

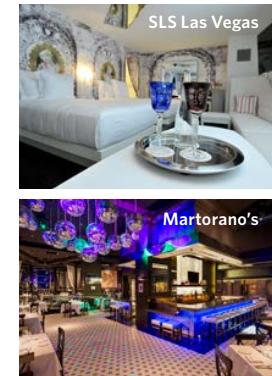
# Choose Your Own VEGAS Adventure

**Three 36-hour itineraries for the gay guy ready to splurge in Sin City**

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Grab your paycheck and head to Las Vegas, a city that spares no expense—and ensures you don't either—in making your wildest dreams come true. After all, it's where the rich get down and dirty and the famous let loose. There's no shortage of ways to spend a short jaunt to Sin City, but each of these itineraries—for three different gays looking for distinct experiences—are a damn fine place to start.

## 1 For the Single Guy Looking to Get Laid



### FRIDAY

#### 5 p.m. The King's Quarters

High rollers sleep like royalty at the **SLS Las Vegas**, so check into the Lux SLS King Suite on a high floor. At \$705 per night for 955 square feet of sleek and sexy, it's the ultimate place to recharge. And of course there's room to spare if you bring back company, with a separate living room and a bedroom with 24-hour in-room butler service.

#### 7 p.m. Place Your Bets

You didn't come all the way to Vegas to sit in your suite, tempting as it may be. Try your luck downstairs on the casino floor, where you'll sip cocktails and munch on small bites in style, thanks to **Bazaar Casino** by José Andrés, only open evenings and offering blackjack and roulette.

**8 p.m. Go Big or Go Home** Ready for a feast? Badass East Coast chef Steve Martarano keeps things old-school and authentic at his second Italian-American Vegas hot spot, **Martorano's Italian Restaurant** at Paris Las Vegas. He's known for his famous \$20 meatball, which you'll devour while classic mob movies like *The Godfather* and *Goodfellas* play in the background.

**10 p.m. Time to Share** Prowl the two dance floors of Share Nightclub, still Vegas' trendiest gay club, and tip the occasional go-go dancer while you're at it. Here is where WeHo's own Here Lounge party Stripper Circus placed its flag every Friday night, so if that's your scene, you're in for some fun. Not looking for primed and plucked boys? Try hitting up edgier bars like The Las Vegas Eagle, Fun Hog Ranch (yep, there's a bar named that) or The Garage.

### SATURDAY

#### 10 a.m. The Morning After

If you like what you see when you draw back the drapes, bring him to brunch at Michael Mina's **Bardot Brasserie** at the Aria. You'll want to start your day off on the luxe side with bottomless glasses of rosé for just \$20 and the Maine Lobster Croissant Benedict.



**11 a.m. Swipe It** The **Forum Shops at Caesars'** lavish 636,000-square-foot retail space must be what high-fashion heaven looks like. With names like David Yurman, Balenciaga, Louis Vuitton and Gucci, getting dressed will be just as fun as getting undressed.

**Midnight Make it Rain** The Fountains of Bellagio may shut down at midnight, but a mere \$250,000 puts you in the pilot's seat for a hot second at **Hyde**, its fountain-view night-life venue. With the push of a red button that arrives at your VIP table in a stylish gold box, you'll control the fountains and the tunes during your own private show. Hyde staff members will swarm your table for the big event and bring out a 30-liter bottle of Ace of Spades—the world's largest bottle of champs. You're guaranteed to make friends with that kind of production, even if it is only for a few minutes.



Have a cool quarter-million in cash to blow in Vegas? Spend it at Hyde, where you'll control the Fountains of Bellagio with the push of a button

## SUNDAY

**10 a.m. Cap Your Weekend Right** End your Vegas stay on a high note with the brunch buffet at **Wicked Spoon** at The Cosmopolitan. For \$35, refueling for the journey home can be as extravagant as the weekend you now hardly remember. Any brunch buffet that serves bone marrow is a "yes, please!"

Bardot Brasserie



## FRIDAY

### 4 p.m. Make Your Escape

**Checkout from life and into the five-star Emperor Suite at Mandarin Oriental Las Vegas.** The \$15,000 price tag lets you stretch out or cozy up on the 21st floor in the property's largest one-bedroom suite, complete with a Bang & Olufsen-outfitted media room, a private fitness area and state-of-the-art kitchen.

### 5 p.m. Get High

**Watch the desert sunset from 550 feet up in the air on the High Roller,** the impressive Ferris wheel at The LINQ Hotel & Casino's outdoor mall, similar to L.A.'s own Universal CityWalk. From the top, enjoy a cocktail or five at the open bar, only \$45 per person.

### 9 p.m. An Intimate Dinner for Two

**It's always truffle season at MGM Grand's Joël Robuchon Restaurant.** The chef, no stranger to Michelin stars, serves up a unique four-course, seasonal meal. No menu item is too extravagant when you opt for the Menu Degustation at \$445 per person.

## SATURDAY

### 9 a.m. Revive the Romance

**Take the suite life even further at Mandarin Oriental Spa.** The Art of Romance experience takes place in your own private spa suite, equipped with a steam shower and hydrotherapy tub. The three-hour treatment includes full-body exfoliation, an aromatherapy massage, refreshments and just enough together-but-separate time to enjoy the accommodations. The entire package will run you \$1,200 per couple.

