

LAS VEGAS

GIRLS' GETAWAY

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Summer vacation is nearing its end. Visions of carpooling loom. And the urge to escape is like a steady drumbeat demanding to be heeded. The best way to embrace the impending fall season? Grab the girls. Set a course for Las Vegas. And get ready to shop, relax, and have fun, fun, fun.

SHOP

Why pack when there's shopping to be done in Vegas? Sure, shopping on your home turf is great, but Vegas shopping is a veritable jungle safari the likes of which would titillate Indiana Jones himself.

The Forum Shops at Caesars

Any Vegas treasure map for shopping would have a big red X marking the spot over The Forum Shops at Caesars. Here, close to 160 shops and boutiques are just waiting to be plundered, along with restaurants that will keep you fueled for the task.

Girl groups, naturally, will want to head out in search of the perfect little black dress. But keep your options open. Elie Tahari has dresses in all hues that amount to fashion perfection. Being in Vegas, Tahari's Kathleen dress has a magnetic pull that urges shoppers to unleash their wild side. Gals still swooning over Prince William's recent nuptials will go moony for the Delaney. And sun worshipers should make a beeline for the Roberta dress in macramé.



Find the latest lines from Elie Tahari in the boutique at The Forum Shops.

ELIE TAHARI



THE FORUM SHOPS AT CAESARS

Accessorizing is a treasure hunt of its own. At Salvatore Ferragamo, Italian leather is molded into the sexiest of classic pointed-toe pumps. Handbag selections can present a dilemma—Gucci or Fendi? For the serious shopper, though, this doesn't have to be an either/or situation. Go for a Gucci evening bag in black lizard with a leather detachable chain. Then, for the trip home, stock up on Fendi's Pequin travel essentials.

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Fashion Show

Across the street from The Palazzo, Encore, and Wynn Las Vegas is Fashion Show, Vegas's largest shopping destination. Seasoned shoppers will be familiar with the venue's seven anchor department stores, including Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, and Nordstrom. When browsing Fashion Show it's not uncommon to stumble across that very thing: live fashion shows occur every weekend on the hour with models strutting down an 80-foot runway. Before heading out, don't miss True Religion and Tiffany & Co. And at Pinto Ranch you can procure a pair of Rocketbuster Boots to commemorate your time in the desert.

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The Shoppes at The Palazzo

Nestled inside the Palazzo, Christian Louboutin offers up more fancy footwear. It's just one of the many places for fashion finds in The Shoppes at The Palazzo. Fashionistas will recognize their favorite houses including Van Cleef & Arpels, Diane von Furstenberg, Chloe, Tory Burch, and Jimmy Choo. The 85,000-square-foot Barneys New York is a must-shop—the home of show-stopping pieces by designers including Lanvin and Gabrielle Sanchez.

More than a dozen restaurants, many led by award-winning chefs, round out the star-studded lineup at the Shoppes at the Palazzo. CUT by Wolfgang Puck, Table 10 by Emeril Lagasse, SUSHISAMBA, and FIRST Food & Bar are just a few of the culinary superstars you'll find here.



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The Grand Canal Shoppes

The sky is always blue at the Grand Canal Shoppes at the Venetian, where frescos re-create Venice's Grand Canal and artists' performances in St. Mark's Square add an unexpected element of entertainment to the shopping experience. Window shop from one of The Venetian's famous gondolas. Then, when you've scoped out the area's offerings, swing back by for purchases at Kenneth Cole, Dooney & Bourke, and Pandora. Looking for the perfect little dress for the clubs later? Pick up a signature body-hugging Herve Leger Bandage Dress at the Herve Leger boutique.

Old world charm and straight-off-the-runway style create a unique shopping experience at the Grand Canal Shoppes.



THE GRAND CANAL SHOPPES AT THE VENETIAN

Fashion's Night Out

September 8 to September 11

Fashionista alert: For the second year, Fashion Show, The Shoppes at The Palazzo, The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian, and The Forum Shops at Caesars are official Las Vegas participants in Fashion's Night Out, a collaboration between *Vogue*, the Council of Fashion Designers of America, NYC & Company, and the city of New York.

The four centers will host a weekend full of special events and offerings for the ultimate girls' getaway, including fashion shows, in-store events, and entertainment. Don't miss the celebration.

For event updates and schedules visit:

- www.thefashionshow.com
- www.forumshops.com
- www.thegrandcanalshoppes.com
- www.theshoppesatthepalazzo.com

FUN

Hit the town in style. Only in Las Vegas can you dine, dance, and play like this.

