

TRAVEL TALES

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LAS VEGAS: What would a visit to Las Vegas be like without spending some time at the famous Caesars Palace? As famous as Las Vegas itself, this spot is perhaps the best-known casino resort in the world. What began as a grand casino honoring the indulgent luxuries of ancient Rome has somehow evolved into something even more spectacular.

Caesars Palace spans 85-acres at the heart of the Las Vegas Strip, just 10-minutes from McCarran International Airport.

In 2017, Caesars completed the renovation of its Palace Tower, the resort's largest tower, featuring 1,181 stylishly designed guest rooms and suites and a price tag topping \$100 million. Considered the crown jewel of the tower, the coveted 29th floor features 10 luxurious new villas ranging in size from 2,750 to 4,085 square feet and featuring

quisite finishes, bespoke furnishings and a curated art program. The Palace Tower's elegantly designed new guest rooms and suites feature cool grey tones accented by royal blue and champagne gold. Centrally located, the Palace Tower is a short walk to the resort's convention center, Appian Way shops and Garden of the Gods Pool Oasis. During the resort's 50th anniversary celebration in 2016, the evolution of Caesars Palace continued with the reimagining of the iconic hotel's original tower, the Roman Tower, which was completely reborn as the new Julius Tower. Never resting on its laurels, the \$75 million Las Vegas hotel tower renovation is part of a \$1 billion investment, cementing Caesars Palace as the premier resort at the center of the Las Vegas Strip that has welcomed millions of visitors since its beginning on Aug. 5, 1966. The

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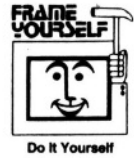
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new 587-room Julius Tower featuring design-savvy, modern rooms and suites, welcomed its first guests in January 2016.

Refurbished in 2016, the 948-room Augustus Tower features a classic Caesars theme but with a contemporary update. Cool grey tones are accented by infusions of royal blue and champagne gold. These luxurious rooms are conveniently located on the southern end of the property near the Garden of the Gods Pool Oasis and hotel lobby. The Augustus Tower initially opened in August 2005, with an additional valet entrance for VIP guests. Caesars Palace and Nobu Hospitality developed the world's first Nobu Hotel, a boutique hotel within the larger destination resort that opened in February 2013. The innovative concept integrates an exclusive hotel tower with the first Nobu Restaurant & Lounge on the Las Vegas Strip. The 182-room Nobu Hotel offers 18 suites and a rooftop villa with stylish interiors showcasing natural materials fused with Nobu's signature Japanese elegance, designed to convey an extension of the fun and energetic Nobu lifestyle. Nobu Hotel guests enjoy a bevy of perks, including private check-in, Natura Bisse luxury bath amenities and 24-hour access to the exclusive

in-room dining menu curated by Nobu's acclaimed culinary team.

REMARKABLE BUFFET: During our trip, we experienced a fantastic dinner at Bacchanal Buffet, voted the Best Buffet in Las Vegas by *USA Today* two years in a row. I was not surprised to hear that they were given this title when I realized that their buffet presents nine distinct restaurants, all in one location!

The modern setting of the buffet is inspired by the elements of glass, wood and steel. With nearly 500 dishes to choose from, every guest is sure to satisfy their cravings, whether in the mood for prime rib, chilled king crab legs, or freshly made sushi. A team of seven specialized chefs oversees the preparation of the food in front of the guests, creating an interactive environment. The cuisines offered include Mexican, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, American, Seafood, Pizza, Deli and Dessert.

Jewish Las Vegas: We were interested in the rather large Jewish presence in Las Vegas. Indeed, 76,000 Jews call it home, making it the 23rd largest Jewish community in the United States. Visitors to the city have easy access to many kosher establishments. Just go to www.kosherlasvegas.net.

