



As we step into 2025, we wish you a year filled with happiness, success, and incredible travel experiences. May the coming months bring opportunities to explore new destinations, create cherished memories, and enjoy the unforgettable journeys we're delighted to craft for you. Here's to a fantastic year ahead, filled with joy and adventure!



A dark blue promotional banner for MSC Cruises. On the left, there is a small image of a cruise ship at sea. The main text is white and centered: 'SAILINGS THROUGH 2026' is in a white rounded rectangle at the top. Below it, 'UP TO 35% OFF CRUISES' is on the left and 'KIDS SAIL FREE' is on the right, separated by a vertical line and a plus sign. The MSC Cruises logo is on the far right.

Barry Manilow has accepted an offer of a lifetime residency at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino.

Manilow has performed at the International Theater since 2005 when Westgate was still known as the Las Vegas Hilton. Earlier this year, he surpassed Elvis Presley's record of 636 performances at the venue.

Manilow, 81, who released his first album back in 1973, has sold more than 85 million records in his career.



2024's Best Bets in Las Vegas Hotels, Dining, Shows, and More

The massive scale of Las Vegas' hospitality industry – bigger, better and often over-the-top – is thankfully in direct proportion to the innovation, creativity, and artistry exhibited by the near-constant evolution of tourism products here. And that's a good thing for the roughly 40 million visitors the city will see in this calendar year, who are typically looking for the next big thing. These are the hospitality products that stood out from the crowd in 2024.

Best New Steakhouse – Peter Luger Steak House (Caesars Palace) Over 135 years of experience in New York City has enabled Peter Luger's management to hone in on what they do best: focus the menu on a small number of dishes that all remarkably achieve perfection. Luger's Extra Thick, Sizzling Bacon and Sliced Tomatoes and Onions are surefire starters, and enjoying both with Luger's Own Sauce is practically mandatory. The Porterhouse and Rib Steak both come on a platter sizzling with butter, best accompanied by Luger's Special German Fried Potatoes and perfectly seasoned Creamed Spinach. Topping it all off with a slice of flown-in NY Cheesecake (the only kind) completes the ultimate steakhouse meal in Las Vegas.

Best Cultural Activity – Downtown Las Vegas has undergone a renaissance in recent years, with trendy dining in the Fremont East district, popular galleries in the burgeoning Arts District, and new and renovated hotel products catering to an increasing variety of visitors. And central to the cultural hub of downtown is the Mob Museum, which presents an entertaining history of organized crime in America. Set in a former courthouse that served as the venue for some of the 1950s Kefauver Hearings into illegal interstate gambling, the Mob Museum's exhibits creatively tell the story of how a group of ruthless-yet-visionary mobsters essentially invented the modern Las Vegas casino industry that exists today – albeit in a sanitized, corporate version.

Best Room Refresh – Versailles Tower Balcony Room (Paris Las Vegas) Hotel rooms are constantly being refurbished in Las Vegas, but the completely new accommodations in the Versailles Tower at Paris represent an extreme makeover – and a hotel tower exchange – that could only happen here. What was previously the Jubilee Tower at sister-property Horseshoe emerged after a \$100 million renovation that rendered it unrecognizable from its previous incarnation – even adding balconies to 38 rooms. Bold pops of color inspired by the French flag predominate in a modern room and suite design that also features a roomy, tiled bathroom. And the recently opened pedestrian bridge connecting the new tower is just steps away from Paris' front desk.

Best New Attraction – Swingers Crazy Golf (Mandalay Bay) Las Vegas is all about reinvention. If something doesn't work here, it gets yanked out and replaced with something that does. So when Light Nightclub closed at Mandalay Bay in 2022, the search was on for a tenant with enough appeal to invigorate the massive space. And based on a recent visit, the just-opened Swingers Crazy Golf is all that and more. The three-level venue is splayed out with four mini-golf courses, multiple bars and retro carnival games. Caddies deliver cocktails directly to the links, while a selection of street food eats satisfies hunger pangs. Meanwhile, the house DJ turns up the heat for the adults-only crowd, beckoning guests to swap the nightclub for the golf club at this alternative to Vegas nightlife that pulses with radiant energy.

