

Wynn Las Vegas

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Rates: \$179-\$7,000 (USD)

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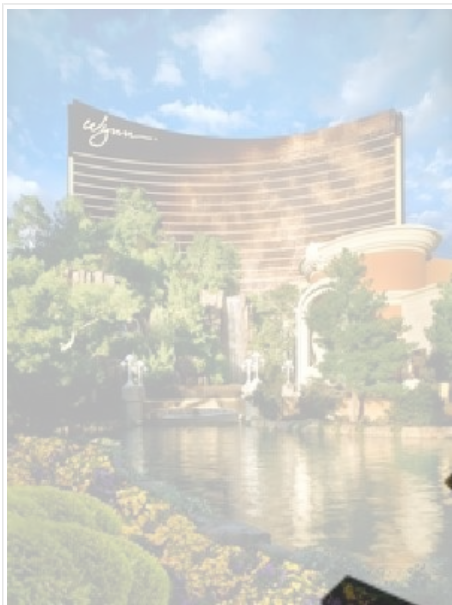
Check in Time: 3:00 PM

Check out Time: 12:00 PM

Number of Floors: 50

Total Number of Rooms: 2,716

STAR Rating:  Amenity Rating: 



On the northern edge of the "respectable" part of the Strip, on a spot formerly occupied by the legendary Desert Inn, this sexy, curved, copper-clad high-rise is, by some accounts, developer Steve Wynn's best, a tribute to luxury in the land of excess.

Given Mr. Wynn's track record (Mirage, Treasure Island and Bellagio), the standards here should come as no surprise. But his newest offering, Encore, creates something of a sibling rivalry between the two.

Fronted by a man-made mountain, the mirrored-glass skin of this 50-story tower reflects the lights of the city, as well as Mr. Wynn's Ferrari dealership, which stands rather conspicuously beside the entrance to the hotel. With 217 acres of grounds, this property is the only resort on the Strip to boast an 18-hole golf course.

Commanding the exterior is a 150-ft-tall mountain covered with pines, and an artificial stream that courses through waterfalls and ponds. Footbridges crossing the stream lead to the hotel's entrances on one side and the shopping arcade on the other.

The atrium is decked with the Wynn trademark of real and artificial flowers so artfully intertwined that it's nearly impossible to tell them apart. Other Wynn trademarks include lots of water and trees. Another feature of note is the calm one encounters upon entering the hotel: There are no clanging slot machines; the casino is thoughtfully removed from the lobby.

Unique circular escalators descend to a patio by a 3-acre pool with a 70-ft waterfall over a washboard-textured wall. Occasionally, the pool and waterfall are the stage for a multimedia extravaganza of light, water, animatronics, projected images and music.

The hotel's signature restaurant, the Michelin-starred Alex, has closed, succumbed to the poor economy as the number of people who could afford the astronomical prices of this high-end French dining dwindled. Yet chef Alex Stratta has stayed on, and now runs his more casual (and also eponymous) Italian restaurant, Stratta.

Among the hotel's fine-dining choices are Bartolotta Ristorante di Mare, La Cave for small plates, Lakeside for dry-aged prime rib and Maine lobster, SW Steakhouse with an outdoor terrace facing the Lake of Dreams, Tableau in an atrium poolside setting. The Japanese steak house, Okada, provides traditional fare at prices comparable to the real thing. The buffet ranks with those at the Palms and Bellagio, thanks to its 16 cooking stations, and there are enough casual dining outlets to keep dining costs in check (Southeast Asian bistro, poolside cafe and a deli).

The Terrace Pointe Cafe is a 24-hour restaurant that would never be mistaken for a simple coffee shop. Some 300 lanterns hang above the dance floor, while a waterfall provides a pinch of white noise in the VIP-magnet Tryst.

The \$100 million domed theater seats 2,080 spectators in the round. This facility was designed expressly to house *Le Reve*, an aquatic spectacular.



Customers in the 110,000-sq-ft casino can choose from more than 100 game tables, 2,000 slot machines, and low- and high-stakes poker rooms, as well as legal race and sports-booking operations. Guests here want for almost nothing.