### 12:30 p.m. Retail Therapy

**Like Dorothy said, there's no place like Hermès.** (She said that, right?) Head over to **Via Bellagio**, the shops at what is still one of Vegas' most ritzy spots, for an afternoon of high-end card-dropping. What better place to dote on each other than at stores like Giorgio Armani and Gucci?

### 7 p.m. Get Up Close and Personal

**Squeeze some culture into your getaway by heading to the Neon Museum for a one-hour night tour of Vegas history.** The outdoor collection features old neon signs, restored and unrestored, lit up for the evening. Book a tour at [neonmuseum.org](http://neonmuseum.org).

# 2 For the Couple Seeking a Sexy Retreat



Zumanity's Edie, Mistress of Sensuality



Mandarin Oriental

### 8 p.m. On Top of the World

**Paris used to be known as the most romantic city in the world, but for \$3,000, the Eiffel Tower at Paris Las Vegas is all yours.** One private hour includes a bottle of champagne, a dozen roses and chocolate-covered strawberries.

### 9:30 p.m. Cirque du Sexy

**After a decade on the Strip, Zumanity is keeping things fresh with new elements from choreographer Yanis Marshall.** Cuddle up on the Duo Sofa Loveseat—only \$250 per couple—for the ultimate (and most sexual) Cirque du Soleil show at New York-New York Hotel & Casino.

## SUNDAY

### 8:30 a.m. Downward Dolphin

**Relish the serenity of your Vegas getaway one last time by taking a yoga class with dolphins at The Mirage.** The one-hour class promises an unmatched sense of peace and harmony, and you might just float your way back to L.A. The class is only \$50 per person and includes access to the hotel's spa and fitness facilities after you're limber.

Eiffel Tower at Paris Las Vegas



Zumanity's Brandon Pereyda performing his new 'Chains' act

# 3 For the Group of Friends Ready to Live it Up

## FRIDAY

### 6p.m. Fit for a Fantasy

They call it the Fantasy Tower for a reason. Check into the **Palms One-Story Sky Villa**—a whopping 6,100 square feet with two king beds (and, yeah, one rotates). For \$25,000 a night, your home away from home comes with a living room, dining room, two bedrooms, five bathrooms, a dry sauna and exercise room, a cantilevered pool, 24-hour butler service and transportation in a blackened Escalade at your beck and call.

### 7p.m. Get Primal

Live out your carnivorous dreams and have dinner at **Bazaar Meat by José Andrés** inside the SLS. Favorites include THE Foieffle—air waffles, foie espuma, peanut butter and honey—and the foie gras s'mores—foie gras, chocolate, marshmallow and graham crackers. Toast to a fun weekend with a few rounds of cotton candy mojitos. But the real showstopper? That \$520 whole suckling pig.

### 9p.m. It's Britney, Bitch

It only costs \$5,150 to experience **Britney Spears' Piece of Me** show with your best friends in style, and you'll be treated like pop royalty yourself with a personal escort from Planet Hollywood's VIP entrance to a center table for six. Even after you get through the complimentary bottle of Moët & Chandon Imperial, the dedicated beverage service throughout the show will keep the laughs—er, singing along—flowing.



Britney: Piece of Me

### 10:30 p.m. In Search of Channing

Find your own Magic Mike at the infamously steamy **Chippendales** show, and make a night of it with the "Girls Night Out Package." Don't be fooled by the name—it's not just for the ladies. You'll get premium seats to the show and a limo ride to the Rio, where you'll show the dancers some of your own moves at the Flirt Lounge and at the gay-friendly Voodoo Lounge. Your limo's final destination is the Chateau Nightclub in Paris Las Vegas, where a VIP table stocked with premium booze at awaits you.

## SATURDAY

### 10a.m. Rise and Shine

If you didn't already make it to the Venetian's **Grand Lux Café** during the wee hours of the morning post-Britney, stumble in here for an elegant but casual breakfast. (Angelenos may remember its one-time Beverly Center location.) The extensive menu is sure to hit every craving and cure even the worst hangovers.

### 3p.m. Get Inked

Make a memory that will last forever at **Starlight Tattoo** inside the Mandalay Bay Hotel. The \$200 shop minimum is more than twice what you'd find at shops in L.A., but where else are you going to find this kind of luxe tattoo experience?

### 8p.m. Laugh Your Asses Off

Kick off a crazy night with VIP seats to the first ladies of funny at **Lipstick**, the Venetian's all-star comedy lineup featuring the best of the best—women like Whitney Cummings (March 13 & 14), Lisa Lampanelli (April 4), Roseanne Barr (April 11), Jennifer Coolidge (April 18) and Fortune Feimster (April 25).

### 11p.m. Party Underwater

At **Piranha**, you'll hit the dance floor alongside some of the industry's finest, including several of Britney's backup boys. It's also a hotspot for *RuPaul's Drag Race* contestants, and why wouldn't it be? The \$100,000 renovation upstairs has made it fit for a star. Snag a VIP cabana for yourself and 20-30 of your closest friends. If you're not looking to spend quite that much, a cool \$2,000 will get you bottles of champagne,



Chippendales



Piranha

VIP access from the front entrance, your own go-go dancers and a night of special performances.

## SUNDAY

### 9:30 a.m. Balls Out Brunch

Bottomless champagne brunches are elementary in Vegas. It's the unlimited caviar and lobster tails at **Bally's Sterling Brunch** that sets your sendoff meal a few notches above the rest. Located at BLT Steak and setting you back \$90 per person, it's the ultimate brunch buffet to send you all on your way. ■



Bally's Sterling Brunch