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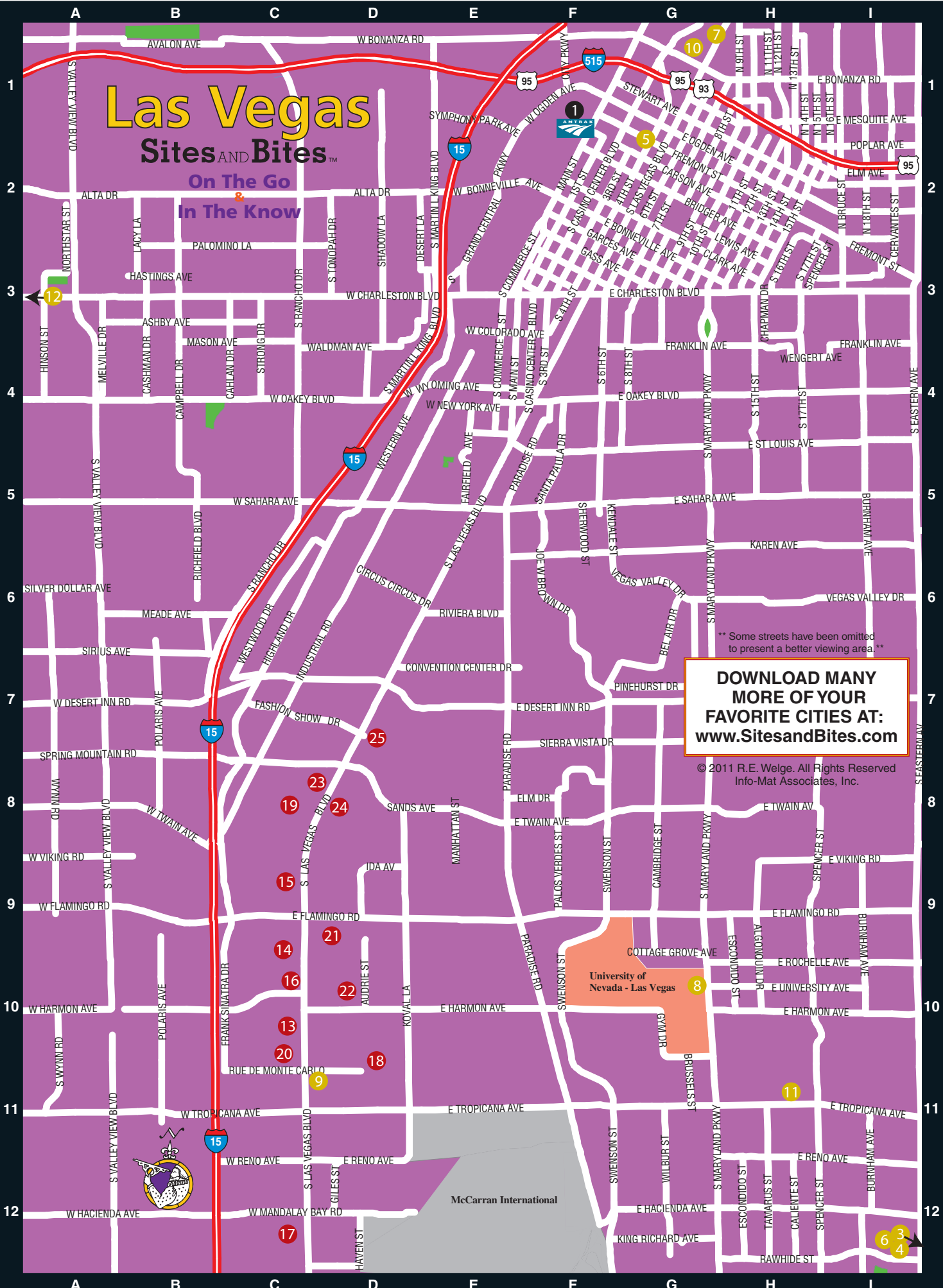
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CASINOS/RESTAURANTS

Major Las Vegas Hotels and Casinos are listed and show their special features and outstanding dining possibilities.

The following restaurants have been carefully chosen to represent the best of Las Vegas' cuisine. Our listing includes the website and the ratings are a compilation of local and national critics, chefs, and notable foodies. We always suggest making a reservation but if your plans change be sure to cancel it.

