Many of the best chef's in the world have signature restaurants in Las Vegas; most are within walking distance of the conference site or are easily accessible by cab or monorail travel (see Service desk for directions to various monorails from Hotel). Additionally, several local/casual restaurants offer excellent service, great food, and pleasant atmospheres. Please call the restaurants or see the Flamingo Hotel Service Desk for reservations, to arrange transportation or for directions. For menus, dress codes, and other information, click the links provided.

The New York Times writes regularly about Las Vegas' restaurant scene. One of their fairly up-to-date restaurant guides may be found here:


Key for Price Ranges (approximate price for one diner, including drink, tax, and tip):

$ - Under $10
$$ - $11 - $30
$$$ - $31 - $60
$$$$ - $61 and over

DINING IN THE FLAMINGO

**Tropical Breeze Cafe** $$
Casual dining, wide variety of dishes and cuisines. Open 24 hours.
702-733-3111

**Beach Club Bar & Grill** $$
Open daily from 9am to 6pm
702-733-3333

**Carlos ‘n Charlie’s Las Vegas** $$
Casual Mexican and Southwestern cuisine. Warning: advertises as a place to “get wild” and “get loose.”
702-733-3111

**Center Cut Steakhouse** $$$
Upscale seafood and steakhouse, open from 5:30 to 10:30. Great cocktails and wine.
702-784-8821

**Flamingo Food Court** $-$$
Grab a burger, pizza, sandwich, salad, or stir fry at Johnny Rockets, Bonanno’s, Pan Asian Express, LA Subs and Salads.
Hamada of Japan $$
702-400-3345

Margaritaville $$
Jimmy Buffet’s Caribbean-themed restaurant with 5 bars, 2 outdoor patios, and nightly entertainment.
702-697-2512

Paradise Garden Buffet $$
Open from 7:00am to 10:00 am for breakfast, 11:00am to 3:00pm for lunch, and 3:00pm to 10:00pm for dinner. Looks over the Flamingo’s Wildlife Habitat.
702-733-3333

Pink Bean $
Coffee shop that also serves sandwiches, pastries, and ice cream.
702-733-3111

Promenade Food Court $
A place for a quick snack or beverage at Mrs. Fields, TCBY, or Java Detour.
702-733-3333

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RESTAURANTS IN NEARBY HOTELS

CAESARS PALACE

Spago’s Dining Room $$$$ / Patio Café $$
Both of these are Wolfgang Puck’s Spago, but the cafe on the patio has separate, less expensive, more casual menu.
http://www.wolfgangpuck.com/restaurants/fine-dining/9044
702-369-6300

Palm Restaurant $$$
Classic Italian-American cuisine.
https://www.thepalm.com/Las-Vegas
702-732-7256
Trevi $$
Classic Italian fare. Grab a seat “outside” on the patio next to the “Fountain of the Gods.” Save room for Trevi’s award-winning tiramisu.
702-735-4663

Mesa Grill $$$
Bobby Flay’s casual and trendy Tex-Mex restaurant.
http://mesagrill.com/las-vegas-restaurant/
877-346-4642

Payard Pâtisserie & Bistro $$
Payard’s includes an upscale bistro that serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner, as well as a chocolate shop, a pastry shop, a made-to-order crepe station, coffee, and home-made ice cream and sorbets.
877-346-4642

Beijing Noodle
Chinese noodle shop. Prides itself on the authentic dishes and very cool, casual atmosphere.
877-346-4642

BELLAGIO

Olives $$$
Todd English’s restaurant; he’s one of the best chefs in Vegas. Ask for a seat by the window so you can look over the Bellagio lake and fountains as you dine. His Todd English PUB in Crystals is also great, and really reasonably priced.
http://www.bellagio.com/restaurants/olives.aspx
702-693-8181

Noodles $$
Authentic regional noodle dishes from Thailand, Japan, China, and Vietnam. Stop by between 11am and 3pm on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday for their famous dim sum.

