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CAESARS PALACE: What would a visit to Las Vegas be like without spending some time at the famous Caesars Palace? (<https://www.caesars.com>). As famous as Las Vegas itself, this spot is perhaps the best-known casino resort in the world.

Caesars Palace spans 85-acres at the heart of the Las Vegas Strip, just

10-minutes from the McCarran International Airport. Walking through the "palace" allows you to experience some of the beautiful architectural designs, inspired by ancient Rome. On this trip, we were fortunate enough to enjoy a day at their pool, as well as a meal at Gordon Ramsay's Hell's Kitchen.

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Spanning five acres and offering access to seven distinct swimming pools, the Garden of the Gods Pool Oasis at Caesars offers guests a variety of engaging daytime experiences in a truly beautiful setting. At the heart of Caesar's Palace, the pool complex is situated on three levels and is filled with Roman statues and fountains. Interested in a game of swim-up blackjack? Looking for a relaxing pool-side massage? This is truly a pool for everyone.

During our visit, we spent time on incredibly comfortable daybeds at the Temple Pool. With umbrellas available for those who wish to stay in the shade, and plenty of sun for those who do not, the pool is a breath of fresh air. Daybed seats are located just steps from the pool, allowing for quick and frequent refuge from the Vegas summer heat. We enjoyed lunch by the pool, a real treat for any guest.

Other pools available include Cove Beach, which has a Mediterranean vibe and high-energy music, the Neptune Pool, which includes DJs and large floaties, and The Apollo Pool, offering a more casual atmosphere and poolside games. Take your family to the Jupiter Pool, which has life-sized games, themed floaties, and weekend activities for children. Finally, visit the Fortuna Pool for the swim-up blackjack tables or the Bacchus Pool for a more VIP experience. The quality of service at all of Caesar's pools is incomparable.

JEWISH CONNECTIONS: As of last June EL AL now operates weekly nonstop flights from Israel to Las Vegas on a 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft, offering 3 classes of service: Economy, Premium and Business. The Tel Aviv to

Las Vegas flight arrives at 11:15 a.m. on Fridays, with the return route scheduled for the next day and departing from McCarran International Airport on Saturdays at 10:45 p.m.

The Jewish community in Las Vegas has been growing at an exponential rate. Ten kosher restaurants and two well-stocked markets make kosher food

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readily available in the area. Across the valley, you can find nine orthodox synagogues in lovely neighborhoods. Two established Jewish day schools, preschools, and a new yeshiva high school, provide high quality Jewish education. Las Vegas is considered the fastest growing Jewish community in the United States. There are over 70,000 Jews and 19 synagogues in total, as well as many Jewish organizations, delis, and kosher restaurants in the area. Many larger markets feature kosher fresh meats and kosher food sections. Even the Mayor of Las Vegas, Carolyn Goodman, is Jewish.

HELL'S KITCHEN: The world's first Gordon Ramsay Hell's Kitchen Restaurant (www.GRHellsKitchenLV.com) is an experience like no other. Drawing inspiration from the global hit reality television show starring world-renowned Chef Gordon Ramsay, guests will feel like they really are on the studio set. Located in front of Caesars Palace, the restaurant seats more than 300 guests. The Red and Blue kitchens, similar to the two teams featured on the TV show, serve up modern lunch and dinner menus, including Hell's Kitchen signature dishes made with the highest quality ingredients. Gordon Ramsay, known not only for his refined cuisine, but also his TV personality on several big hit programs, among them "Hell's Kitchen," "MasterChef" and "Kitchen Nightmares," has generated worldwide attention and entertained viewers on six continents. By reputation alone, I was certain that this would be an exceptional culinary experience, and I was certainly not mistaken. Inspiration from the television show is seen throughout the restaurant—the giant signature fiery pitchfork located in front of the

restaurant, the life-sized video of Chef Ramsay greeting guests upon arrival, and of course, the menu items themselves. The restaurant opened in January 2018.

IL MULINO: Noted Jewish businessman Jerry Katzoff is the chairman of the ever growing Il Mulino New York group of restaurants; his wife Lee serves as vice-president. Founded in Greenwich Village in 1981, Il Mulino New York originated as an intimate and esteemed eatery serving local foodies in the know. Today, it has grown to 17 locales which attract "A" list celebrities and dignitaries.

We were therefore very excited to visit this dining establishment at The Forum Shops at Caesars.

The best word to describe the dining experience that accompanies every meal at Il Mulino New York is 'elegance'. Everything from the ambiance and décor to the quality of the service provided fits within that one word.

The cheese tray delivered to your table prior

to being handed menus and the complimentary hors d'oeuvres and Italian bread, are just the start of a unique dining experience. The wide selection of appetizers and the many unique

choices on the menu make for a difficult decision but whatever main course one chooses will not disappoint.

Indeed, no trip to Las Vegas is complete without a visit to Il Mulino.

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