★ Good \$ Nominal
 ★★ Very Good \$\$ Moderate
 ★★★ Excellent \$\$\$ Expensive
 ★★★★ OTT (Over The Top) \$\$\$\$ OTT

13. Aria (arialasvegas.com) - Entertainment: 866-359-7111, Fine Art Collection Featuring Maya Lin and Jenny Holzer, City Center, 3730 Las Vegas Blvd, Dining: 877-230-2742 for all restaurant reservations, C-10

Shaboo (Masa Takayama) - Omakase Style, ★★ White Truffle Sunomono, Slice of Toro Paired with Petrosian Caviar, Winter Truffle Ice Cream, D: F,Sa \$\$\$\$

Julian Serrano (Julian Serrano) - Lobster ★★ Gazpacho, Atlantic Cod Tapas, Mixed Seafood Ceviche, Spanish Chicken Croquettes, L & D: Daily \$\$\$\$

Jean George Steakhouse (Vongerichten) - ★★ Chilled Seafood Platter, Tempura Calamari, Aged Grilled Steaks, D: Daily \$\$\$\$

Sirio Ristorante (Sirio Maccioni) - Antipasti ★★ Platter, Italian Cheeses, Seafood or Hot Appetisers, Pizza, D: Nightly \$\$\$\$

14. Bellagio (bellagio.com) - An Artificial Lake is the Setting for the "Fountains of Bellagio", Entertainment: 888-987-6667, Cirque du Soleil "O", 3600 Las Vegas Blvd South, Dining: 866-259-7111 for all restaurant reservations, C-9

Jasmin (Philip Lo) - Traditional Hong Kong Cantonese - Nigiri and Maki Sushi, Lobster Medallions with Mango Pearls & Thai Basil, D: Daily ★★ \$\$\$\$

Le Cirque (Maccioni Family) - Features Sirio ★★ Maccioni and Designer Adam Tihany - Sea Bass with Potatoes and Leeks, Roasted Chicken and Black Truffles with Foie Gras Macaroni, D: Tu-Su \$\$\$\$

Michael Mina (Michael Mina) - Crispy Quail with ★★ Harissa, Pita and Pistachios, Truffle Stuffed Jidori Chicken with Savoy Cabbage and Foie Gras Rice, D: Th-Tu \$\$\$\$

Picasso (Julian Serrano) - Lobster Salad with ★★ Apple-Champagne Vinaigrette, Lamb Chops with Zucchini Farci, D: W-M \$\$\$\$

15. Caesar's Palace Resort (caesarspalace.com) - Roman Theme with Buildings Crafted to Resemble Grand Edifices of Ancient Rome, Entertainment: 866-227-5938, The Forum Shops, Coliseum Arena, 3570 Las Vegas Blvd South, Dining: 877-346-4642 for all restaurant reservations, C-9

Bradley Ogden (Bradley Ogden) - Roasted ★★ Chestnut Soup with Apple and Jicama, Mushroom Risotto with Arugula and Parmeggiano, Red Wine Braised Sturgeon with Baby Turnips and Wild Rocket, D: Nightly \$\$\$\$

Bobby Flay (Bobby Flay) - Blue Corn Pancake ★★ with BBQ Duck, Roasted Veal Chop with Horseradish and Wild Rice Tamale, Coffee Rubbed Filet Mignon with Ancho Chili Sauce, L & D: Daily \$\$\$\$

Rao's (Chef Carla) - Directly from Harlem - ★★ Stuffed and Baked Little Neck Clams, Beggar Purse Raviolis Stuffed with Ricotta Cheese, Veal Shank in Gremolotta Sauce Over Safron Risotto, D: Nightly \$\$\$\$

Restaurant Guy Savoy (Guy Savoy) - Artichoke ★★ and Black Truffle Soup, John Dory with Seaweed Butter, Veal Chop with Black Truffle Potato Puree and Vegetables, D: W-Su \$\$\$\$

16. Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas (cosmopolitanlasvegas.com) - Adult Oriented Resort Complex, Entertainment: 702-698-7000, Introducing Marquee Nightclub & Dayclub, 3708 Las Vegas Blvd South, Dining: 877-551-7772 for all restaurant reservations, C-10

Blue Ribbon Sushi Bar and Grill (Eric & Bruce Bromberg) - Omakase is Chef's Choice Sashimi, ★★ Fried Chicken with Shichimi Pepper and Wasabi Honey, D: Nightly \$\$\$\$