Picasso $$$$
Julian Serrano’s two Michelin star and AAA Five Diamond Award restaurant features regional French and Spanish cuisine. Picasso paintings and sculptures decorate the dining room. Reservations strongly recommended.
702.693.8865
Petrossian Bar $$$
A 24-hour that serves tea, sandwiches, scones, and pastries from 3 until 5pm, and award-winning cocktails and smoked salmon and caviar. Enjoy your drinks to live music by one of the bar’s many talented pianists, who play throughout the day. Great spot for people-watching.  
702-693-7111 ext. 6163

PARIS

Gordon Ramsay Steak $$$$  
Gordon Ramsay’s newest restaurant, which serves steak, seafood, and English classics like Beef Wellington, opened this Spring to rave reviews.  
702-946-4663

Mon Ami Gabi $$
Casual French dining. A favorite spot on the strip for locals for its delicious menu and reasonable prices.  
702-944-4224

Eiffel Tower Restaurant $$$
Dine at the top of the Paris Hotel’s replica of the Eiffel Tower with a beautiful view of the strip. The classic French cuisine and service are impeccable. Ask for a sunset table when you call for a reservation.

LOCAL, CASUAL:  
Good for Those on a Tight Budget

Firefly Tapas Kitchen $$  
Mediterranean tapas, delicious cocktails and sangria, cool atmosphere. Great for groups.  
http://www.fireflylv.com  
702-369-3971  
3900 Paradise Rd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89119  
(10-15 minutes by taxi)

Paymon’s Mediterranean Cafe $$
Greek, Italian, Persian, Middle Eastern, and Indian cuisine. Good for vegetarians.  
http://www.paymons.com  
(702) 731-6030  
4147 S. Maryland Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV 89119  
(15 minutes by taxi)

Origin India $$
Locally and nationally considered Las Vegas’s best Indian restaurant. Enjoy classic dishes and modern interpretations of Indian cuisine. Also great vegetarian and vegan diners.

http://www.originindiarestaurant.com
(702) 734-6342
4480 Paradise Rd. #1200
Las Vegas, NV 89169
(5 minutes by taxi)

**Casa di Amore** $$
Classic Italian, nightly entertainment. Free complimentary limo service from the strip if you call ahead.

http://www.casadiamore.com
702-433-4967
2850 East Tropicana Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89121
(10-15 minutes by taxi)

**Burger Bar** (Mandalay Bay) $$
Build your own burger with a choice of Kobe beef, black angus beef, lamb, buffalo, salmon, turkey, chicken, or veggie burger. Or have a chef’s burger, like the famous Hubert Keller burger.

http://www.burger-bar.com
702-632-9364
Mandalay Place is located in the mall between Mandalay Bay & Luxor.
3930 Las Vegas Boulevard S. #121A
Las Vegas Nevada. 89119
(5 minutes by taxi)

**Whole Foods Market** $
http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com
702-589-7711
Town Center Shopping Center
6689 Las Vegas Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89119
(15 minutes by taxi)

**Wolfgang Puck’s Pizzeria and Cucina** $
Casual Italian, Pizza
Crystal at City Center

http://www.wolfgangpuck.com/restaurants/fine-dining/53877
702-238-1000

**Grimaldi’s** (Fashion Show Mall) $
Pizza
http://www.grimaldispizzeria.com/nevada/fashion-show-mall/
702-778-8777
3200 S. Las Vegas, Suite 600
Las Vegas, NV 89109

**Battista’s Hole in the Wall** $$
http://www.battistaslasvegas.com
702-732-1424
4041 Audrie Street
Las Vegas, NV 89109
(behind the Flamingo)

BEST BUFFETS

**Le Village Buffet** (Paris) $$
702-731-7778 or 866-733-5827

**Wicked Spoon Buffet** (The Cosmopolitan) $$$
702-698-7000

**Bacchanal Buffet** (Caesar’s Palace) $$$
702-731-7778 or 866-733-5827

**Spice Market Buffet** (Planet Hollywood) $$
(702) 785-5555

RESTAURANTS IN TOWN SQUARE:
For those who’d like to get off the Strip and breathe the desert air (15 minute taxi)

**english’s** $$
A gastropub featuring authentic British cuisine. Be sure to stop in for high tea from 2pm to 5pm. A seat on the terrace is great for people-watching shoppers.
http://www.englishstownsquare.com/home.html
702-478-8080

**Blue Martini** $$
Upscale martini bar with a tapas menu.
http://www.bluemartinilounge.com
702-949-2583

**Brio Tuscan Grille** $$
Casual restaurant featuring Northern Italian cuisine.
http://www.brioitalian.com/index.html
702-914-9145