Best Poolside Cafe – Como Poolside Cafe & Bar (Bellagio) No longer just convenient outlets for dispensing bland snacks and burgers, Vegas' poolside cafes are stepping up their game with quality dishes that rival their indoor competition. And after a recent refresh that turned the patio into a lushly landscaped and beautifully furnished oasis, Como Poolside Cafe – which operates seasonally – now sports a menu that befits its luxe surroundings. Standout starters include prosciutto and a silky-smooth burrata, and a hamachi crudo that rivals top Japanese restaurants. But breakfast here (conveniently served until 3 p.m.) is defined by a stack of Lemon-Blueberry Pancakes, drizzled with ricotta creme.

Best Immersive Experience – ARTE MUSEUM (63 CityCenter) Innovative, creative minds often come calling to Las Vegas, and ARTE MUSEUM's creators, South Korea-based district, have arrived with a winner in their first U.S. exhibition at 63 CityCenter, a new retail and commercial hub at the corner of Harmon Ave. and the Strip – just south of the Cosmopolitan. Despite living in an era when the phrase "immersive experience" is overworked to the point of exhaustion, ARTE MUSEUM's exhibits provide us with a wondrous deep-dive into dreamlike scenarios, where all of our senses are engaged while admiring – and being fully immersed into – incredibly beautiful and mesmerizing experiences that celebrate nature.

Best Bets in Las Vegas (con't.)

Best New Show – DISCOSHOW (The LINQ Hotel)

When Spiegelworld first introduced its groundbreaking Absinthe production in a tent outside Caesars Palace in 2011, few could have predicted that the bawdy, circus-like show would become a cult favorite. Follow-ups Opium and Atomic Saloon continued the irreverence, and now Discoshow has entered the scene as the latest iteration in Spiegelworld's slightly perverse universe. Best described as an interactive, standing-room-only dance party where the actors/dancers are above, among and interspersed amid the crowd, DISCOSHOW is a high-energy, sweat-inducing, nonstop, kitschy throwback to the 1970s disco era. The experience begins in a retro-themed living room environment, where roller-skating actors provide the perfect party-starter in this cross between a participatory experience and a traditional show.

Best Happy Hour Meal Deal – Pizza Rock (Downtown Las Vegas)

Despite a plethora of good deals on happy-hour drinks all over Vegas, being able to make a substantial meal out of the discounted food items is less common. Thus, relatively few places can boast the quality combo that Pizza Rock offers between 3 and 6 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. A nice selection of wine, beer and specialty cocktails (\$5-\$9) provides the necessary lubrication, but it's the selection of gourmet pizzas by World Champion Pizzaiolo Tony Gemignani that push this deal to the top of the pack. The menu of seven specialty pies – including the Cal Italia, featuring imported gorgonzola, sweet fig preserve and prosciutto – priced from \$6.50-\$8.50, make this the most satisfying of quality happy hours.

Best New Cocktail Lounge – Collins (Fontainebleau Las Vegas)

In keeping with the Fontainebleau's glamorous, throwback aesthetic, the lobby-adjacent Collins bar features a combination of warm jewel tones, gold accents, moody lighting and crushed blue velvet upholstery that creates a warm, inviting environment as a welcome respite from Las Vegas' excesses. While a pianist plays classic tunes at a relaxing volume level, patrons enjoy a full menu of classic highballs, in addition to more modern creations from the resort's beverage team, like the signature J.S. Collins, a careful blend of Woodinville Bourbon, L.N. Mattei Cap Corse Blanc, lemon, miso honey, strawberry and Fever Tree Mediterranean tonic. And the rest of the well-thought-out cocktail program perfectly complements the sophisticated environment.



Best Guilty Pleasure – Battlebots Destruct-A-Thon (Horseshoe Las Vegas)

The battling robots inside the ring at Battlebots (behind Horseshoe) give off plenty of sparks, flames and flying parts, witnessed by cheering crowds whipped up into a frenzy by the enthusiastic co-hosts. In what can best be described as a remote-controlled, modern demolition derby mixed with professional wrestling showmanship and flair, Battlebots delivers what faithful fans of the long-running TV show crave: family-friendly, machine-on-machine violence that is somehow comforting to watch – behind thick plexiglass, of course.