China Poblano (Jose Andres) - Lamb Pot

★★★ Stickers with Vegetables, Twenty Vegetable Fried Rice, Duck Tongue Tacos with Chipotle Salsa, L & D: Daily \$\$\$\$

Comme Ca (David Myers) - Roasted Bone ★★ Marrow and Oxtail Jam, Crispy Skate with Haricot Vert, Beef Bourguignon with Pomme Puree and Glazed Carrots, L & D: Daily \$\$\$\$

DOCG (Scott Conant) - Spaghetti with Braised ★★ Sauce and Black Truffles, Short Ribs with Polenta, Carrots and Pearl Onions, Branzino with Cous-Cous, D: Nightly \$\$\$\$

17. Mandalay Bay (mandalaybay.com) - South Sea Island Theme Featuring Shark Reef Aquarium, Entertainment: 7702-632-7777, The Lion King, 3950 Las Vegas Blvd South, Dining: 702-632-7200 for all restaurant reservations, C-12

Fleur by Hubert Keller (Hubert Keller) - Abalone ★★ with Pickled Shiitake and Soy Ginger Foam, Pork Schnitzel with Potato and Cucumber Salad, Quail Skewers with Piperade Sauce, L & D: Daily \$\$\$\$

Aureole by Charlie Palmer (Charlie Palmer) - ★★ Roasted Black Cod with Caramelized Onion and Caviar, Pancetta Wrapped Monk Fish with Butternut Risotto and Brussels Sprout Leaves, Blue Cheese Crusted Beef Tenderloin with Wild Mushrooms and Rosti Potatoes, D: Nightly \$\$\$\$

Red Square (Dazzling Russian Inspired Décor) - ★★ Special Caviar Menu, Wonton Chips with Smoked Salmon and Wasabi, Strozapretti Stroganoff with Ragout of Mushrooms and Peas and Shoestring Potatoes, D: Nightly \$\$\$\$

Lupa by Wolfgang Puck (Wolfgang Puck) - ★★ Pizzas, Pastas, Sea Bass with Tomato-Eggplant Fondue, Escarole and Pine Nuts, Calf's Liver with Creamy Polenta, Pancetta and Baby Onions, Pork Chop and Honey Glazed Belly with Apple-Fennel Marmalade, D: Nightly \$\$\$\$

18. MGM Grand (mgmgrand.com) - Grand Pool Complex and Grand Spa, Entertainment: 702-891-1111, Ka by Cirque de Soleil, Lion Habitat, David Copperfield, 3799 Las Vegas Blvd South, D-11

Craftsteak by Tom Colocchio (Matt Seiber) - ★★ Lobster Bisque, Braised Short Ribs, Grilled Kobe Skirt Steak, D: Nightly, 702-891-7318 \$\$\$\$

Joel Robuchon (Claude Le Tohic) - Light Chestnut ★★ Cream with Foie Gras on Smoked Lardon Foam, Pan Fried Sea Bass with Lemon Grass Foam, Sautéed Veal Chop with Natural Jus and Vegetables Taglierinis, D: Nightly, 702-891-7925 \$\$\$\$

L'Atelier de Joel Robuchon (Steve Benjamin) - ★★ Fresh Marinated Anchovies with Sliced Eggplant Confit, Dover Sole Filet with Baby Leeks and Ginger, Hanger Steak with Fried Shallots, D: Nightly, 702-891-7358 \$\$\$\$

Seablue by Michael Mina (Eric Suniga) - Crispy ★★ Smelt Fries with Romesco Sauce, Lobster Fritters with Bacon, Citrus and Crème Fraiche, White Prawn Scampi with Fettuccine, D: Nightly, 702-891-3486 \$\$\$\$

19. Mirage, The (mirage.com) - South Sea Island Theme with Dolphin Habitat, Pools and Waterfalls, Entertainment: 702-791-7111, Steve Martin, 3400 Las Vegas Blvd South, Dining: 866-339-4566 for all restaurant reservations, C-8

Kokomo's - Dining in a Tropical Rain Forest - ★★ Three Onion Soup with Croutons and Monterey Jack Cheese, Veal Rib Chop in a Marsala Reduction, Prime Rib au Jus with Spicy Béarnaise, D: Nightly \$\$\$\$