**California Pizza Kitchen** $$
http://www.cpk.com
702-896-5154

**Claim Jumper** $$
Classic American cuisine.
http://www.claimjumper.com
Coconuts Beach Bar & Mexican Grill $$
Very casual, fun dining experience. Bring some friends and try the 4-foot burrito!
http://mytownsquarelasvegas.com/shopping-a-dining/restaurants.html?
sobi2Task=sobi2Details&catid=14&sobi2Id=240
702-823-5051

Double Helix Wine & Whiskey Lounge $$$
Features 30 unique wines, 50 whiskeys, and a diverse menu of tapas designed to compliment their wine and spirits.
http://doublehelixwine.com
702-735-9463

i love burgers $$
http://mytownsquarelasvegas.com/shopping-a-dining/restaurants.html?
sobi2Task=sobi2Details&catid=14&sobi2Id=243
702-675-7800

Kabuki Japanese Restaurant $$
Trendy and fun restaurant with modernized Japanese cuisine.
http://www.kabukirestaurants.com/home.asp
702-896-7440

Miller’s Ale House $$
Casual dining, expansive menu. 75 beers on tap.
http://www.millersalehouse.com
702.616.3414

Ranch House Kitchen $$
Modernized Southwestern food. Kids 12 and younger eat free Monday through Friday.
http://mytownsquarelasvegas.com/shopping-a-dining/restaurants.html?
sobi2Task=sobi2Details&catid=14&sobi2Id=249
702-749-6400

Texas de Brazil $$$
Authentic Brazilian-American steakhouse. Carvers visit the table to cut beef, pork, lamb, sausage, and chicken right on your plate. The gourmet salad/buffet area features 60 items ranging from cheeses and vegetables to soups and salads.
http://www.texasdebrazil.com
702.614.0080

Tommy Bahama’s Restaurant & Bar $$
Hawaiian-themed cuisine.
http://www.tommybahama.com/TBG/Stores_Restaurants.jsp
702-948-8006

Yard House $$
Over 130 American fusion dishes, wide variety of beers.
http://www.yardhouse.com/default.aspx
702-734-9273
BEST FINE DINING:
Serious Foodies’ Musts

**Twist** by Pierre Garniere (Mandarin Oriental) $$$$
Pierre Garniere’s only restaurant in the U.S. features French cuisine with a modern “twist.”
Enjoy your meal with a view of the Las Vegas skyline from the floor-to-ceiling windows.
http://www.mandarinoriental.com/lasvegas/dining/twist/
(702) 590 8882

**Joel Robuchon at the Mansion/L’Atelier** (MGM Grand) $$$$
L’Atelier is much more casual – small plates, tapas/sushi bar style, and slightly less incredibly expensive – to-die-for excellent.
(702) 891-7925

**Restaurant Guy Savoy** (Caesar’s Palace) $$$$
France’s “Chef of the Year” opened his only U.S. restaurant, Restaurant Guy Savoy, in 2006 and it has been considered one of the best restaurants in the city - and country - every year since. Although every item on the menu is stellar, be sure to try the signature artichoke and black truffle soup. Difficult to dine on a budget here; average meal per person is $190-250.
877-346-4642

**Aureole** by Charlie Palmer (Mandalay Bay) $$$$
Palmer’s “Progressive American Cuisine” consists of bold flavors and creative use of the freshest ingredients, like his signature Sea Scallop Sandwich. Best décor: a four-story glass wine tower, with black-clad rappelling “wine angels” retrieving the bottles. The dramatic design of the restaurant is in keeping with this conference’s theme!
http://www.aureolelv.com/index.html
(702) 632-7401

**miX** by Alain Ducasse (The Hotel/Mandalay Bay) $$$$
Signature dishes from this French and American favorite include the pepper-crusted bison and the miX Candy Bar with coconut-lime sorbet for dessert. Best view in Vegas. If not for dinner, the bar next door is great too. Gorgeous view, best early evening, as the Strip lights up.
http://www.mandalaybay.com/dining/mix/
702-632-7200

**Craftsteak** (MGM Grand) $$$$
Tom Colicchio’s steakhouse
702-891-7318

**Bouchon** by Thomas Keller (Venetian, Tower) $$$
Raw bar and French bistro-style dining. Also features “Vin de Carafe,” a program that pairs the bistro’s seasonal dishes with wine from local producers.
http://bouchonbistro.com
702-414-6200

