

# Las Vegas OR BUST!

## Forget those antiquated images of Las Vegas

as the vacation destination of choice for those who enjoy seedy casinos and salacious nudie bars. After a brief foray touting itself as a family-friendly town in the '90s Vegas is back to living up to its roots as the ultimate adult playground. Sure there's lots of gambling, but this desert town also has unlimited options for that bachelor party getaway, girls-only weekend or even a naughty couples trip.

*If you're Vegas-bound here are a few places to consider for fun.*

## Dining

### Social House - Treasure Island

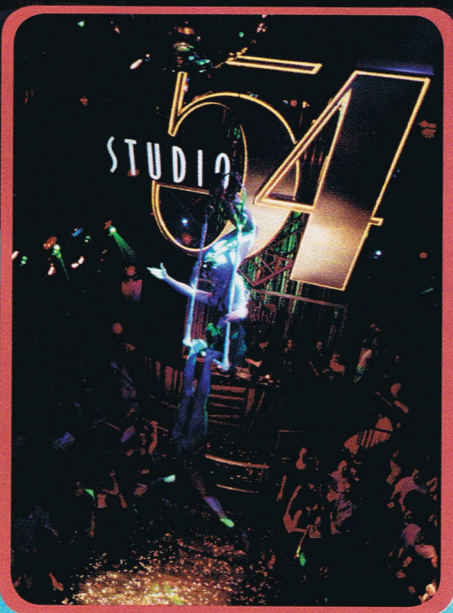
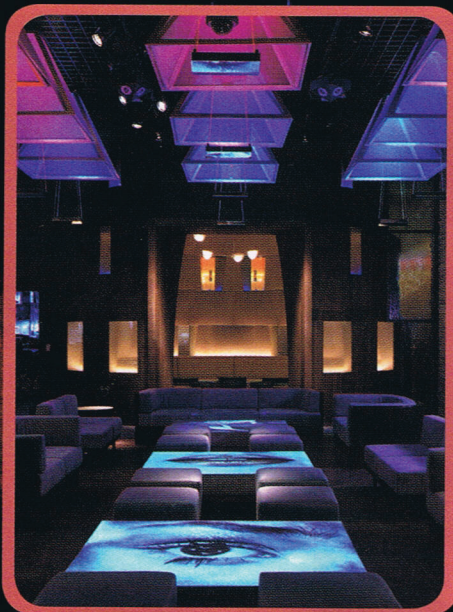
Overlooking the Las Vegas Strip, this innovative restaurant with unrivaled décor – including an eclectic dining room with real Opium pipes dangling overhead – specializes in Pan Asian cuisine and sushi. When the weather's nice check out the Sirens of TI show as you eat on the patio. Be sure to test some of the signature fruit-infused sakes.

### Onda Wine Lounge - The Mirage

Explore your uppity side at this newly designed Italian-inspired lounge that features a large selection of wines available by the glass, bottle or through individual "flights" that can be paired with an assortment of artisan cheeses and meats.

### Japonais - The Mirage

The perfect marriage of modern day Japan paired with European elegance, this Chicago concept offers unique Asian entrees. If you're a carnivore be sure to sample the innovative appetizer that allows you to cook pieces of steak directly on, get this, a sizzling hot rock.



## Shows

### The Sirens of TI - Treasure Island

It's Pirates of the Caribbean meets The Pussycat Dolls at this free outdoor show that plays four times nightly to packed crowds. The recently revamped performance treats guests to an enticing combination of music, dance, excitement and seduction as a group of beautiful sirens battle with a band of renegade pirates.

### La Femme - MGM Grand

Fellas this titillating production will give you just the right ammunition to prove your argument that nudity is, in fact, art. With an exact replica of the acclaimed Crazy Horse Theatre in Paris as a backdrop, this show elegantly balances sensuous choreography with a combination of light effects and projections to create a moving canvas of skin, where reflections and images meet in a kaleidoscope of colors and textured designs.

### KÀ by Cirque du Soleil - MGM Grand

You'll feel like you stepped right into Thunderdome from the vintage Mad Max films of the '80s when you step into the breathtaking theater that houses this phenomenal production that combines acrobatic performances, martial arts, puppetry, multimedia and pyrotechnics to illustrate the nature of duality. You'll never look at a circus the same way.

## Night Life

### Tabú Ultra Lounge - MGM Grand

A cross between a nightclub and lounge, this is the place to be when you're looking for a taste of nightlife on the strip, but not necessarily wanting all the pomp and circumstance of a big club. Sink into one of the cozy chairs and people watch or groove to the latest hip-hop hits on the intimate dancefloor. Be sure to play around with one of the special coffee tables that emit unique designs based on your body heat. Oh yeah, dancing on the tables is allowed!

