

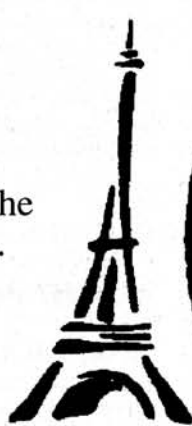
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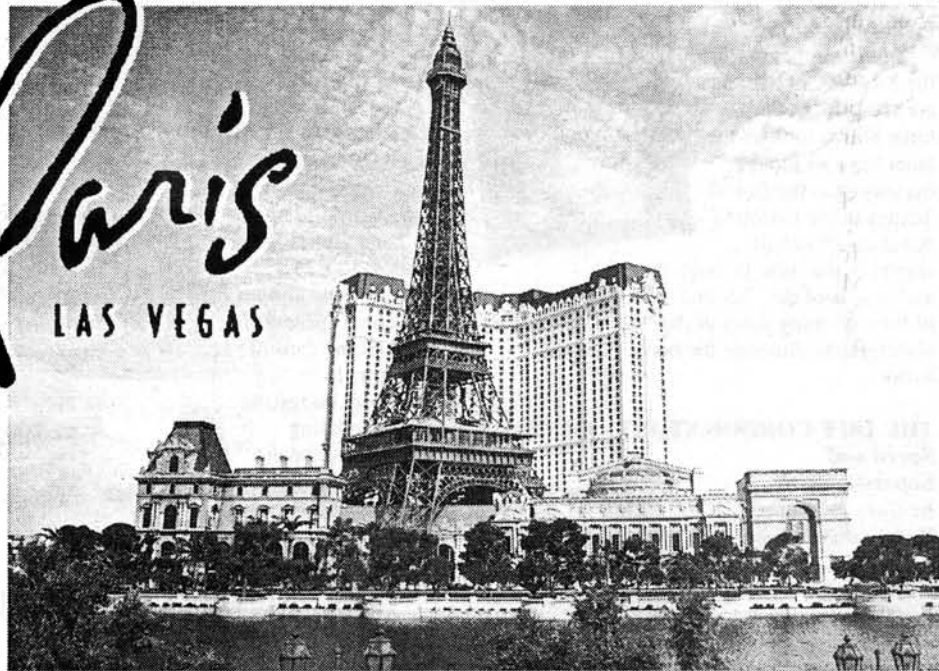
LAS VEGAS

by Melissa Wolcott

I love Paris in the Springtime . . .
I love Paris in the Fall . . .
I Love Paris in Las Vegas . . .
whoa — Las Vegas? Yes! The glamour, ambience, flavor, and romance of Paris are now happily settled on the strip.



Paris
LAS VEGAS



The familiar landmarks of the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Paris Opera House, the Louvre, and the Hotel de Ville are all scaled down and recreated with finite detail at this new resort.

The signature piece, of course, is the Eiffel Tower (which is 1/2 scale of the original) and contains a fine restaurant on the 11th floor overlooking the strip. The four legs of the Eiffel Tower spring from the resort's casino, and jut through the roof of the casino, rising 50-stories up.

For the resort's grand opening, the Mayor of Paris turned the lights off the tower in Paris just as the lights came on the Vegas tower — all of

which was seen live via satellite, and projected on a jumbo screen on the Vegas strip. Leading into the countdown, were performances and speeches by the French entertainment icons, Catherine Deneuve, Charles Aznavour, Line Renaud, and Michel Legrand.



Continuing the Parisian theme is the shopping area which is set along a cobblestone street named after the famous Rue de la Paix, and containing 12 French boutiques including a garden shop and a wine and cheese cellar. The atmosphere is laced with French street performers and the aromas of freshly baked French breads. The shops are arranged naturally so that they are mixed, rather than all the restaurants together, and all the retail shops together.

When you think of truly elegant cuisine, it is French that comes to mind, and Paris Las Vegas has provided guests with 8 French-themed restaurants — from the very expensive to moderate. The signature dining experience will be had at the softly-lit Eiffel Tower Restaurant, which includes a romantic piano bar. The Le

Village Buffet is a departure from the usual, in that the food is cooked to order at the various stations. Each station is themed to a particular province, and includes such delicacies as duck braised with Reisling wine from Alsace, rock crab salad from Brittany, and sautéed sea bass with artichoke crust from Provence. Attending the grand opening celebration allowed me to sample foods from the various restaurants, and I can happily confirm the authenticity of the fine French cuisine that was offered everywhere.

