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## Best Casino Resorts

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### Best Casino Resorts

From Robin Hood to the gang of hoodlums in *Ocean's 13*, America craves a good heist flick. Robbing the rich to give to the poor -- or just robbing the rich -- makes for a compelling plot and a satisfying end. The glue that holds the heist together is universal: the bond of friendship between thieves.

Get your own gang of thieves together and try to break the bank -- the legal way -- in [Las Vegas](#) while living large like Danny Ocean. Continue reading to learn about the perks and treats available to high rollers in Las Vegas and beyond.



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A round at Wynn Las Vegas is a coveted luxury on the Las Vegas Strip.

### High Rollers

True high rollers enjoy the subtle perks. Flights to Vegas in a private jet with a vintage luxury car waiting at the airport are rote for them. What they seek is the recognition of their position in casino society, the experience of commanding the attention of staff, and staying away from the throngs on the gaming floor where "all the rest" of the casino patrons play. Here are some of the perks they get:

### No-Deposit Gaming

If you're reputation is good enough, the casino will let you play without filling out credit forms or going through the gouache process of forking over cash for your chips.

### Suites by Invitation

Suites so exclusive you need an invitation to stay there include the Artemis and Neptune suites at [Caesars Palace](#), the Presidential Suite at the [Venetian Resort Hotel Casino](#), and the Palazzo suites at the [Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino](#). All are decorated tastefully, eschewing traditional Vegas "flash" for more sedate luxury. Perks include 24-hour butler and security service, peek-a-boo entrances unknown to the general masses, easy access to shows, and, of course, transportation to and from the airport in a luxury car - never a limo, darling, those are for tourists.

### Suites for the Rest of Us

If you haven't received your invitation to a private suite, don't worry. At a price range of \$800 to \$40,000 a night you can book your own luxury suite.

As the only Mobil Five-Star property in Las Vegas, [The Tower Suites at Wynn Las Vegas](#) boast privacy and exclusivity. Guests enjoy a private entrance and check-in along with a host of additional amenities such as a private pool for tower guests only, making this slice of Wynn's 215 acres seem more like a small, exclusive village.

Fairway Villas at [Wynn Las Vegas](#) attract duffers who can't leave the game behind, even for a weekend in Vegas. Overlooking the Strip's only golf course, the villas please putters with butler service, a virtual golf game in the suite and quick access to its very exclusive golf course.

Private solariums set the Chairman and Presidential suites apart at [Bellagio](#), and at [The Palms](#), a tower constructed to accommodate a mind-boggling array of Palms Fantasy Suites provides a mind-boggling array of choices from the ultra-hip to a hip-hop Crib Suite. The Hugh Hefner Suite at The Palms remains a coveted staple, featuring oversized Jacuzzis and the flash of high-tech home entertainment systems at the very low price of \$40,000 a night.

#### **Guys Weekend**

Planning a weekend with the guys in Vegas is easy. Choose a location that offers the best gaming and easiest access to entertainment and book it.

#### [Wynn Las Vegas](#)

Luxury, guy's style. A [Ferrari](#)-Maserati dealership graces the lobby, more than a dozen high-end restaurants cater to every palate in the group, and a golf course outside is pricey (greens fees top \$500) but worth it. Wynn knows what to expect from guys, and has equipped its rooms and suites with plenty of amenities including flat-screen TVs and floor-to-ceiling windows. The only thing to avoid in this guy's pleasure palace is its on-site wedding chapel.

#### [Caesars Palace](#)

Appealing to the Roman hiding in every man, Caesars' subliminal theme of smoldering masculinity works. Expect mix of opulence and access to everything - gaming is certainly the most encouraged activity, but men can take a very masculine trip to the [QUA Baths and Spa](#) for a massage, facial, or even hangover cure, and the shopping can't be beat.

#### **Pampering Getaway**

It's hard to believe you can check into Sin City and leave feeling more wholesome, but it can happen. Bolster the impact of all the extra oxygen that's pumped into the casino by planning a trip to one of the town's spas for a bit of pampering.

#### [The Canyon Ranch Spa Club at the Venetian](#)

Perhaps the most serious spa experience in Vegas, this facility offers a full-on series of spa treatments designed to detoxify and rejuvenate. Choose an afternoon treatment or schedule an entire weekend of turnaround treatments. While there, take advantage of extensive health club services and amenities that range from private one-on-one sessions with a trainer to rock climbing.

#### [Spa Bellagio at Bellagio](#)

Enjoy the baths at Spa Bellagio, where a variety of hydrotherapy services from seaweed to mineral baths soothe and relax. Facials focus on bringing new life and elasticity, while a massage - Swedish, stone, or scalp - works out the stress. Round out the look with a trip to the salon.

#### [The Spa at Four Seasons Hotel Las Vegas](#)

The elegance of the Spa at Four Seasons is punctuated by Asian simplicity and styling. Private treatment rooms here make guests feel cared for, and treatments include exotic spices, techniques from Bali, and signature specialties such as the champagne mud wrap (the ultimate in Vegas-style excess.)

#### **Dining**

Appreciating fine food is made easy in this town. A quick snapshot of the best - and most expensive - restaurants in Las Vegas includes:

#### [Aureole at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino](#)

Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino's fine dining experience, Aureole, includes award-winning cuisine and a wine list worthy of a king. The room's four-story wine tower is manned by a woman in a cat suit who is hoisted by ropes to pull your bottle - the more expensive the bottle, the higher she goes.

#### [Alex at Wynn Las Vegas](#)

If impressing a date, ring well in advance to book a private dining terrace at Alex. The dining room is romantic, but the sheer indulgence of the stunning terrace setting will send your date over the moon. The menu -- an exploration of French technique applied to fresh ingredients -- is the only rival to setting here.

#### [Picasso at Bellagio](#)

The blend of superior French, Spanish, and Mediterranean cuisine is complemented by Picasso's décor. The master's works adorn the walls, creating an atmosphere that is both formal and sublimely romantic.

#### [Joel Robuchon at the Mansion, MGM Grand](#)

Walk into 1930s Paris, and dine on the priciest -- and some say the best -- haute cuisine in Las Vegas.

#### **Outside of Vegas**

Las Vegas defines American gaming culture, but the vast majority of casinos and gaming facilities exist outside Nevada state lines. Here are some of the most luxurious regional choices for a gaming weekend.

#### [Atlantic City's Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa](#)

Bringing a much-needed dash of upscale to Atlantic City, the Borgata's refined rooms and suites along with its upscale eateries allow guests to relax and game in style. A visit to [Spa Toccare](#) rounds out the experience.

#### [Beau Rivage, Biloxi, Mississippi](#)

Approach the Beau Rivage on your sloop - this luxury hotel and casino operated by Mirage Resorts overlooks the Gulf of Mexico and operates its own marina - and prepare for a casino resort experience with a number of perks. Golfing, nightlife, and an on-site spa are bolstered by truly tasteful guestrooms and suites, as well as upscale restaurants and a full lineup of entertainment. And don't forget, money spent in the Gulf States helps

with post-Katrina efforts.

[Pala Casino Resort Spa](#), Pala, California

Obtain a private cabana by the pool and sip on some of California's loveliest wines - after all, you're in wine country. This is an oasis of activity in the more sedate portion of California, offering nightlife, gaming, eight restaurants, shopping, and a spa. Book a grand suite for the extra room and better appointments, but plan to spend your time lounging around the pool, shopping, dining or gaming.

**To learn more about planning a casino trip, see:**

[How to Play Casino Games](#): Learn how to play casino games, and find out about casino etiquette.

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