Onda Ristorante - Prosciutto de Parma with Baby ★★ Greens, Clams or Mussels in Garlic and White Wine Sauce, Osso Bucco with Milanese Risotto, D: Nightly \$\$\$\$

Samba - Brazilian Style BBQ - Creamy Chicken ★★ and Brazil Nut Soup, Halibut with Tapenade Crust in Tomato Sauce, D: Nightly, 866-339-4566 \$\$\$\$

20. Monte Carlo (montecarlo.com) - Elegant Entrance, European Style Service and Famous Casino Replica, Entertainment: 702-730-7777, Jabbawooken Dancers, Frank Caliendo, 3770 Las Vegas Blvd South, Dining: 877-2-DINE for all restaurant reservations, C-11

Andre's Restaurant (André Rochat) - Abalone ★★ Almandine with Celery Root Mousseline, Frisee and Oxtail Confit Salad with Crouton and Poached Egg, Veal Pot au Feu with Root Vegetables, D: Nightly \$\$\$\$

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TRANSPORTATION

- 1. Amtrak** (www.amtrak.com) - Your Connection to more than 500 stations in 47 States. Information and train schedules call 1-800-USA-Rail, Downtown Bus Stop, 200 South Main St, Greyhound Station, F-1
- 2. Las Vegas Monorail (lvmonorail.com)** - 7 Different Lines on "The Strip", Just Don't Try to Go to the Airport.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 3. Clark County Heritage Museum (clarkcountynv.gov)** - Provides a Rich and Colorful History of Las Vegas and Its Surrounding Communities, Well Worth the Journey, Daily: 9-4:30, 1820 S Boulder Hwy, Henderson, 702-455-7955, I-12
- 4. Ethel M Chocolate Factory and Botanical Cactus Gardens (ethelm.com)** - Big Time Chocolate Production and 3 Acres of Garden Showcase 300 Different Plants, Daily: 8:30-6, 2 Cactus Garden Dr, Henderson, 702-435-2655, I-12
- 5. Fremont Street Experience (vegasesperience.com)** - Vista Vision Light Show is 6 Minutes Long and Shown Every Hour on the Hour From 8:30 PM to Midnight on the Largest Screen in the World, 425 Fremont St, 702-678-5777, G-1
- 6. Hoover Dam (usbr.gov/lc/hooverdam)** - Also known as Boulder Dam, One of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World, It Spans the Colorado River between Nevada and Arizona, It Created Lake Mead which is the Largest Man-Made Lake In This Hemisphere, Open Daily, Near Boulder City, 866-730-9097, I-12
- 7. Las Vegas Natural History Museum (lvnhm.org)** - Collection of Wild Life and Prehistoric Exhibits, Interactive Learning Experience, Daily: 9-4, 900 Las Vegas Blvd N, 702-384-3466, H-1
- 8. Majorie Barrack Museum of Natural History (barrackmuseum.unlv.edu)** - Mexican and Guatemalan Masks, Costumes and Textiles, Mesoamerican History and Culture, M-F: 8-4, Sa: 10-2, 4505 S Maryland Pkwy, 702-895-3381, G-10
- 9. M & M's World (vegas.com)** - Four Floors of Chocolate Heaven, Lots of Souvenirs, Daily: 9-Noon, 3785 S Las Vegas Blvd, 702-736-7611, C-11
- 10. Neon Museum and Boneyard (neonmuseum.org)** - A Collection of Neon Signs, Tell Tales of Las Vega's Past, Check the Website for More Info, Outdoor Walking Tour: Daily, Boneyard Tour: Reservations Only, East End of Fremont St Experience, 702-387-NEON, G-1
- 11. Pinball Hall of Fame (pinballmuseum.org)** - 110,000 Square Feet Dedicated to Non-Violent Arcade Games, Su-Th: 11-11, F,Sa: Till 12, 1610 E Tropicana, 702-597-2627, H-11
- 12. Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (redrockcanyonlv.org)** - 13 Mile Scenic Drive Features Colorful Rock Formations, Hiking and Biking Trails, Daily: 9-4, 702-515-5350, A-3

A GAMBLING LESSON!

If you are tempted by the casino games where these restaurants are located we offer the ultimate gambling lesson as told by Jakey Friedman, a former owner of the Sands. "The only way to gamble in Las Vegas is to first take whatever money you can afford to throw in the swimming pool outside this building and not miss. Then take that money and bet it all on the Pass Line at the Crap table - one time. Then win or lose, walk away."

