

# Sumptuous Sin City

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS OVER THE TOP IN GLITTERING LAS VEGAS.

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**I**N LAS VEGAS, OVERINDULGENCE is always close at hand. Within a four-mile stretch you can find two Lamborghini dealerships, \$6,000 hamburgers, and countless boutiques and five-star restaurants. My summer trip to Sin City, with a stay at The Palazzo Resort-Hotel-Casino, proved that when it comes to luxury, you don't even have to leave your hotel.

The 3,066-suite luxury tower that is The Palazzo (newly opened this past January), is perhaps best described by its boutique selection: Chloé, Diane von Furstenberg, Christian Louboutin, Jimmy Choo and Poleci greet the fashion-forward guests who play here. But this haven isn't only for the modern set; The Palazzo has a classic presence as well, in the form of shops like Ralph Lauren and Barneys New York that anchor the shopping center. But even if you hadn't visited The Shoppes at The Palazzo, you would have felt the vibe. The Palazzo's modern yet

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luxurious décor is a far cry from typical Las Vegas resort-casinos that are replete with busy carpeting and over-the-top adornments. What you will find at The Palazzo, in addition to plenty of wallet-whipping action, is an ample menu of celebrity chef action to keep you full and entertained for days. Emeril Lagasse, Wolfgang Puck and Mario Batali all have signature restaurants at The Palazzo. (Wolfgang Puck's restaurant CUT is a can't-miss, as are CarneVino, Table 10 and Dos Caminos).

After dinner, head to Double Helix Bar, located in the center of The Shoppes at The Palazzo. The wine bar offers upscale wines and Champagnes by the glass that would ordinarily only be available by the bottle. If you just want one glass of Dom, here's where you'll get it. The bar uses a unique preservation system that allows bartenders to pour quality wines, normally available by bottle only, on a by-the-glass basis. And the Double Helix shop adjacent to the bar means you can purchase your favorite bottle to take home.

Keeping with the theme of luxury, you'll be happy to find that standard rooms at The Palazzo are all 720-sq.-ft. suites, each with three flat-panel TV's, a sunken living room, and a dining and office area. Not to mention down-laden beds that provide the ultimate in comfort. We recommend booking one of the concierge-level suites located on floors 24 and above. You'll have access to the 23rd floor's Concierge Lounge amenities (open

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**NO LUXURY LEFT BEHIND:** No amenity is spared in the recently opened Palazzo Resort-Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas.



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daily from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.) that include breakfast, afternoon nibbles, and evening cocktail and hors d'oeuvres service—all complimentary. Concierge-level guests also have access to exclusive services like unpacking and packing assistance, DVD rentals and custom-drawn butler baths. Baths come replete with all-out ambience like music, aromatherapy and tasty treats.

And no stay is complete without experiencing pampering at its finest at Canyon Ranch SpaClub. The 134,000-sq.-ft. fitness center located between The Palazzo and The Venetian (its sister property) offers more than 100 treatments daily, a 40-foot rock climbing wall, two fitness centers with daily classes (including a Pilates and cycling gym) and Canyon Ranch Grill. Try the 100-minute Mango Sugar Glo treatment; the therapist exfoliates your skin with a mango-sugar scrub and then pampers you with a full-body massage, leaving skin smooth and moisturized.

Don't leave without checking out a showing of *Jersey Boys*, the story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. The musical includes hits like "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," songs beloved by the younger and older set alike. The Palazzo built a concert venue specifically to host the show that includes real memorabilia of the band. Entertainment and indulgences at arm's length—that's the Vegas we know. ■