

# BLACK BOOK

Ice 200 E. Harmon Ave. (702) 699-9888 ultra-cool in steamy LV, ice is nice, baby; ice is nice  
 Las Vegas Lounge 900 E. Karen Ave. (702) 737-9550 Mr. Billy Erb says a trip to LV ain't complete without it  
 Light 3600 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 693-7111 savvy Mr. S., velvet, the miracle of Light!  
 Mist 3300 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 894-7111 vid-poker, plasma screens, club chairs  
 Peppermill Fireside Lounge 2985 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 735-7635 from the past  
 Petrossian Bar 3600 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 693-7111 view Chihuahui, eat Beluga, listen to a Steinway  
 Ra 3900 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 262-4949 art-deco dance palace, dancers in cages, top sound  
 Rain 4321 W. Flamingo Rd. (702) 942-7777 fire, water, girls in tight dresses, a few of my faves  
 Red Square 3950 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 632-7777 Freida meets Spy on the Strip, not SoHo  
 Runjungle 3950 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 796-6000 the biggest Gentleman's Club in the world...  
 Shadow 3570 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 731-7110 sexy strikers serve sinful shots at Caesar's  
 Skin 4321 W. Flamingo Rd. (702) 942-7777 poolside fun and "Exotic Dancer Water Volleyball"  
 Studio 54 3799 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 891-1111 Tues. for erotic EDEN  
 Tabu 3799 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 891-1111 dancing on the table—and it's encouraged  
 V Bar 3355 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 414-1000 sleek, chic, and surprisingly comfortable seats  
 Venus 3355 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 414-1000 swanky retro club'll blow your mind  
 Whiskey Beach 2300 Paseo Verde Pkwy. (702) 617-7777 in jazz, with Vegas's outside go-go  
 Whiskey Sky 2300 Paseo Verde Pkwy. (702) 617-7777 in jazz, with Vegas's outside go-go

## LAS VEGAS HOTELS

Aladdin 3667 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 785-5555 Desert Passage, London Club & Commander's Palace  
 Aljiers 2845 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 735-3311 Vegas original with a too-cool-for-school lounge  
 Bally's 3645 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 739-4111 what Vegas is all about, legend, Jubilee is genius  
 Barbary Coast 3595 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 737-7111 single-deck blackjack, low limits, good eats  
 Bellagio 3600 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 693-7111 LV's multi-billion \$ baby/jewel of Strip/Fountains  
 Bilton's Horseshoe 128 E. Fremont St. (702) 382-1600 authentic frontier-style gambling hall  
 Caesar's Palace 3570 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 731-0410 grand dame of the Strip, Celine's new home  
 Circus Circus 2880 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 597-7777 not quite Arthur's sword, but hey, what is?  
 Excalibur 3650 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 733-3111 the one that started it all, thanks Bugsy!  
 Four Seasons Hotel 3960 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 632-5000 oasis of tranquility amid the slots  
 Golden Nugget 129 E. Fremont St. (702) 365-7111 haven of class amid the grime of glitter Gulch  
 Green Valley Ranch 2300 Paseo Verde Pkwy. (702) 617-7777 Gerber, Crawford, Cooney, off-Strip hip  
 Hard Rock Hotel 4455 Paradise Rd. (702) 693-5000 MTV meets LV, hotspot, most buoyant pool  
 Las Vegas Hilton 3000 Paradise Rd. (702) 732-5111 Tim P. & Tom B consider this the place to play

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Luxor 3900 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 262-4000 this just in: the Egyptians invented LUXURY  
 Mandaley Bay 3950 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 632-7777 South Pacific Island-themed golden palace  
 MGM Grand 3799 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 891-1111 the Mac, The Stones & Tom Jones  
 Mirage 3400 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 797-7111 Siegfried & Roy, Danny Gans, and a volcano  
 New York-New York 3790 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 942-7777 George Maloof serves the beautiful set  
 Palms Casino Resort 4321 W. Flamingo Rd. (702) 946-7000 faux Paris, friendlier than original, freedom fries  
 Paris 3655 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 946-7000 faux Paris, friendlier than original, freedom fries  
 Marriott Las Vegas 221 N. Rampart Blvd. (702) 869-7777 chichi resort/spa far removed from the Strip  
 Rio 3700 W. Flamingo Rd. (702) 252-7777 all-suite hotel/casino where every day is Carnival  
 Riviera 2901 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 737-2111 lovely "ladies" of La Cage, Tina, Patti, and Diana  
 Sahara 2535 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 732-6111 classic sign now in Helvetica, basis for Casino  
 Stardust 3000 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 732-6111 classic sign now in Helvetica, basis for Casino  
 Treasure Island 3300 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 894-7111 Cirque du Soleil & Mist, hip crowds  
 Tropicana 3801 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 739-2222 Folies Bergère—the longest running show on Strip  
 Venetian 3355 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (702) 414-1000 London Mail ranks one of the 10 grandest