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21. Paris Las Vegas (parislasvegas.com) - Site

*** Features a Half Size Eiffel Tower, An Arc de Triomphe and Fontaine de Mers, Entertainment: 800-722-5597, Barry Manilow, 3655 Las Vegas Blvd South, D-9

Eiffel Tower Restaurant (J. Joho) - Panoramic

*** View From the 11th Floor of the Eiffel Tower, Peeky Toe Crab Salad with Cucumber, Pheasant Breast with Wild Berry Risotto, Beef Wellington with Sautéed Snap Peas, L & D; Daily, 702-948-6937

Le Provençal - Wait staff Sings French and Italian

*** Songs, Escargot with White Beans and Vegetable Ragout, Salad Nicoise, Rigatoni Bolognese, Veal Scaloppini with Wild Mushrooms and Asparagus, D: Nightly, 702-862-5138

22. Planet Hollywood (planethollywoodresort.com)

- Lively, Hip, Modern Atmosphere, Entertainment: 702-785-5555, Peepshow Staring Holly Madison, 3667 Las Vegas Blvd South, D-10

KOI - Celebrity Favorite for Japanese Cuisine,

*** Baby Spinach and Mushrooms with Ponzu Dressing, Crispy Rice with Spicy Tuna, Spicy Seared Albacore with Crispy Red Onions, Kobe Style Potstickers, D: Nightly, 702-454-4555

Strip House (John Schenk) - House Cured Beef

*** Jerky with Grilled Tomato and Fried Onions, Lobster Linguini with Lemon-Cream, Porterhouse for Two, Crisp Goose Fat Potatoes, D: Nightly, 702-737-5200

23. Treasure Island (treasureisland.com) - Theme is

Caribbean Island with Pirate Influence, Entertainment: 702-894-7111, Sirens of Ti, Cirque de Soleil's "Mystere", 3300 Las Vegas Blvd South, D-8

Phil's Italian Steak House - Golden Buffalo

*** Mozzarella, Curley Endive Salad with Bacon, Walnuts and Maytag Blue Cheese, Steaks and Chops, Duck Confit Ravioli with Shitake Mushrooms, D: Nightly, 866-286-3809

Khotan - Large Private Collection of Hand Carved

*** Jade and Ivory Antiquities, Chicken Fried Rice with Shrimp or King Crab, Pad Thai, Orange Peel Beef with Chiles, Crispy Whole Catfish with Citrus Soy Ponzu, D: Nightly, 888-692-3777

24. Venetian (Venetian.com) - Recreation of St Marks

Tower and Rialto Bridge, Entertainment: 702-414-1000, Blue Man Group, Phantom of the Opera, Jersey Boys, 3355 Las Vegas Blvd South, D-8

Aqua Knox (Tom Moloney) - Seared Tuna with

*** Lentils, Escarole and Orange Chimichurri, Grilled Prawns with Scampi Sauce and CousCous, L & D: Daily, 702-414-3772

B & B Ristorante (Batali & Bastianich) - Beef

*** Cheek Ravioli and Black Truffles, Rabbit Porchetta with Brussels Sprouts and Pancetta, D: Daily, 702-266-9977

Bouchon (Thomas Keller) - Foie Gras Terrine with Toast, White Sausage with Potato Puree and Prunes, B,L,D: Daily, 702-414-6200

25. Wynn Las Vegas (wynnlasvegas.com) - The

*** Desert Inn Golf Course is Still Here, Entertainment: 702-770-7000, La Reve, 3131 Las Vegas Blvd South, Dining: 702-248-3463 for all restaurant reservations, D-7

Bartolotta Ristorante (Paul Bartolotta) - Fried

*** Mediterranean Fish, Duck Liver Mousse with Black Truffles, Vegetable Risotto, D: Nightly

The Country Club (Carlos Guía) - Overlooks the

*** Golf Course - Sweet Corn Chowder, Tossed Cobb Salad, Burgers, Steaks, Frites, L: M-F, D: W-Sa, Jazz Brunch: Sa,Su

La Cave (Michael Morton) - Wine & Food

*** Hideaway - Halibut Rilette, Roasted Beets with Goat Cheese and Pistachios, L & D: Daily