### Studio 54 - MGM Grand

If you've heard of New York's legendary club but weren't even a glimmer in your parents' eyes during its heyday, this is your chance to soak up some nostalgia as you bump and grind to the latest hip-hop tracks in this club that is an exact replica of the now-defunct original (complete with photos from the real thing). Check out the sights a la observation deck style from the upper level VIP area that overlooks the massive dance floor.

### Jet - The Mirage

You'll be ready for takeoff after shaking your "money maker" at this always-packed 15,000 square-foot super club. Catering to a variety of tastes, JET features three distinct rooms, each a unique space with its own dance floor, DJ booth and sound system. The main room offers mostly hip-hop and popular dance music. Another room is dedicated to house music spun by guest DJs, while the other plays an eclectic mix of music ranging from '80s to rock. Four full-service libation bars offer creative specialty cocktails and European bottle service is featured in each room.

## Toni Braxton

### Bares All In Vegas

By Chandra R. Thomas

You probably thought you couldn't see much more of Toni Braxton after she sported that oh-so-skinny Richard Tyler gown at the 2001 GRAMMYS. Think again. The sultry songstress is now baring it all once again – well, sort of.

Following in the footsteps of Celine Dion and Elton John, Braxton has replaced the legendary Wayne Newton at the Flamingo Hotel-Casino on the Las Vegas Strip in a full-scale musical production suitably titled, Toni Braxton: Revealed.

Through August 2007 you can catch the six-time Grammy-winner prancing across the lighted stage in nearly a dozen different skimpy, yet tasteful, ensembles, including a hand-sewn micro-mini dress adorned with 11,000 Swarovski crystals and 25,000 sequin-stones.

With million-dollar microphone in hand (it's adorned with 6,500 diamonds) Braxton cruises through her hits like "Breathe Again," "Unbreak My Heart" and "Love Shoulda Brought You Home," all the while sharing witty anecdotes about her career and personal life – including the heart-breaking news that her young son was recently diagnosed with autism.

Enjoy the stroll down memory lane and cuddle with your date as Braxton provides the romantic soundtrack. And, if you're lucky fellas, you just might be the special guy that she pulls onto the stage that night!

Tickets are \$65, \$75 and \$100. To order call the Flamingo box office at 800-221-7299.

### FUN FACTS ABOUT TONI BRAXTON: REVEALED



- Braxton's diamond encrusted microphone – the same one used by Jamie Foxx and Kanye West for the 2006 Grammy Awards, Snoop Dogg at the Radio Music Awards – has a total weight of 550 carats.
- The show is 90 minutes and includes 21 hit songs
- Braxton has 10 costume changes, 11 dancers, 2 backup-singers and 9 band-members, including a harpist.

## Sexy Sirens

By Chandra R. Thomas

### Heading To Vegas? This Unique Spa Package Will Help You Channel Your Inner Siren

There's something absolutely titillating about Las Vegas. Perhaps it's the buzz of the casinos. Or maybe it's the luminous lights glistening against the breathtaking desert skyline. Ladies, there's no better way to kick off your visit to "sin city" than to relish in a makeover designed to draw out your inner sex kitten. The Treasure Island resort's recently redesigned WET Spa has the perfect fix. For \$170, and about an hour-and-a-half of pampering, you can go from "blah" to "ahhhh" courtesy of the ubersexy Siren Package, one of Wet's signature offerings. Watch the drudgery of your hectic life melt away as the professionals lead you through a talk-show-worthy makeover – minus the embarrassing before and after photos (or a live audience, for that matter).

Enjoy a refreshing drink and a light snack in the reception area before you're whisked behind closed doors to the salon for a complete hair overhaul. This is your chance to test out that hair-style you would never have the guts to sport at home. Remember, it's Vegas, baby!

Then you're off to the make-up chair for a make-up lesson that'll seal the deal on your new look – think smoky, dramatic eyes and pouty, glossy lips. Even better, your artist will give hands-on instruction that'll help you recreate the same look on your own. Now you're on your way, but your siren's shrill isn't a bona fide roar until the false eyelashes – great for drawing a big baller's attention away from the blackjack table with flirty stares – are applied.

Lean into the mirror and you won't believe that's really your reflection. Slip into your evening party clothes and now it's time to prowls the strip as the sexy diva you always knew you could be with one mission in mind – putting that popular saying – what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas – to the test!

For more information visit [www.wetspati.com](http://www.wetspati.com).

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