Tao Beach at The Venetian Las Vegas Casino, Hotel & Resort

Make your way past towering bamboo trees to lounge in one of Tao Beach's luxury cabanas. Just how is luxury defined when it comes to cabanas? How about air-conditioning, high-definition plasma screen televisions with gaming consoles, WiFi, and custom-stocked mini fridges? Pool staff is at the ready to provide sunglass cleaning and spa services. Frosty Tao-tinis and mojitos are delivered from the 30-foot bar. Arrive on a Sunday and on there's the extra bonus of pulsating DJ beats for the weekly Beatport Beach Party Sundays.

When it's time for dinner, think "vibe dining" at TAO Las Vegas restaurant. The decor transports diners to China, Japan, and Thailand. People-watchers should be on the lookout for celebs like Madonna, Bono, and Janet Jackson. Foodies will be riveted by the menu, which features such fare as sandpot lobster, shrimp, and scallops with black bean sauce; wasabi-crusted filet mignon; and fresh unagi.

By dinner's end, the beach has been transformed to a nightclub with 14-foot fire columns and tunes spun by famous deejays. Another option: heading indoors to Tao Nightclub. Keep an eye on the dance floor for celeb visitors like Rihanna, Jay-Z, the Kardashian sisters, or LeBron James. Book a VIP table and have the club's Mood Director ensure the night is one to remember.



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New York-New York

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A first stop at New York-New York restaurants: the tequila bar at Gonzales Y Gonzales. The bar's shrimp jalapenos are the consummate accompaniments to margaritas. The action kicks up a notch on Friday and Saturday late nights when DJ Lian spins dance-worthy tunes. And don't forget to make reservations for other New York-New York dining establishments like Il Fornaio and Gallagher's Steakhouse.

Experience a jet fighter's barrel roll on New York-New York's famous Roller Coaster. Then, for thrill of a different kind, see *Zumanity*, *The Sensual Side of Cirque du Soleil*. The adult-themed burlesque-style show urges the audience to get a little naughty with sets that include a performance in a bathtub that can conjure fond reminiscences about your afternoon at the spa.



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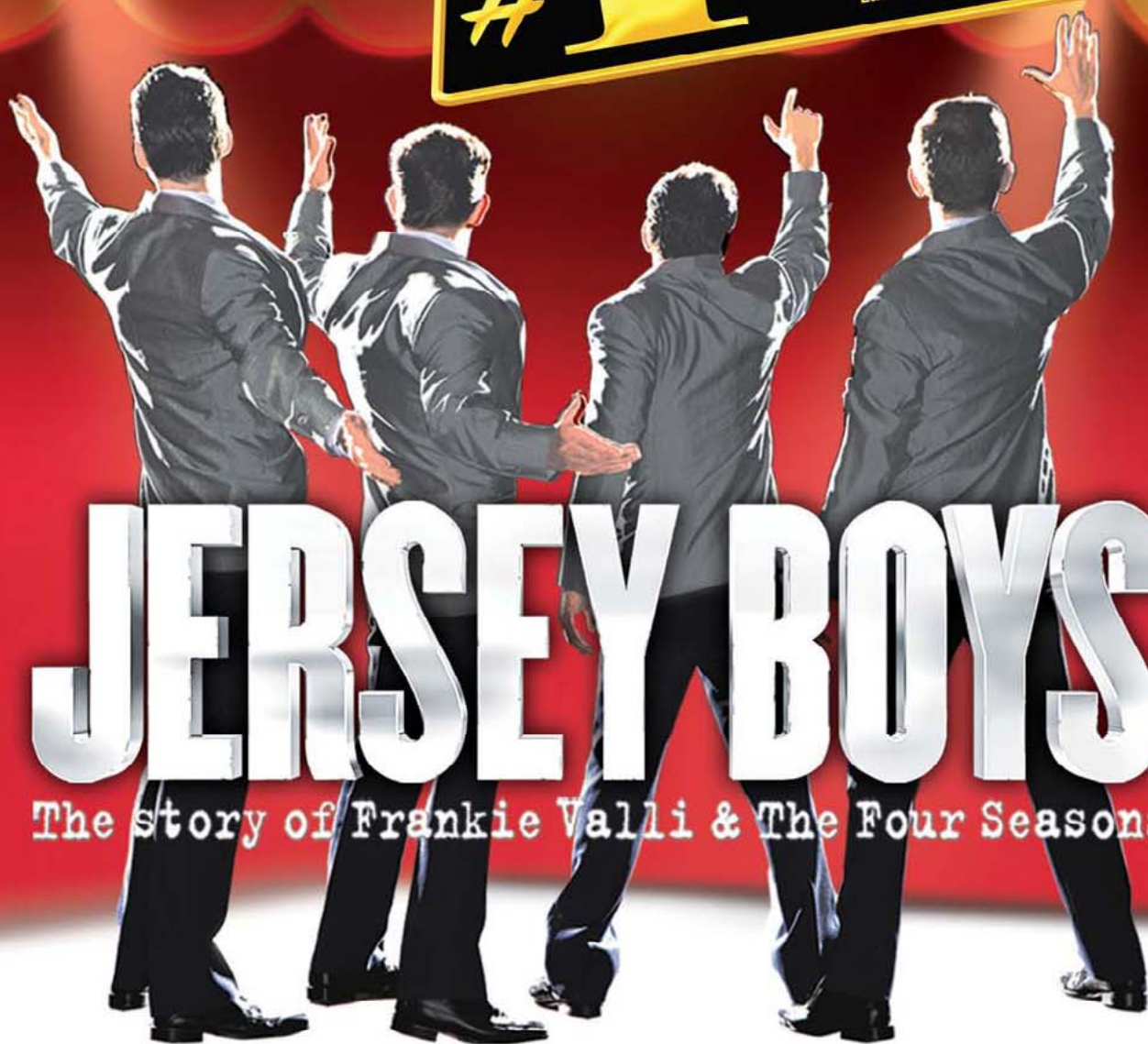