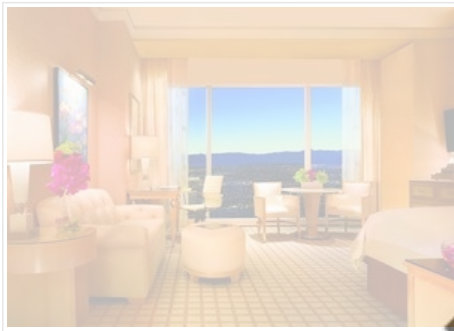
Mr. Wynn's private art gallery (for a fee) features works by Picasso and Van Gogh. The shopping mall houses 76,000 sq ft of retail space. Shops showcase the designs of Oscar de la Renta, Chanel, Dior, Cartier and Manolo Blahnik, among many others.

The main pool consists of a long boulevard of water lined with white chaise longues and linking two large circular ponds. Those looking for more of a club scene can head to the adults-only "European" Pool (a euphemism for topless bathing).

A spa and salon are among this hotel's posh services, and the superb fitness facility is as well-equipped as any hotel fitness room in Las Vegas. The Tom Fazio-designed golf course has two marshes and a waterfall. Golfers are not allowed to take pictures during their \$500 rounds.

Function space includes two ballrooms, measuring 50,000 sq ft and 25,000 sq ft, and 20 meeting rooms. Parking is free in a self-service garage, and valet service is also available. A fleet of 10 Rolls-Royce Phantoms spirit guests around town.

The Wynn claims that some of its rooms cost upwards of \$1 million to construct. The standard Resort rooms, measuring 620 sq ft, aren't quite as large as guest rooms at the Venetian. But they look newer, thanks to a recent renovation that stripped the rooms of their dark look, and made them brighter in neutral tones, as do the new white vinyl furnishings. Warhol, Picasso and Van Gogh reprints punch up the rooms with color. Bath floors and counters have also been resurfaced.



Rooms have floor-to-ceiling windows, sitting areas with a sofa and ottoman, dining tables and chairs, and queen beds topped with European linens. Bedside panels control room functions, from the automatic drapery to air-conditioning and lights.

Guests can expect high-speed Internet access, a fax machine, cordless phones and big flat-screen TVs. Baths are fitted with soaking tubs, glass-enclosed showers, dual sinks, TVs and high-quality toiletries.

Tower Suites and Fairway Villas have a select residential feel and feature a private entrance and VIP check-in. Posh Salon Suites provide heart-stopping views of the city in a sophisticated setting. Some come with a 10-person conference table. Massage rooms, wet bars and 50-inch plasma TVs are upscale amenities.

In the Parlor Suites, replicas of artwork from the Wynn Collection adorn the walls. Units at the newer Encore are larger, but standards at both are very high indeed. Most of the resort is smoke-free, but rooms remain for smokers. More than 100 rooms are wheelchair-accessible.

Room service runs around the clock, and pets are not permitted. The hotel has instituted a \$20 resort fee, which anyone who was paying for Internet access or coughed up the \$30 fee to enter the fitness center, will view as a bargain. Besides access to the Internet and fitness room, it includes phone calls and the printing of boarding passes.

Since opening in 2005, this pleasure palace has set the high-water mark on the Strip, besting Caesars and Bellagio as far as room luxury goes, less contrived than the Venetian, and better serviced than the Mandalay or MGM Grand. Still, personal service can't match what guests encounter at the smaller properties, such as Four Seasons. But when it comes to glitz and glamour, this hotel resides at the top of the luxury pile, though its spin-off, Encore, is its equal on most counts.

Unlike some of the other properties in Vegas, strip away the casino, and this one could stand on its own in L.A., New York or London—not just Las Vegas.

Basic Information

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Chain: Wynn Resorts
Chain Website:
<http://www.wynnresorts.com/>

Rates & Policies

Rates are Daily in USD
Standard: \$179 - approx 635 sq ft
Suite: \$7,000 - approx 850 sq ft
Meals: No Meals Included
Deposit Policy: One night room & tax
Cancellation Policy: 48 hrs prior to arrival

Credit Cards Are Accepted
Reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card

Location

Spring Mountain/Las Vegas Blvd. Las Vegas Strip. Convention Center.

Nearest Airports:

• McCarran Intl- 10 min drive

Nearby Points of Interest:

• Las Vegas Strip (Tourist Destination)- mi
• Red Rock Canyon (State Park)- 20 mi to the West
• Hoover Dam (Man-Made Wonder)- 40 mi to the Southeast

Restaurants On-Site

Dining: 15 restaurants and 5 bars On Site

- Bartolotta Ristorante de Mare (Italian)
- Lakeside (Modern American Grill)
- Wing Lei (Chinese)

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