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[Dining: The Best Bets for Vegas' Best Bites \(Part 1 of 2\)](#)

Although you made your way to the desert so that you could hit the tables, the gaming tables aren't the only tables you'll be hitting on this trip. That's because the [Vegas dining scene](#) is home to some of the country's finest fine dining options. Everything from exciting to elegant is available in Sin City. Here are just a few of the high-end restaurants that promise to satiate those special high-roller cravings. To discover some of the Strip's more unusual dining options, stay tuned for Part 2 in this two-part series. For more information on any of the restaurants here, or on other Vegas culinary hotspots, visit TravelsinTaste.com.

Sky Box

The most coveted table in Vegas isn't in the high roller's area — it's atop the kitchen at Charlie Trotter's [Restaurant Charlie](#) at The Palazzo Resort Hotel Casino. Suspended above the kitchen is a stainless steel- and glass-railed circular platform on which is a single table from which one has a view of the action in one of the most beautiful kitchens on the Strip. Las Vegas' first "kitchen loft" offers views of the cook line, garde mange and pastry station, in addition to the dining room. This spectacular table satisfies a foodie's craving for the ultimate dining experience.



Feeling Nostalgic?

Spend the evening with the rat pack at [Sinatra](#) in Steve Wynn's newest resort: Encore. Sinatra is the ultimate combination of fresh market ingredients, modern Italian cuisine and traditional fine dining, all wrapped up in a package that bears the name of a true Vegas icon. When you pass through the casino you'll see the distinct tomato red wall of Sinatra, which features framed Frank Sinatra mementos, including gold records, pictures and personal letters from such notables as Sammy Davis Jr. This is just the beginning of your Sinatra experience, the rest of which awaits inside.



The Stars' Scene

There's one word for where those in the know go to see and be seen: [N9NE!](#) Executive [Chef Barry Dakake](#) actually has two "celebrity walls" on which he keeps a record of every celebrity who has visited the restaurant. The tradition started in 2006 with Carmelo Anthony, a star basketball player for the Denver Nuggets. A huge sports fan, Chef Dakake had asked Anthony for some memorabilia; instead, he got the beginning of a tradition. That's because Anthony asked to be taken to Chef Dakake's office, where he asked for a marker. That momentous moment culminated in Anthony signing the chef's door, "the people's champ."



Vegas' Best View

The view from [Alize](#), located on the 56th floor of the Palms Casino Resort, will take your breath away. The restaurant prides itself on its 280-degree views of the Vegas Strip; through its 16-foot floor-to-ceiling windows, which are angled on the side overlooking the Strip, you can see every major hotel in Vegas. And on New Year's Eve you can see all those hotels' fireworks in all their glory. This is the ultimate bird's eye view of Las Vegas.



Awesome Atmosphere

The entire experience at [Switch](#) at Encore changes once every 30 minutes. It's not just a painting or the music that changes, either; it's the restaurant's entire interior. The music changes with each transition and actually announces the coming scenery change with a few bars prior to the actual "switch." There are three changes in all — each one a little more dramatic than the next.



Killer Kobe

[CUT](#), Wolfgang Puck's sixth Las Vegas restaurant, is already one of the hottest restaurants in town thanks to its beautiful design, its extensive wine list and its creative menu, which includes something for everyone, not just steak lovers.



Stay tuned for Part 2!

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