



## POOLS....and their parties

Visitors often choose to vacation to Las Vegas because of its fabulous year-round sunshine. That famous desert dry heat can make lounging by the hotel pool for the day sound like paradise. It's no surprise, then, that the pools in Las Vegas are popular, but it's not just because they are a great way to beat the heat. Guests spend hours soaking up the sun simply because Las Vegas has some of the coolest pools in the world.

**The Palazzo Las Vegas** brings the opulence of the French Riviera to the Las Vegas Strip with **AZURE**. This fresh and exciting pool concept was created with luxury amenities in mind including spa services by Canyon Ranch SpaClub, culinary offerings by celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck and high-style fashion shows each Saturday.

**Wet Republic**, at **MGM Grand**, is an alluring 53,000-square-foot venue comprised of two large saltwater pools, six intimate dipping pools, six tricked-out Bungalows and 10 Party Cabanas. The adults-only pool destination features a 2,500-square-foot lounge serving as a place to mix, mingle, dance and dine. A 4,100-square-foot pool deck doubles as an entertainment stage for celebrity guests and entertainers at WET REPUBLIC's weekly and monthly signature events. Eight state-of-the-art underwater speakers in the main pools complement the top-tier sound system. WET REPUBLIC features six cascading waterfalls to accent the vast poolscape and create the illusion of a never-ending flow of water throughout the venue.

Only Las Vegas can bring the ocean and the beach to the desert. **Mandalay Bay** actually trucked in more than 1,700 tons of sand from Southern California for its 11-acre tropical water environment. The area includes a 1.6-million-gallon wave pool with waves that reach as high as five feet, three swimming pools and a jogging track. The resort's lazy river is 3.25 feet deep and stretches around the entire pool deck. Mandalay Bay has added Las Vegas' only climate-controlled poolside gaming venue. Just a few feet from crystal-clear waves, a three-story, glass-fronted **Beach Casino** invites guests to indulge at their leisure. The first level offers a casual bar and grill while the second level features table games with expansive, open-air views. On the third floor, guests will find the spectacular Villas Soleil, luxury pool villas ranging from 250 to 500 square feet. With your toes buried in the sand and with a refreshing cocktail in hand, it can be difficult to remember that you're in the middle of the Mojave Desert!

From a tropical beach to an ancient Roman oasis, you'll discover a place truly fit for the immortal at Garden of the Gods Pool at **Caesars Palace**. The ancient Romans revered water for its healing powers and indulged in the luxury of public baths among fragrant



gardens. Surrounded by marble statues and relaxing fountains, you'll appreciate that Roman ideology as you enjoy four sapphire pools and two whirlpool spas. Enjoy private, European sunbathing at **The Venus Pool**, a newly redesigned piece of heaven offering 12 poolside cabanas.

Relaxation is first priority at **The Mirage**. The ultimate in poolside pampering, **Bare**, an experience apart from the resort's typical pool complex, is defined by its distinctive, contemporary ambiance and ultra VIP service. The DJ-spun music mix sets a lively mood as guests enjoy European sunbathing while secluded by towering palms. Two luxury dipping pools create a temptingly cool respite from the hot Vegas sun. Specialty food items and cocktail service are always offered in addition to complimentary services such as chilled cucumbers to soothe the eyes, iced towels, exotic frozen fruit, icy popsicles and Evian misting bottles.

Set in a sprawling 15-acre tropical retreat, the pool at **Flamingo Las Vegas** includes the Flamingo's adults-only GO Pool offering European-style sunbathing in a secluded area. Get the perfect tan with the resort's very own tan ambassadors, equipped with a variety of SPFs, aloe and more. Indulge in refreshing drink specials, rent a luxury cabana or participate in popular water activities such as floating beer pong and water volleyball.

**The Stratosphere Hotel & Casino** has announced the addition of bikini blackjack to the newly renovated pool area. Bikini-clad blackjack dealers provide a unique gaming experience each Friday, Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer. The new pool area also offers upgraded cabanas and daily activities. The pool area is located on the 8th floor of the Stratosphere.

If your idea of fun is a pool party, look no further than **The Palms**. Recently remodeled, the pool area and bungalows span two acres and can accommodate up to 3,000 guests. Perhaps the pool's most unique feature is **The Glass Bar**. Located under an elevated, glass-bottomed pool, bar patrons merely have to look up for some unique scenery of guests swimming overhead. The pool area also features 27 contemporary cabanas and even three poolside bungalows, where overnight guests can watch live concerts and events from the comfort of their king-sized beds.

The party continues at **TAO Beach**, a seductive and sophisticated Asian-themed beach club and an extension of the already popular TAO Nightclub at **The Venetian**. By day, guests can secure a reservation to lounge poolside in one of seven luxury cabanas that feature such amenities as high-definition plasma screen televisions with X-Box gaming consoles, a DVD library, internet and customized mini bars. Other amenities include



sunglass cleaning, iPOD rental and a staff of masseuses. As night falls, guests find themselves in an open-air nightclub featuring a floating dance floor, four 14-foot fire columns and high-energy music.

After a crazy night out on the town, you may just need a full day to recover from that hangover before you do it all over again. That's why the **Hard Rock Hotel & Casino** offers **Rehab** every Sunday at the pool during the summer season. This exclusive daytime "recovery" session offers therapy in the form of palm-shaded sandy beaches, blue water and some of the most beautiful bodies Las Vegas has to offer. In fact, if your poolside agenda has you concerned about missing out on the casino action, don't be! You don't even have to get out of the water to enjoy the excitement of blackjack at the swim-up Palapa Bar in the center of Hard Rock's watery playground.

From swimming with card sharks at the Hard Rock to swimming with the real thing at downtown's **Golden Nugget**...dive into all the action at the Golden Nugget's newest aquatic attraction, The Tank, a \$20-million pool complete with a 200,000-gallon shark tank, three-story waterslide and well-appointed cabanas. Thrill in the excitement of swimming inches away from sharks and other marine life!

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