One of the "coups" of Paris Las Vegas is landing the only U.S. location of the French gourmet boutique "Lenôte," named after the culinary master Gaston Lenôte. Although he has been approached before, this is the first time he acquiesced. His gourmet breads, pastries and candies are unrivaled in quality. The candy is so pricey, each piece is weighed and sold by the gram!

And what would Paris be without art? Several art galleries can be found at the resort. The Ré Society has vintage poster recreations, and a working on-site 100-year-old French lithography press in action. This press is the very same kind used by French studios to create the original posters by masters like Toulouse-Lautrec.

Ballrooms in the resort are the most beautiful (and largest) in Las Vegas. The space leading to the ballrooms is modeled after Versailles Hall of Mirrors. In the ballroom, spectacular crystal chandeliers hang from gold cornice moldings, and magnificently painted walls and custom carpeting finish the grandly spacious rooms. When it is completely opened up, the pillar-less Paris Ballroom measures an astounding 87,900 square feet, and can accommodate 8,000 people for a reception or meeting.

The casino is very airy and charming with its blue sky and cloud painted ceiling. One Hundred gaming tables, a race and sports book, and more than 2,200 gaming machines are found in a Paris street setting with cobblestone pathways, French street

lamps, restaurants and lounges.

Guest rooms are, again, French inspired and very lovely. The marble bathroom has separate bathtub and shower with European fixtures. The resort also has a terrific European health spa, a rooftop swimming pool, and 8 lighted, outdoor tennis courts.

Debating in January, 2000 will be the exclusive U.S. premiere of the French musical Notre Dame De Paris. The play is a 21st-century pop-rock adaptation of Victor Hugo's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." With a powerful musical score and a vibrant acrobatic choreography, the show has become the most successful musical spectacle in French history. While awaiting the show's premiere, Paris Las Vegas is filling its entertainment schedule with performances by diverse European headliners such as Marcel Marceau, Les Nubians and composer Michel Legrand.

New Year's Eve is rapidly approaching, and Vegas seems like a natural place to celebrate it. Paris' New Year's Eve packages are

quite interesting, starting with \$150,000 for 32 of your best friends including a "Dinner of the Century" at the Eiffel Tower Restaurant, and champagne and dessert on the Tower Observation Deck. The host and one guest will have a luxury suite for 3 days, Parisian feasts, limo transportation, and showroom tickets. A little too pricey? Perhaps you'd prefer the \$1,200 per night deal, which is the starting price for their New Year's Eve packages. The regular rooms rates (excluding New Year's of course) range from \$129 to \$329 a night, with suites available from \$350 to \$5,000 a night.

Paris, France may be known as the "City of Light," but that term was coined long before Las Vegas *literally* became the city of light. Now, with the addition of Paris Las Vegas, it has come full circle.

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Orlando Resident Wins BIG on Wheel of Fortune at Beau Rivage Resort

Micah David Bass, of Orlando, FL, won \$8,109,965.03 recently at Beau Rivage in Biloxi. He celebrated as he won the largest ever Mississippi jackpot for Wheel of Fortune, Wide-Area Progressive slot machine.

Micah and his wife, Nita, both members of the resort's slot club, were enjoying their second visit to Beau Rivage. After staying over an hour on their favorite game, Micah hit the Wheel of Fortune jackpot.

Wheel of Fortune is an International Game Technology's system game similar to Megabucks, ELVIS, Jeopardy! and Slotopoly.

Beau Rivage recently completed the area's largest promotion ever with a \$150,000 Sizzlin' Summer event. Club Beau Rivage



L to R: Steve Zanella, Dir. of Slot Marketing, winners Nita and Micah Bass, and Tom Mikulich, V.P. of Slot Operations.

offers customers benefits and numerous opportunities to win, and also offers its members cash rebates, gifts of the month, reduced room rates and complimentary services to club members.

AirTran Airways offers non-stop service from Tampa to the Gulfport/Biloxi airport, and has attractive vacation packages to the Beau Rivage.

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