

ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET:

MGM RESORT EXPERIENCES

— by Bekah Wright —

Las Vegas. Just see the words and suitcase packing commences. For some, the destination is a mere weekend getaway. Those in the know, however, arrange reservations at MGM Resort experiences (mgmresorts.com). This ensures visits won't just be about blowing off steam. Instead, they'll be about harnessing the best the city has to offer in entertainment, dining and accommodations. Indeed, MGM Resorts throws open their doors with VIP treatment at the ready. Welcome to the Show.


MGM RESORTS

STANDING OVATIONS

Upcoming events include: **Vegas Golden Knights** professional hockey game opener on 10/10 at T-Mobile Arena, **The Weeknd** on 10/14, **JAY-Z** on 10/28, **Guns N' Roses** on 11/17 and **Lady Gaga's** second appearance on 12/16 will all be at the arena. In addition, T-Mobile Arena is Home of the **UFC®** with two upcoming events: **UFC 216** on 10/7 and **UFC 219** on 12/30. **Janet Jackson** will be at Mandalay Bay Events Center on 10/14.

Vegas has become known as a second home to many music icons. Several superstars have taken up residence at MGM Resorts' concert venues. **George Strait** now calls The

T-Mobile Arena his Vegas home. Upcoming performances to catch from Strait take place 12/8 and 12/9.

And then, there's **Cher**. Her Vegas residence: the recently unveiled \$90 million, 5,200-seat Park Theater. It's here the mega-star launched her new show, **Classic Cher**, last February. The production goes beyond a mere concert, requiring 11 Bob Mackie-designed costumes and a 10-member dance troupe. The beloved diva keeps energy revved while interacting with the audience between songs. Getting pulses really racing is a repertoire of hits from *Woman's World*

and *If I Could Turn Back Time* to *Believe*. How she captures hearts, though, is with a tribute "duet" to long-time partner, Sonny Bono. When to catch Cher: November 1, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 21, 24 and 25.

The 17- time GRAMMY® Award nominee, **Bruno Mars**, also calls Park Theater home in Las Vegas. Ring in the New Year with him on December 30-31 and more dates to be announced in 2018.

For a complete list of upcoming entertainment at MGM Resorts please visit: mgmresorts.com.



SPOTLIGHT-WORTHY CUISINE

Advice from gourmands about the Las Vegas cuisine scene? Forget buffets. There's award winning fare to be savored.



L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon



Picasso

L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon showcases a promise the MGM Grand restaurant doesn't make lightly: the experience will be one of the finest meals of your life. Diners will feel transported to Paris when dishes such as Seared Dover Sole Cooked "Meunière" are prepared in front of them. Guests can choose from menus that will get them out the door in time for theatre showings. However, idling in the ambience over Coffee Chantilly, Sablé of Chocolate and Coffee Ice Cream is highly recommended. After all, there's entertainment aplenty at L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon, where rounds of applause herald the delivery of gourmet dishes.

There's still more relishing of Mediterranean fare to be done through venues that go beyond mere tables and chairs. Aria's

Such is the case at Bellagio's Las Vegas' **Picasso**, a restaurant where food is elevated to an art form and a collection of masterpieces from Pablo Picasso adorn the walls. The tables to vie for are located on the patio overlooking Lakeside Bellagio famous fountains. Delivered to tables from renowned Chef Julian Serrano are French and Spanish-influenced entrees. There are five menus to choose from. Dessert merits its own slate. Though choosing just one dish will be painstaking, word is the Warm Quail Salad with Sautéed Artichokes and Pine Nuts on the Prix Fixe menu is unforgettable. Still, there's the Menu Dégustation with optional wine and caviar... The impossibility of saying no to the Sautéed Steak Of "A" Foie Gras with Cherries Sous Vide with Tomatillo Sauce and Apple Purée, Pistachios and Brioche will call for a return visit.



Carbone

Carbone opens the door for amore via the Milan Opera with one of its dining rooms – the Red Room. Eliciting gasps of delight is the floor-to-ceiling Murano glass chandelier. The best spots for canoodling are within the red-curtained, semi-private booths that line the room. Attending to diners' requests are Captains, who serve classic, New York-Italian dishes tableside. Craving some Octopus Pizzaiolo and Ribeye Diana? Yep, they've got that along with signature dishes like Gemelli di Rabe, Linguini Vognole and Spicy Rigatoni Vodka. Before departing, take a peek inside the Blue and Private Dining Room concepts from Mario Carbone, Rich Torrisi and Jeff Zalanick.

Panoramic views, Parisian décor and Chef Alain Ducasse's creations await within Four Diamond Award-winning **Rivea** at Delano Las Vegas. Grab a seat on the patio and let Executive Chef Bruno Riou dazzle with his five-course, Tour of the Riviera, presenting ingredients evocative of Provence and Italy's food markets. A breezy, laid back atmosphere of white and maritime blues by the acclaimed Parisian design duo Patrick Jouin and Sanjit Manku, rests atop Delano Las Vegas and welcomes guests by setting a relaxed vibe while offering unparalleled, 180-degree views of the city below. Menu items inspired by the delectable food markets of Provence and Italy create the carefree and vibrant nature of the Riviera, with a focus on simple, fresh plates by Executive Chef Bruno Riou and the best seasonal ingredients from the West Coast.