**Lotus of Siam** $
The walls are lined with signed photographs of the rich-and-famous clientele that just must stop by Lotus of Siam every time they visit Vegas. This off-strip Thai restaurant has won numerous awards both for its authentic food and excellent wine selections. The menu is extensive and prices are reasonable.

http://www.saipinchutima.com
702-735-3033
953 E. Sahara Ave, Suite A5
Las Vegas, NV 89104

SHOPPING GUIDE

Fashion Show Mall
Monday-Saturday, 10:00am-9:00pm
Sunday, 11:00am-7:00pm
http://www.thefashionshow.com
(702) 369-8382
3200 Las Vegas Blvd S. Ste. 600
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

Crystals at City Center
Sunday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. and Friday - Saturday 10 a.m. - Midnight
1-866-754-CITY (2489) or 702-590-9299
http://www.citycenter.com
3720 S. Las Vegas Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89158

Las Vegas Premium Outlets
http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=58
702-474-7500
875 South Grand Central Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Miracle Mile Shops at Planet Hollywood
Sunday - Thursday: 10am - 11pm
Friday - Saturday: 10am - midnight
http://www.miraclemileshopslv.com/
702-866-0703
3663 Las Vegas Blvd South, Suite 900
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Forum Shops at Caesar’s Palace
10:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m. daily
Fridays & Saturdays until 12:00 midnight
http://www.simon.com/mall/landing/224/
702-893-3807
3500 Las Vegas Blvd S
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Town Square Shopping Center
6605 South Las Vegas Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV 89119
FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

Lied Discovery Children’s Museum $
An educational and interactive museum that locals often visit with their families.
Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Sunday 12 noon – 5 p.m.
http://www.ldcm.org
702-382-KIDS(5437)
833 N. Las Vegas Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Adventuredome Amusement Park at Circus Circus $$$-
Lots of rides for smaller children, some more extreme rides for older children. The daypass is worth the price if you’re planning on staying to play games and enjoy the rides. Circus Circus itself is less family-oriented, which you have to walk through to get to the indoor park.
Monday - Thursday: 11:00am - 6:00pm
Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 10:00am - 6:00pm/Fright Dome 7:00-midnight
http://www.adventuredome.com

M&M World
The 3 floors of M&M World is part museum and part store. You can design your candy’s messages and flavors and, of course, by some fun merchandise.
Open daily, 9am to 12am
Next to the MGM at the Tropicana/Las Vegas Blvd. intersection
3785 S. Las Vegas Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89109
http://www.mymms.com/merchandise/locations.aspx
(702) 736-7611

The Shark Reef Aquarium $$$-
The Shark Reef Aquarium is home to many creatures, such as sawfish, giant rays, endangered sea turtles, pirhana, jelly fish, and the rare golden crocodile. The exhibit is impressive, but small for the price ($40 for adults and $25 for children).
Sunday - Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday & Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 10 p.m.
3950 Las Vegas Blvd S.
Las Vegas, NV
http://www.sharkreef.com
(702) 632-4555

Town Square Shopping Center
Great shopping, dining, and entertainment. The Rave Movie Theater is popular.
6605 South Las Vegas Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV 89119
http://mytownsquarelasvegas.com
(702) 269-5000

Madame Tussauds $$
Great spot for funny photos! If you buy your ticket online ahead of time, you can get a 20% discount on the usual $25.95 ticket. Tickets for children 7-12 cost $15.95.

3377 Las Vegas Blvd. South Suite 2001
Las Vegas, N.V., 89109
http://www.madametussauds.com/LasVegas/
1-866-841-3739

**Gondola Rides at the Venetian** $$
Can be quite the romantic activity if you purchase a private ticket (rather than riding with another couple) for $64. If you prefer a less expensive ride, share a gondola for $16/person. You can also choose an indoor ride (shoppers tend to stop and stare) or an outdoor ride.

Indoor: Sun-Thu, 10:00am-11:00pm, Fri-Sat, 10:00-12:00am
Outdoor: 11:00am to 10:00pm
http://www.venetian.com/Las-Vegas-Activities/Gondola-Rides/
702-414-4300

**Fountains of Bellagio** Free
Watch the fountains dance to music outside of the Bellagio. A Las Vegas landmark.

Monday - Friday, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (show every 1/2 hour) and 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. (show every 15 minutes)

Saturdays, Sundays* and Holidays, 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (show every 1/2 hour) and 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. (show every 15 minutes)

*On Sundays Fountain show times begin at 11 a.m. and run every 15 minutes for the Fountains Brunch at Jasmine.