Best Foodie Tour – Lip Smacking Foodie Tours

—Fine dining in Las Vegas is typically a pricey proposition – and fraught with risks. After all, forking out \$500 for a dinner for two isn't out of the question here, nor does it guarantee a satisfactory experience. That's where Lip Smacking Foodie Tours comes in. The company's expertly guided afternoon or evening tours visit 3-4 carefully vetted, quality restaurants where guests enjoy immediate, VIP seating and three signature dishes at each. The guide explains each dish in detail (perfect for foodies), while shepherding the small group between restaurants. Prices range from \$125 to \$199 per person, including gratuities. In essence, Lip Smacking Foodie Tours is a low-risk, high-reward value proposition on fine dining in Las Vegas.

Best-Kept Secret on the Strip – Oasis Ice Rink (Fontainebleau Las Vegas)

Although the Cosmopolitan deserves credit for first bringing a winter wonderland to the Strip with The Ice Rink a few years ago, there's a new player in town looking to get in on some of that frozen action. In the continual game of one-upmanship that defines the Las Vegas hospitality market, the Oasis Ice Rink at the Fontainebleau Las Vegas is the latest disruptor. And continuing the theme of the drop-dead gorgeous decor inside the casino-resort, the twin ice rinks blend in beautifully on the handsome pool deck, which is augmented with firepits, holiday cabanas and movie screenings. Seasonal bites and cocktails, naturally, accompany the action, but the people-watching here is also an entertaining spectator sport. Oasis Ice Rink operates seasonally from mid-November to early January.

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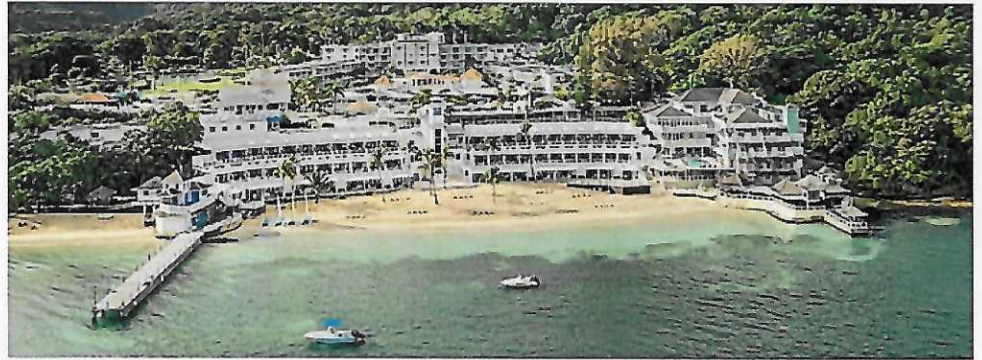
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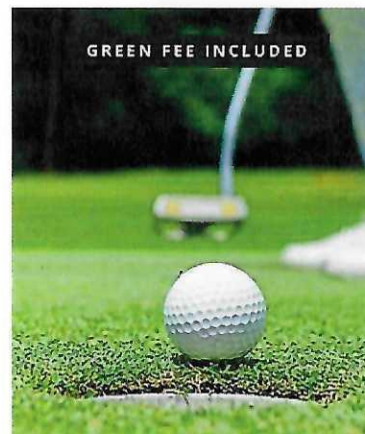


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Recipe Card

Cream Cheese Bars



★ INGREDIENTS:

Bottom Crust and topping:

- 1/3 cup butter
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup of finely chopped walnuts



Filling:


- 1/4 cup sugar
- One package of cream cheese (8 oz)
- One egg
- Two tbsp milk
- One to two tbsp of lemon juice
- ½ half tsp vanilla extract

★ DIRECTIONS:

Bottom Crust and topping:

1. Cream the butter and sugar together.
2. Add the flour and mix until thoroughly combined.
3. Add 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts.
4. Reserve one cup of this mixture for the topping.
5. Press the rest of this mixture into an 8 x 8 pan and bake at 350°F for 12 to 15 minutes.

Filling:

1. Blend the sugar with the cream cheese in a small bowl until smooth. Add the remaining ingredients and beat very well. Spread over the baked crust and sprinkle the reserved crumb mixture on top.
 2. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes or until a knife comes out clean.
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