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The Excalibur ups the ante on offerings

Excalibur Hotel Casino has been known as a family-friendly resort since it opened in 1990. Recently, the property has added a few new touches geared toward adults that make it an ideal destination for guests of all ages.

At the heart of the renovation are the resort's new widescreen rooms. Two thousand of the hotel's rooms were upgraded from floor to ceiling with a more modern, stylish look.

The widescreen rooms feature 42-inch plasma televisions, iPod docking stations, pillow top mattresses, contemporary bathrooms with granite countertops and alarm clocks with iPod inputs. The rooms also offer the hotel's best views and the most convenient access to the pool and spa.

The pool is another area of the hotel that has received a makeover, doubling its size, adding cabanas, a fire pit, sun decks and a secluded relaxation pool. When the warmer weather rolls around again, cabana guests will enjoy plasma screen televisions, a refrigerator stocked with water and fruit juice, rafts for the pool and towel and ice service.

The changes aren't all in the name of just looking good. Excalibur Hotel Casino President Renee West said the renovations have continued to stoke the good time guests have come to expect at Excalibur.

"Just as important as the physical improvement is the heightened sense of fun that all these changes have ushered in," said West. "You expect to have fun inside a castle. And I'm pleased to report that we're delivering on that promise, now more than ever."

One of the ways the hotel is delivering the fun is at Dick's Last Resort, where there's a little bit of everything: food, drink, live entertainment and more than a few jokes at your expense.

"Dick's delivers that sense of casual fun our guests enjoy at Excalibur – and then steps it up a notch," she said. "In the process it's helped us appeal to a whole new crowd."

The wild atmosphere at Dick's carries over to a new table gaming area located just outside the restaurant and bar.

West said the popular "party pit" features energetic music, stage dancers and even a disco ball.

Gamers will also appreciate the casino's new electronic poker



Photos courtesy Excalibur

Even though Excalibur Hotel Casino offers plenty of new ways to keep adults amused, the resort hasn't forgotten its medieval roots and castle façade, above. Top, the widescreen rooms feature plasma televisions, iPod docking stations, pillow top mattresses, contemporary bathrooms with granite countertops and alarm clocks with iPod inputs among other amenities.



Photos courtesy Dick's Last Resort
Dick's Last Resort, above and left, offers a little bit of everything: food, drink, live entertainment and more than a few jokes at your expense.

tables, which combine traditional and online poker. Excalibur Hotel Casino is the first place in Las Vegas to offer PokerPro, a game in which hands are dealt electronically on a big screen in the middle of the table and all players have a screen in front of them.

Other entertainment options at Excalibur Hotel Casino include Octane, a lounge with a little bit of an edge. Using motorcycles as decoration and staffing biker-gear clad servers, Octane is a fun twist on the concept of a center bar.

You don't have to worry about long lines and velvet ropes here though. West said the aim for Excalibur's nightspots is, "the kind that are open to everyone, no stringent dress codes or exclusive guest lists."

Show options abound at the resort as well. Comedian Louie Anderson, with his casual and conversational style, regales audiences with hilarious tales from his childhood and experiences growing up in the Midwest.

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The Fantasy Faire Midway features more than 20 carnival-style arcade games and special 4-D rides including the SpongeBob SquarePants 4-D ride. Through the magic of digital 3-D projection and 4-D effects, which include wind, bubbles and scent, riders are transported down to Bikini Bottom for an amazing adventure.

Excalibur Hotel Casino will celebrate the season with another 4-D ride, the Polar Express, through January 6. Based on the popular movie, the magical journey to the North Pole comes alive in a multi-sensory adventure complete with fake snow.

Whether you are looking for entertainment, attractions or gaming, West said Excalibur Hotel Casino has everything you could want under one roof.

"Our customers tell us that they choose to stay here for a variety of reasons – location, value and, most of all, comfort and a sense of fun," West said.

"For that reason, you won't find velvet ropes or VIP lines at Excalibur – just friendly employees, great entertainment and a laid-back vibe that will make you feel like family."

