

## How to 'Wynn' in Las Vegas TripAdvisor Users Weigh-In with First Reviews of New Wynn Las Vegas Hotel Plus other Practical Advice to be a Winner in Sin City User Survey Indicates Most Vegas Travelers Looking for Value Hotels, Wynn Rates May be Too Rich

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While the vast majority of TripAdvisor users surveyed are looking for less expensive accommodations, some of the first lucky guests to stay at the new Wynn Las Vegas have posted their reviews on TripAdvisor (<http://www.tripadvisor.com/>), the leading travel information and recommendation site on the Web. Here's what they're saying:

1. TripAdvisor Member -- California (May 2, 2005)  
"Even in its opening week, when one could expect things to be a little rocky, the rooms, the service, the atmosphere were terrific. We stayed up on the 30th floor and the view was incredible ... I don't want to mislead anyone - I did not have to consider cost."
2. TripAdvisor Member -- South Carolina (April 28, 2005)  
"This mega resort is amazing. I just wish the art museum was open. It makes the Bellagio and Venetian look dated. I don't think there was another gathering of billionaires in one place like there was for the opening. I just wish I was one of them. The only reason I was invited is because my son helped design the property."
3. TripAdvisor Las Vegas Forum User -- Washington (May 2, 2005)  
"Stayed at Wynn on opening night. The place is fabulous. I have stayed at Venetian, Bellagio, Caesar's Palace. Wynn LV outdoes them all in most every category ... Make sure to bring lots of cash if you stay at Wynn. It is not for the person on a budget."

In a survey conducted this week, 84 percent of TripAdvisor users told us they look for a weekend hotel room rate of less than \$250 in Las Vegas, significantly less than base published rates for a weekend night at the Wynn. Whether or not the new Wynn resort is in the cards, TripAdvisor offers travelers an honest guide to Las Vegas with an insider's look based on the opinions of real travelers. Las Vegas is always hot and rather than rolling the dice with your travel plans, hear what TripAdvisor users have to say about what's in and what's not for your next trip to the 'Strip.'

"Our Las Vegas forum is one of the most active areas of our site," said Michele Perry, TripAdvisor spokesperson. "So we wanted to share with the world some of the great insights that these Vegas zealots impart."

TRAVEL BUZZ -- TripAdvisor Las Vegas Forum tips on being a winner in Vegas

1. Manage your money -- Opt for cash or travelers' checks since ATMs have daily limits and credit card advances come with fees. Casinos may charge an additional fee. Bring mostly hundreds with some small bills for cabs and tips. Keep your cash in your front pockets for easy access/monitoring. If you bring travelers' checks -- there's no charge for AAA members -- keep your registration number and checks separate. Store your cash or travelers' checks in your room or hotel safe, so you don't have to carry much with you.
2. Dress for success -- The Vegas dress code is casual but some clubs do have dress codes in the evening (no shorts, tanks, flip-flops, etc.), so call before you dress. Even in the blazing hot summer, hotels and

casinos like to crank the AC, so pack a sweater.

3. Tip of the day -- Always be tipping. Bring plenty of singles and fives and tip service personnel -- the valet who delivers your car, the porter who delivers your bags, housekeeping, wait staff and most importantly, the dealers at the casinos. If you're unsure how much to tip, ask someone. Here's an extra tip, if you tip the maid at the beginning of your stay, rather than just at the end, you're likely to get special service.

MUST SEES -- TripAdvisor's top picks for Vegas entertainment

1. Blue Man Group
2. Cirque du Soleil -- Mystere, O or KA
3. Fremont Street Experience
4. Fountains at Bellagio
5. Star Trek: The Experience
6. Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area

HIDDEN GEMS -- TripAdvisor users hit jackpot with secrets for a successful visit

1. Shop 'til you drop -- Best bets for shopping in Vegas are the Forum Fashion Mall, Canal Shops, Desert Passage Shops in The Aladdin and the Fremont Street Experience downtown
2. Celebrity spotting -- If you happen to be in Vegas on the day of a big fight, you're sure to see some stars. Other hot spots for celebrity sightings are the Palms, Hard Rock Hotel, Bellagio, The Four Seasons and the new Wynn.
3. That's right, family-friendly in Vegas -- TripAdvisor users recommend the following hotels as family-friendly: The Orleans, Excalibur, Flamingo, Mirage and Mandalay. All have nice pools and fun activities and attractions for kids.

RANTS & RAVES -- Pearls of wisdom from experienced TripAdvisor travelers

1. Skip to the head of the line -- "Suggestion...if you're arriving in LAS at a high volume time (not sure what that is...thought it was early evening Fridays/Sats...but we arrived at 1:30 AM and still waited in the horrendous taxi line for an hour...never again)...rent a limo ahead of time and have them waiting for you by luggage..." (posted on TripAdvisor April 30, 2005)
2. Brave the bus -- "Do brave the 301 Bus to Downtown in the early evening to dark time frame. Don't be afraid to catch it at any stop along the strip..enjoy the ride...and save a bunch in cab fare. Perfectly safe...just takes longer b/c of all the stops." (posted on TripAdvisor April 30, 2005)
3. Bring your camera -- "Only in Vegas can you see an older gentleman with Bermuda shorts and black socks pulled up to his knees sitting next to Eurochic woman sporting full makeup, stilettos, and pushup bra at 8:00 am?!" (posted on TripAdvisor May 2, 2005)
4. Be up Front -- "Open a Front Money account at the Cashiers cage when you first arrive. When you go to a table you can take out money as you need. Do the floor supervisor a favor and take it out in \$500 increments." (posted on TripAdvisor May 3, 2005)
5. Get Outta Town -- " ... get out of Vegas to the Grand Canyon for the weekend (rooms in Vegas twice as pricey and v busy on Fri and Sat)."

(posted on TripAdvisor May 3, 2005)

#### TOP HOTELS -- TripAdvisor best bets at different price points

1. \$100-200

The Carriage House, 105 E. Harmon Ave.  
42 Reviews, most recent posted on April 10, 2005  
Average Price: US\$ 149

2. \$200-300

JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort, Spa & Golf, 221 N. Rampart Blvd.  
94 Reviews, most recent posted on May 5, 2005  
Average Price: US\$ 216  
TripAdvisor Best Hotels on the Web 2004 - Winner:  
[http://www.tripadvisor.com/pages/bhotw\\_usa.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/pages/bhotw_usa.html)

3. More than \$300

The Hotel at Mandalay Bay, 3950 Las Vegas Blvd. South  
102 Reviews, most recent posted on May 1, 2005  
Average Price: US\$ 423

TripAdvisor calculates an average price for each hotel, which is based on the rates of available rooms obtained from booking partners and other independent sources of pricing information. In addition, average hotel prices are updated nightly based on prevailing conversion rates. These are only estimates and not guarantees.

#### TOP RESTAURANTS -- TripAdvisor's Vegas dining favorites

1. Rosemary's Restaurant, Las Vegas, 8125 Sahara Ave.

Phone: 702-869-2251  
Cuisines: American, Seafood, Contemporary, Eclectic, International  
Average price: US\$ 80  
Special features: Romantic, Business, Local cuisine

2. The Steakhouse, Las Vegas, Circus Circus Hotel & Casino, 2880 Las Vegas Blvd., S.

Phone: 702-794-3767  
Cuisines: American, Steakhouse  
Average price: US\$ 21-50  
Special features: Breakfast/Brunch, Child-friendly

3. Lawry's, The Prime Rib, Las Vegas, 4043 Howard Hughes Parkway

Phone: 702-893-2223  
Cuisines: American  
Average price: US\$ 35

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