Still to experience is Italian cuisine from Bellagio's **LAGO**. Though the view of the resort and casino's iconic fountains are mesmerizing, Executive Chef Julian Serrano's menu is a feat unto itself. An ideal time for lingering over all this delectable sensory input is the three-course Sunday Brunch. Nothing compares to Quail Eggs and Smoked Salmon, accompanied by Eggplant Parmesan Benedict to get the Sunday started.



Rivea



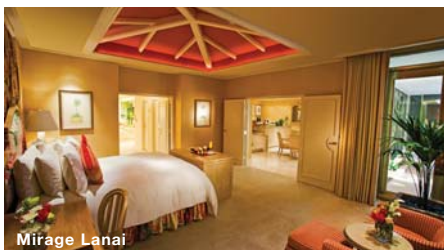
LAGO



Bellagio Suite



ARIA Sky Suite



Mirage Lanai

With days and nights of Vegas-filled entertainment, gaming and dining, one might wonder... what about accommodations? Prepare for awe-inspiring

SHOWSTOPPING SUITES

For sheer wow factor, check-in to **Bellagio's Chairman's Suite**. Here, a suspended walkway leads to a solarium, indoor garden with fountain (this is the Bellagio, after all), fireplace, L-shaped bar, two master bedrooms, private bathrooms with whirlpool tubs and steam showers and a conference room. Oh, and three, 1,000-square-foot Entourage Suites for personal staff. Amenities for the Chairman's Suite are also impressive, ranging from a 24-hour, on-call butler to VIP seating for *Cirque du Soleil*'s "O[™]". Not to forget: the Pre-Arrival Concierge, luxury airport transfer and private lounge check-in.

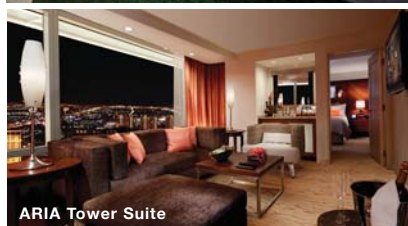
Then there are the **art-themed Bellagio Suites**. One might consider the mood lighting, individual climate controls and automatic drape controls art themselves. But, the separate living room and bedrooms (replete with views) and baths – one with a steam shower, the other a soaking whirlpool tub – are equally to be admired.



Bellagio Suite



Mirage Villa



ARIA Tower Suite

At ARIA guests can unwind at the opulent **Tower and Sky Suites**. Pool lovers should go for the AAA Five Diamond-rated Sky Suites with private access to the Sky Pool. Surprise amenities are delivered to poolside chaises every 90 minutes. Back in the suite, further pampering comes with expansive (up to 2,060-square-feet) trappings, including a living area and master bedroom (additional bedrooms available) with an en suite that evokes the feeling of a spa escape. Should the bath inspire a visit to The Spa at ARIA, an In Room Crave Tablet is within a fingertip's reservation. Both the Tower and Sky Suites lure with other luxe amenities including personal concierge services, private lounges and, in for Sky Suite guests, complimentary, luxury airport transportation.

A 24-hour butler greets from the private entrance that leads to **Mirage Villas and Lanais**, located in a secluded area of The Mirage. A 24-hour private chef is on call, too. Require in-room spa and salon services? No problem. As dreamy as these residences are with their living and dining rooms, master bedroom and bath, the private, backyard pool brings on absolute purring. Making a stay perfection is a dedicated personal concierge, luxury airport transfers and tee times at MGM's 18-hole Shadow Creek Golf Course.

Prefer a mansion? Head to the MGM Grand where **The Mansion** welcomes with 29 one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom villas. Don a hat for afternoon tea, strolling in the Italian garden or time by the pool. When the dinner hour rolls around, either head to The Mansion Dining Room, or enjoy VIP reservations at both Joël Robuchon and L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon.

Prefer a AAA Five Star-rated, two-story **SKYLOFT at MGM Grand**? Butlers are on hand to assist with the packing and unpacking of luggage. Where to kick back? Options abound from the SKYLounge to the SKYlobby/Topgolf Lounge. Yes, please.



MGM Mansion

The highly anticipated new luxury resort **Park MGM** will make its debut in 2018, and its transformation from Monte Carlo Resort and Casino is already underway. Park MGM will present two distinct hotel experiences: a Las Vegas version of partner Sydell Group's widely acclaimed NoMad Hotel, and the eponymous luxury hotel. Park MGM will feature more than 2,700 well-appointed rooms with a classic European design and modern sensibility. The NoMad Las Vegas will offer 292 distinctive, luxurious guest rooms and suites, plus a NoMad restaurant helmed by culinary superstars Chef Daniel Humm and restaurateur Will Guidara of Eleven Madison Park fame. The Park MGM transformation continues in September 2017 with the opening of Primrose Restaurant, helmed by the celebrated Chef Bryce Schuman, and Chicago hospitality heavy hitters Hogsalt's new steakhouse concept, Bavette's.

There's a lot to enjoy about MGM Resorts International's entertainment, dining, and accommodations. Resounding throughout Las Vegas: appreciative exclamations of: Bravo! Bon Appetit! Welcome to the Show!