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Coyote Ugly & The Bar at Times Square

After *Zumanity*, there's no reason to call it an early night. Head over to ROK Vegas to bust some moves on the dance floor. Or head to Coyote Ugly, where on Monday nights dancers compete for the honor of being a permanent Las Vegas Coyote. As the evening winds down, there's still more entertainment to be had via the Bar at Times Square. This neighborhood-style pub has nightly dueling piano showdowns. All that tickling of the ivories will bring on thoughts of another spa day for massaging out dance-sore muscles.

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Nikki Beach at Tropicana Las Vegas

Suit up in swimwear and hit Nikki Beach at Tropicana Las Vegas. The afternoon-to-evening goal: pool party! The recently launched beach club conjures thoughts of South Beach, Marbella, and St. Tropez via Nikki Beach Club, Café Nikki, and Club Nikki. Nikki Beach promises a “sizzling blend of haute cuisine, exotic cocktails, and sexy entertainment.” Who can resist that?

Start at the sandy four-acre Nikki Beach Club in a white teepee cabana by the pool. Order up premium bottle service and hors d’oeuvres to turn a day at the beach into a serious celebration. Carry a morning winning streak into the afternoon and beyond with Nikki Beach’s swim-up blackjack. Or check out another in-pool destination: a private island just waiting to be explored.

At sunset Club Nikki beckons. The ultra-lounge mixes up signature cocktails. Though girls who prefer bubbly will want to order up large format Champagne and you’ll get a visit from Club Nikki’s Champagne Muse. Complete with wings, said muse descends from the ceiling to pour glasses that call for toasting the night ahead.

Burn up the dance floor as long as you like, then move the party back to Nikki Beach, where the evening ambience is now in full swing. When hunger strikes, go chill with caviar from Café Nikki—a little Caspian Sevruga, Golden Osetra, Keta, or Italian Osetra, paired with vodka, please.



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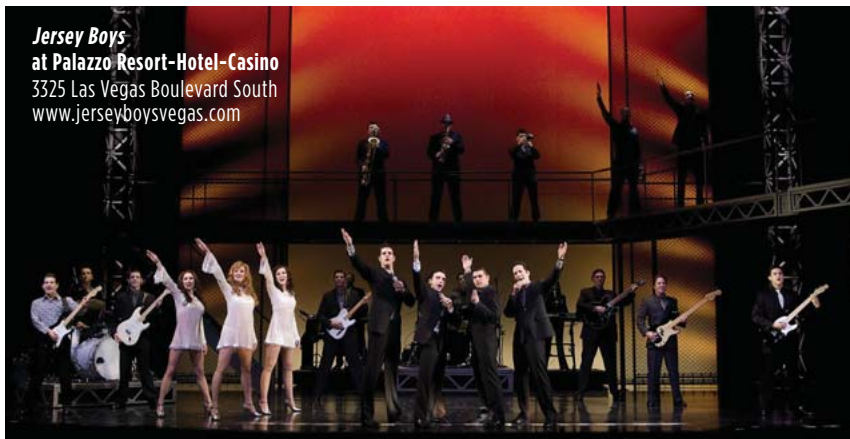
Jersey Boys

Now in its fourth smash hit year, *Jersey Boys* is the No. 1-rated show in Las Vegas according to the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and the “Must see show of the year” according to *Vegas* magazine. This Tony-award-winning Broadway musical about Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons will have all the girls in the group humming the ‘60s boy band’s tunes for the remainder of the trip, not to mention the road trip home. “Big Girls Don’t Cry” and “Oh What a Night” will definitely be on the playlist.