## ATLANTA RESTAURANTS

Atlanta Fish Market 265 Pharr Rd. (404) 262-3165 bring an appetite as big as the fish outside \$35  
 Bacchanalia 198 Howell Mill Rd. (404) 365-0410 new American in revitalized industrial digs \$40  
 Babette's Cafe 573 N. Highland Ave. (404) 523-9121 fanciful, tasty takes on authentic French cuisine \$25  
 Buckhead Diner 3037 Piedmont Rd. (404) 262-3336 pull into this flashy, upscale diner \$35  
 Canoe 4199 Paces Ferry Rd. (770) 432-2663 romantic river-view dining, boatloads of pleasure \$37  
 Dish 870 N. Highland Ave. (404) 897-3463 intimate environs, stylish décor, gas station-turned-bistro \$26  
 57th Fighter Group 3829 Chamblee Rd. (770) 457-7227 classic American in WWII-era setting \$24  
 Pogo de Chao 3101 Piedmont Rd. (404) 995-9983 high-end, highly entertaining Brazilian steakhouse \$43  
 The Food Studio 887 W. Marietta St. Ste. K102 (404) 815-6677 Hollywood should make such creative eats \$40  
 La Grota Ristorante Italiano 2637 Peachtree Rd. (404) 231-1368 knowing Italian lovers relish risotto \$43  
 Nava 3050 Peachtree Rd. Ste. 160 (404) 240-1984 sassy, sophisticated décor, stylized Western \$33  
 Nino's Italian Restaurant 1931 Cheshire Bridge Rd. (404) 874-6505 well-regarded trattoria \$34  
 OK Cafe 1284 W. Paces Ferry Rd. (404) 233-2888 spacious, open-till-late diner, great comfort food \$19  
 Pad Thai Restaurant 1021 Virginia Ave. (404) 892-2070 superior dishes, sleek atmosphere \$22  
 Park Tavern 500 10th St. NE (404) 249-0017 stunning views, hearty brews, ribs, and chicken \$25  
 Pastis 936 Canton St. (866) 755-6712 two-story historical charmer, silky jazz and smooth spirits \$32  
 Piffypat's Porch 25 International Blvd. (404) 525-8228 downtown fixture offers down-home southern \$32  
 Sambuca Jazz Cafe 3102 Piedmont Rd. NE (404) 237-5299 lustrous supper club, jazz, diverse cuis \$33  
 Sun Dial Restaurant, Bar & View 210 Peachtree St. NW (404) 589-7506 revolving rest., bar, view \$40

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Van Gogh's 70 W. Crossville Rd. (770) 993-1156 in-demand lounge w/ fireplace, chic milieu, classy \$30  
 Vintages Inn 3011 Paces Mill Rd. NW (770) 438-2282 homey environs and unique southern \$33  
 Watershed 486 W. Ponce de Leon Ave. (404) 378-4900 eclectic American in hipster-inspired setting \$35

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**BARS AND CLUBS**  
 Blind Willie's 828 N. Highland Ave. NE (404) 873-2583 prime place to hear the blues  
 Carbo's Cafe 3717 Roswell Rd. NE (404) 237-6826 classic, wood-rich piano bar, soothing spirits, stellar service  
 Clermont Lounge 789 Ponce de Leon Ave. NE (404) 874-4783 dumpy charmer, sassy strippers  
 Cosmopolitan Lounge 45 13th St. (404) 873-6189 cosmos and martinis galore at this midtown meeting ground  
 Crescent Room 1136 Crescent Ave. (404) 875-5252 diverse denizens mix and move at influential venue  
 Dark Horse Tavern 816 N. Highland Ave. NE (404) 873-3607 popular haunt for hungry studs and fillies  
 Eleven 50 1150 Peachtree St. NE (404) 874-3874 hardcore progressive music lovers arrive before 11:50 pm  
 Halo 817 W. Peachtree St. NW (404) 962-7333 luminous lounge, decadent drinks, and mood music  
 Martinis & Imax 767 Clifton Rd. NE (404) 929-6400 martinis, movies, and more (January through November)  
 Shark Bar & Restaurant 571 Peachtree St. NE (404) 815-8333 sleek cruising ground for urbanites