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CALENDAR

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WEEKEND HEADLINERS
World Extreme Cage Fighting 4 p.m., 12/3, Hard Rock Hotel
Five Finger Death Punch 6 p.m., 12/3, House of Blues
National Finals Rodeo 6:45 p.m., 12/4 - 12/13, Thomas & Mack Center
Brooks and Dunn 10 p.m., 12/5, 9 p.m., 12/6 - 12/7, Las Vegas Hilton
Ron White 10 p.m., 12/6, Mirage
Tesla 8 p.m., 12/5, House of Blues
Clay Walker 10 p.m., 12/5 - 12/6, Silverton
Miranda Lambert 10 p.m., 12/5 - 12/6, Golden Nugget
Shaw/Blades 8 p.m., 12/6, Aliante

Station
Three Dog Night and Herman's Hermits 8 p.m., 12/6, Buffalo Bill's
L.A. Guns 8 p.m., 12/6, Santa Fe
Wu-Tang Clan 9 p.m., 12/6, House of Blues
Oasis 8 p.m., 12/6, Palms
Pat Green 10 p.m., 12/7 - 12/8, Golden Nugget
Lee Greenwood 8 p.m., 12/7, Orleans
Rodney Carrington 10 p.m., 12/8 - 12/13, MGM Grand
Ronnie Milsap 10 p.m., 12/9 - 12/10, Golden Nugget
Anthony Hamilton 7:30 p.m., 12/10, House of Blues

John Rich & Cowboy Troy 10 p.m., 12/10 - 12/11, Las Vegas Hilton
Bill Engvall 9 p.m., 12/11 - 12/12, Treasure Island
The Charlie Daniels Band 10 p.m., 12/11 - 12/12, Golden Nugget
Gary Allan 8 p.m., 12/11, House of Blues
Gretchen Wilson 10 p.m., 12/12, 9 p.m., 12/13, Las Vegas Hilton
Jay Leno 10 p.m., 12/12 - 12/13, Mirage
Blake Shelton 10 p.m., 12/12 - 12/13, Silverton
Jo Dee Messina 8 p.m., 12/12 - 12/14, Orleans
Area 107.9 Big Damn Holiday Jam 7

p.m., 12/12, Hard Rock Hotel
The Ultimate Fighter Team Nogueira vs. Team Mir 3:45 p.m., 12/13, Palms
Larry the Cable Guy 8 p.m., 12/13, Orleans
Tanya Tucker 8 p.m., 12/13, Eastside Cannery
Godsmack's Sully Erna 7 p.m., 12/13, Aliante Station
Nine Inch Nails 8 p.m., 12/13, Planet Hollywood
Lucha Libre Wrestling 8 p.m., 12/13, Buffalo Bill's
Suicidal Tendencies 6 p.m., 12/16, House of Blues
Lamb of God 5:30 p.m., 12/18, House of Blues

Paul Anka 8 p.m., 12/19 - 12/21, Orleans
HEADLINERS
ULTIMATE MANILOW: The Hits 8 p.m. Wed. - Sat., 12/17 - 12/20, Las Vegas Hilton
Bette Midler 7:30 p.m. Tue. - Wed. Fri. - Sun., 12/2 - 12/31, Caesars Palace
Danny Gans 7:30 p.m. Tue. - Wed. and Fri. - Sat., Mirage
Donny & Marie 7:30 p.m. Tue. - Sat.; plus 4 p.m. Sat., Flamingo
Elton John 7:30 p.m. 2/3 - 2/15, Caesars Palace
Terry Fator 8 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Sun., 12/21 - 12/22, Las Vegas Hilton