Flipcams will be contemplated as well. Can they capture a current-day group of friends sharing life’s crossroads together as does the documentary-style musical? One thing’s for sure: the two-hours spent in The Palazzo Resort-Hotel-Casino’s Jersey Boys Theatre will equal time travel to 1962. *Jersey Boys* runs at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays, and at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Mondays are dark. The performance schedule is subject to change. Visitors should check the show’s Web site at www.jerseyboysvegas.com for the most up-to-date times.



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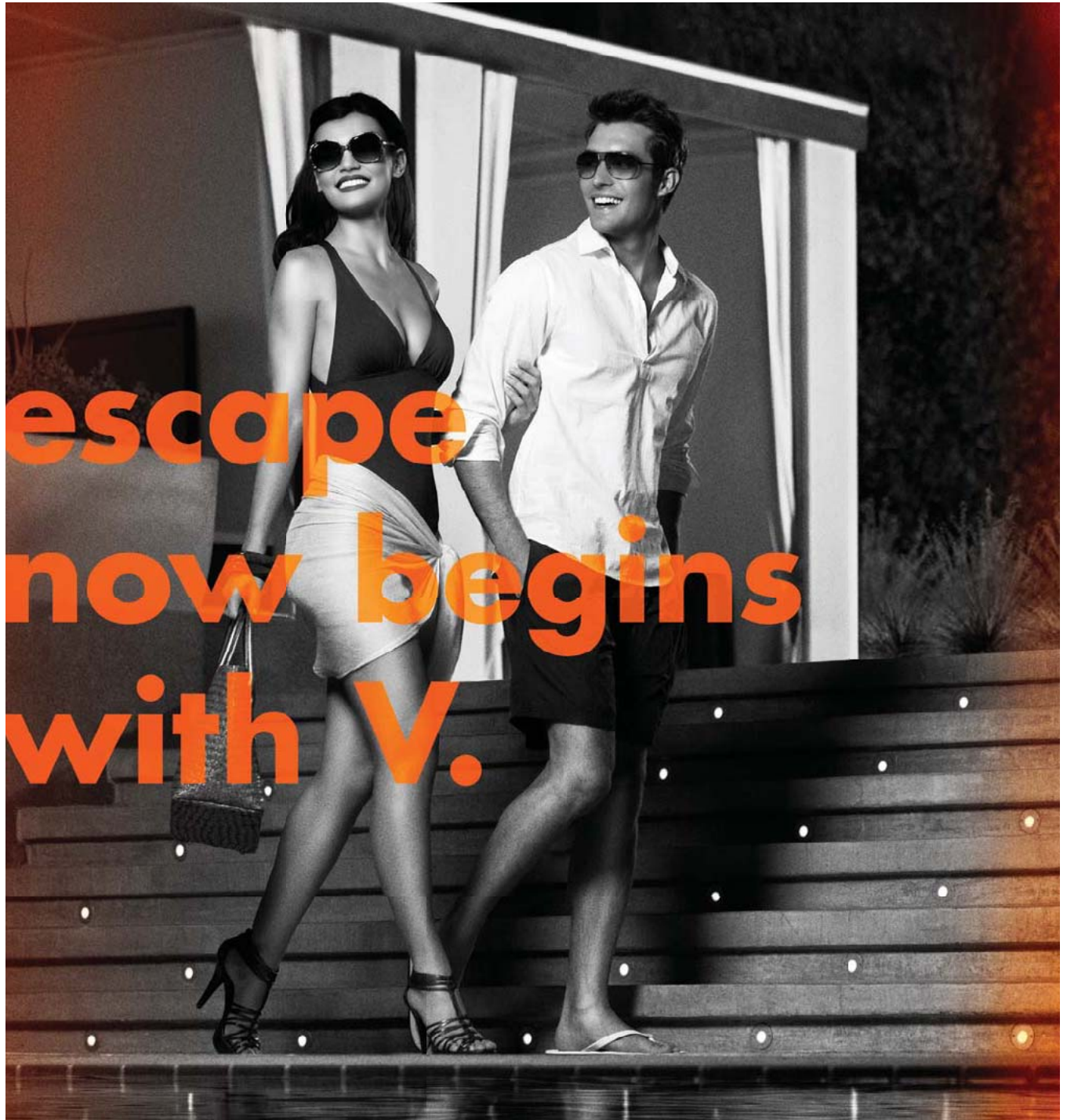
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