3600 Las Vegas Blvd S Las Vegas, NV 89109
(702) 693-7111

**The Conservatory and Botanical Gardens at the Bellagio** Free
Spectacular designs by season. Currently showing: Fall Harvest. Live music between 5pm and 6pm. Mr. and Mrs. Green Thumb answer questions about the gardens between 10:30 and 11:30 am.

3600 Las Vegas Blvd. South.
Las Vegas, NV 89109
702-693-7111

**Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat** (The Mirage) $$
Siegfried and Roy’s garden and habitat houses lions, tigers, panthers, and dolphins. It’s a small zoo/aquarium. Adult tickets are $19.95, children’s are $14.95.

Open Daily: 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
3400 Las Vegas Blvd. South
Las Vegas, NV 89109
702.791.7188

**Red Rock Canyon** $
The most beautiful spot in Nevada. An absolute must for nature-lovers. Trails for beginning, intermediate, and expert hikers. You can also enjoy a 13-mile scenic drive, biking, horse-back riding, picnicking, and rock climbing. Red Rock Canyon is about 30 minutes by car from the Flamingo. $7 entrance fee per car. Companies like Red Rock Canyon Tours charge $59 per person for a tour and interactive hike through the park. They pick up and drop off participants at the Paris Hotel. Total time is about 3 hours.
Springs Preserve $$
In addition to enjoying the local wildlife (lizards, bugs, and snakes), the trails (like the Exploration Loop) and gardens, the preserve includes many great interactive exhibits in the many museums (Nevada State Museum, Origin Museum, Desert Living Center). Non-resident prices: $18.95 for adult tickets, $10.95 for children 5-17.
Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Nevada State Museum open Friday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m
http://www.springspreserve.org

Hoover Dam $
Tour tickets: $11 for adult tickets, $9 for juniors 4-16. The Hoover Dam is about 50 minutes from the Flamingo by car. Companies like Hoover Dam Tour Company will pick you up from your hotel to take you on a guided tour to the dam and of the dam for $59. The tour is about 4-4.5 hours long.
Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.
http://www.usbr.gov/lc/hooverdam/
Tel: (702) 494-2517

ENTERTAINMENT: 
Museums and Show Web Sites

Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art $$
Currently showing “Claude Monet: Impressions of Light.” Free audio tour. Docent-led tours every weekday at 2pm.
Open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
http://www.bellagio.com/amenities/gallery-of-fine-art.aspx
877-957-9777 or 702-693-7871

Atomic Testing Museum $$
Open Monday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.
http://www.atomictestingmuseum.org/
(702) 794-5151
755 E Flamingo Rd
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Las Vegas Natural History Museum $
Open daily from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
http://www.lvnhm.org
702-384-3466
900 N. Las Vegas Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89101

The Auto Collections at Imperial Palace $
Open daily from 10:00am to 6:00pm
http://www.autocollections.com
702-794-3174
3535 S. Las Vegas Blvd.
Las Vegas, Blvd. 89109

**UNLV Barrick Museum of Natural History** $  
Mondays - Fridays: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursdays until 8 p.m.  
Saturday: 12 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Closed Sundays  
[http://barrickmuseum.unlv.edu](http://barrickmuseum.unlv.edu)  
702-895-3381  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
4505 S. Maryland Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV 89154

Sundays – Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Fridays & Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
[http://themobmuseum.org](http://themobmuseum.org)  
702-229-2734  
300 Stewart Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

**Martin Lawrence Gallery** (Caesar’s Palace)  
Monday to Thursday: 10:00am - 11:00pm  
Friday to Saturday: 10:00am - 12:00am  
Sunday: 10:00am - 11:00pm  
(702) 991-5990  
3500 Las Vegas Boulevard South  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

**Bodies: The Exhibition** *(Luxor)* $$  
Open every day from 10:00am to 10:00pm  
(702) 262-4000  
3900 Las Vegas Blvd South  
Las Vegas, NV 89119

**Discount Show Tickets**  
[http://www.lasvegasshows.com](http://www.lasvegasshows.com)  
[http://www.vegas.com](http://www.vegas.com)  
[http://www.vegasview.com](http://www.vegasview.com)

Recommended Shows: The Beatles LOVE at the Mirage, Jersey Boys at Paris, Blue Man Group at The Venetian, Absinthe at Caesar’s Palace