## CHICAGO

**RESTAURANTS**  
 4 Taste 415 N. Milwaukee Ave. (312) 666-9292 tasty tapas, big music, peroxide blondes \$20  
 Al's #1 Italian Beef 169 W. Ontario St. (312) 943-3222 home of aorta clogging sammie \$18  
 Arun's 4156 N. Kedzie Ave. (773) 539-9099 Thai, best restaurant in town? \$28  
 Bob San 1805 W. Division St. (773) 235-8888 sushi served with style \$25  
 Café Bar-Reeba 2024 N. Halsted St. (773) 935-5000 big, loud, paella, tapas \$19  
 Café Bolero 2252 N. Western Ave. (773) 227-9000 Cuban casual \$21  
 Carson's 612 N. Wells St. (312) 280-9200 bibbed rib lovers chewing bones \$12  
 Fortunato 2005 W. Division St. (773) 645-7200 creamy Italian, wood stove \$18  
 Geja's Café 340 W. Armitage Ave. (773) 281-9101 fondue for hot oil dippers \$22  
 Gene & Georgetown's 500 N. Franklin St. (312) 527-3718 old school steaks and suits \$30  
 Ishtar Inn 615 N. Wells St. (312) 587-0721 Assyrians know baba ganoush \$20  
 La Sardine 111 N. Carpenter St. (312) 421-2800 impeccable French bistro near Oprah \$28  
 Lutnia 5532 W. Belmont Ave. (773) 282-5335 Polish, pianist, polished dining room \$26  
 Mama Desta's 3216 N. Clark St. (773) 935-7561 Ethiopian finger food by Wrigley Field \$25  
 Mike Ditka's 100 E. Chestnut St. (312) 587-8989 just won da city's best burger \$21  
 Nine 440 W. Randolph St. (312) 575-9900 glitz, ghost bar and gustatory American \$32  
 O'Fame 750 W. Webster Ave. (773) 929-5111 the stuffed pizza ruins and inspires \$19  
 Opera 1301 S. Wabash Ave. (312) 461-0161 pan-Asian ultra-mod mega-munch \$26

RJ Grunts 2056 N. Lincoln Park West. (773) 929-5363 America's first salad bar? \$21  
 Santorini's 800 W. Adams St. (312) 829-6263 like a Greek isle but with comfy chairs \$24  
 Tango Sur 3763 N. Southport Ave. (773) 477-4066 Argentine, meat, music, BYO \$26  
 Tomboy 5402 N. Clark St. (773) 907-0636 'twisted' American, seafood, BYO \$25  
 Wishbone 3300 N. Lincoln Ave. (773) 829-6263 kiss the southern grits, great breakfast \$18

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Artful Dodger Pub 1734 W. Wabansia Ave. (773) 227-6859 frothy dance party on weekends  
 Big Chicks 5024 N. Sheridan Rd. (773) 728-5511 straight-friendly gay dive bar, big drinks  
 Club Foot 1824 W. Augusta Blvd. (773) 489-0379 too cool for school? welcome  
 Double Door 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. (773) 489-3160 live up-and-comers with attitude  
 Empty Bottle 1035 N. Western Ave. (773) 276-3600 live bands within spitting distance  
 Funky Buddha Lounge 728 W. Grand Ave. (312) 666-1695 city's best club, long waits  
 Harry's Velvet Room 56 W. Illinois St. (312) 527-5600 lotter, smoke, drink, premium booze  
 Matchbox 770 N. Milwaukee Ave. (773) 666-9292 tiny, best margaritas, diverse drinks  
 River Shannon 425 W. Armitage Ave. (312) 944-5087 50+ years of Irish blarney, whiskey  
 Simons 5210 N. Clark St. (773) 878-0894 old Swedish joint brings them all in  
 Sonotheque 1444 W. Chicago Ave. (312) 763-7600 Test drive the new dance, hot 'n fancy  
 SuperLounge 209 W. Lake St. (312) 233-9233 hip-hop, lounge, funk, funk, funk  
 Village Tap 2055 Roscoe St. (773) 883-0817 neighborhood bar, hipster filled  
 Whiskey Sky 644 N. Lakeshore Dr. (312) 943-9200 33rd floor spot in W Hotel  
 Wild Hare 3530 N. Clark St. (773) 327-4273 live Reggae near Wrigley

## HOUSTON

**RESTAURANTS**  
 Annabelle's Diner 905 Taft St. (877) 864-5934 popular, burgers, burritos, local bohos and their pooches \$17  
 Aquarium Restaurant 410 Bagby St. (713) 223-3474 scuba divers feed fish, you feed face with lobster \$40  
 Backstreet Café 1103 S. Shepherd Dr. (713) 521-2239 leafy corner date spot, meatloaf keeps 'em comin' \$22  
 Boca Chica 2100 Waugh Dr. (713) 523-2822 Mex, fun, rich, delish queso on homemade tortillas, money paella \$22  
 El Buen Bife Grill 1527 Lomitas St. (713) 523-6373 Top filet mignon, gaucho fave, parrillada \$40  
 Guerin's Bistro 11920 Westheimer Rd. (281) 497-1122 Cedric's old world atmo, flank steak + \$50  
 House in the Heights 1642 Arlington St. (713) 880-2166 eclectic, herbs from the garden \$70  
 Maverick 2525 West Loop S. (713) 297-4383 tenderloin in Shiner Bock, pork chop in Dr. Pepper \$65  
 Niko Niko's 2520 Montrose Blvd. (713) 528-1308 divey Greek, best pork chops, kefites + \$45  
 Pavalu Madras Cuisine 10554 Southwest Fwy. (713) 272-8259 hangin' all-you-can-eat buffets \$28  
 Pei Wei Asian Diner 5110 Buffalo Speedway (713) 661-0900 slick, Kung Pao quickness \$20  
 Porky's Pit Smokehouse BBQ 6353 Richmond Ave. (713) 532-4227 brisket or go Hog Wild \$15

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