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Biscoff Cookies and Spreadable Speculaa

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When I was a kid I was obsessed with the Biscoff cookies that several airlines gave out on flights. I hoarded the ones I got and I continue to look for them when flying.

Now that I'm older and wiser and have eaten more cookies, I realize Biscoffs are really just speculaa cookies, the lightly spiced, buttery biscuits long popular in Europe. According to the [Biscoff Web site](#), since being discovered by an airline food supplier on a trip to Belgium in 1984, Biscoffs have gained international popularity and are enjoyed on most domestic and international airlines.



While I've never done it, you can order the cookies on [Amazon](#) or the [Biscoff Web site](#). It's a rather civilized approach, but I prefer to keep these as my in-flight treat--there's something extra special about a sweet that's not that easy to get your hands on. That was the plan anyway and then I spotted a jar of [Biscoff Spread](#) at my local market.

This sweet, creamy spread contains 57 percent Biscoff cookies so it tastes pretty much exactly like them. Despite not having any nuts or chocolate, I was immediately reminded of both peanut butter and Nutella so obviously I started spreading it on toast and chocolate, two very good partners it turns out. Next I want to try baking with it and perhaps checking out some of the recipes on this [Biscoff blog](#).

There are other speculaa spreads on the market here and in Europe. In fact, as documented earlier this year in [The New York Times](#), there's been a bit of a fuss over who has the rights to make the stuff.

Do you love Biscoff or speculaa cookies as much as I do? What about the spreadable form?

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