Asia now offer wine, and wine bars are cropping up in the more cosmopolitan cities. At the ultrachic French restaurant Les Amis in Singapore (lesamis.com.sg), regular clients can create their own private wine lists by buying bottles from the restaurant and storing them in the cellar. Prices range from \$60 to \$16,500 a bottle.

New cookbooks are also helping pair Asian food with

wines. "Wine With Asian Food: New Frontiers in Taste" by Patricia Guy and Edwin Soon presents a systematic approach to matching food and wines. Because Asian cuisine is characterized by a multitude of spices, the European practice of pairing the wine to the primary ingredient—a full red

wine with lamb, for instance—doesn't work. The trick is to focus on the sauce. Vietnamese shrimp rolls in rice paper call for a light, sweet Austrian Grüner Veltliner. Indian chicken korma takes Australian Shiraz. A Thai green mango salad goes well with pinot grigio.

-Sonia Kolesnikov-Jessop



HINT OF MANGO: New cookbooks tie Western vintages to Asian flavors

4 HOURS IN



AARHUS

Denmark's second city offers a range of museums, cultural institutions and fun, most of it packed into the center of town.

DINE at one of the cafés on the Vadested strip by the canal. Enjoy a long draft beer with quiche or traditional Danish herring. Stay for the raucous nightlife.

SHOP on Stroget, the main pedestrian thoroughfare in a grid of no-car streets and home to the big Danish department stores Salling and Magasin du Nord. Check the adjacent Latin Quarter for boutiques featuring unique Danish design.

EXPLORE the Old Town heritage museum, which resembles a living old-fashioned Danish market town with lots of handson activities such as blacksmith and carpenter workshops. (www.dengamleby.dk).

VISIT AROS art museum, with 17,700 square meters of exhibition space, features international exhibits as well as permanent works from the Danish Golden Age up to the present (aros.dk).

UNWIND at Zen Garden, a short taxi ride from the town center. Meander through Japanese-inspired gardens (danmarksjapanskehave.dk) and get a massage or a "caviar facial" at the wellness center. It's a great way to recharge your batteries.

-CHARLES FERRO

DREAM HOME



Villefranche-Sur-Mer Relax in this 2,800-square-meter villa on the Côte d'Azur. Set on 1.5 lush hectares, this Mediterranean home offers 11 bedrooms, 14 bathrooms, a swimming pool, a game room, a sauna and stunning views of the ocean and the Riviera (£55 million; **luxuryrealestate.com**).