Wayne Brady 9 p.m., Thu. - Mon., Venetian
PRODUCTION SHOWS
Blue Man Group 7 p.m. nightly; plus 10 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri. - Sat., Venetian
Criss Angel Believe 7 and 10 p.m. Fri. - Tue., Luxor
Folies Bergere 7:30 and 10 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thu. and Sat.; 8:30 p.m. Tue. and Fri., Tropicana
Fuego Raw Talent Live 8:30 p.m. Thu. - Tue., Sahara
Ice: Direct from Russia 8 p.m. Sat. - Thu., Riviera
Jersey Boys 7 p.m. Thu. - Mon.; 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tue.; plus 10 p.m. Sat., Palazzo
KA 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tue. - Sat., MGM Grand
Hitzville 6:30 p.m. Wed. - Sun., Planet Hollywood
An Evening at La Cage starring Frank Marino 7:30 p.m. Wed. - Mon., Riviera
Laugh Out Loud with The Scintas 9:30 p.m. Mon. - Wed., Fri. - Sat., Las Vegas Hilton
Le Reve 7 and 9:30 p.m. Thu. - Mon., Wynn Las Vegas
LOVE 7 and 10 p.m. Thu. - Mon., Mirage
Mamma Mia! 7:30 p.m. Sun. - Thu., 6 and 10 p.m. Sat., Mandalay Bay
Marriage Can Be Murder 6 p.m. Mon. - Sat., Four Queens
Menopause the Musical 7 p.m. nightly, plus 2 p.m. Wed., 4 p.m. Sat. - Sun., Las Vegas Hilton
Mystère 7 and 9:30 p.m. Sat. - Wed., Treasure Island
O 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Wed. - Sun., Bellagio
Phantom - The Las Vegas Spectacular 7 p.m. Mon. - Sat., with an additional show at 9:30 p.m. Mon. and Sat., Venetian
Shear Madness 7 p.m. Tue. - Sun., plus 3 p.m. Sat. - Sun. beginning 12/25, Town Square
Sopranos' Last Supper 7 p.m. Tue. - Sun., Greek Isles, beginning Dec. 2
Stomp Out Loud 7 p.m. nightly, Planet Hollywood
Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding 8 p.m. nightly, Rio
Tournament of Kings 6 and 8:30 p.m. Wed. - Mon., Excalibur
V - The Ultimate Variety Show 7 and 8:30 p.m. daily, Planet Hollywood
Zumanity 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Tue. - Wed., Fri. - Sun., New York-New York



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ADULT SHOWS
American Storm 8:30 p.m. Wed. - Sat., Stratosphere
Bite 10:30 p.m. Fri. - Wed., Stratosphere
Chippendales The Show 8 p.m. Sun. - Tue., Thu.; 8 and 10:30 p.m. Fri. - Sat., Rio
Crazy Girls 9:30 p.m. Wed. - Mon., Riviera
Fantasy 10:30 p.m. Sun. - Fri., 11 p.m. Sat., Luxor
Folies Bergere 7:30 and 10 p.m. Mon., Wed. - Thu., Sat.; 8:30 p.m. Tue. - Fri., Tropicana
Jubilee! 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Sat. - Thu., Bally's
MGM Grand's Crazy Horse Paris 8 and 10:30 p.m. Wed. - Mon., MGM Grand
Stripper 101 5 p.m. Mon. - Wed., 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Thu. - Sun., 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Fri. - Sun., Planet Hollywood
The Real Deal! 5 p.m. Thu. - Mon.; 10 p.m. Tue., Venetian
Thunder From Down Under 9 p.m. nightly, with additional show at 11 p.m. Fri. and Sat., Excalibur
X Burlesque 10 p.m. nightly, Flamingo

MAGIC SHOWS
Amazing Johnathan 9 p.m. Fri. - Tue., Harmon Theater at Planet Hollywood
David Copperfield 7:30 and 10 p.m. nightly; matinee times vary, 11/30 - 12/7, MGM Grand
Intimate Illusions starring Steve Dacri 6 p.m. Fri. - Sat., Four Seasons, beginning 12/26
Lance Burton 7 and 10 p.m. Tue. and Sat.; 7 p.m. Wed. - Fri., Monte Carlo
Mac King Comedy Magic Show 1 and 3 p.m. Tue. - Sat., Harrah's
Nathan Burton Comedy Magic 4 p.m. Fri. - Sun., Tue. - Wed., Flamingo
Penn & Teller 9 p.m. Sat. - Wed., Rio
Scarlett Princess of Magic 1 p.m. Fri. - Mon.; 4 p.m. Wed. - Thu.; additional 5:30 p.m. on Thu., Planet Hollywood
Steve Wyrick Real Magic 7 and 9 p.m. Sat. - Thu., Planet Hollywood
Xtreme Magic Starring Dirk Arthur 2 and 4 p.m. Sat. - Thu., Tropicana

COMEDY SHOWS
Bobby Slayton 9 p.m. Wed. - Sun., Hooters
Carrot Top 8 p.m. Sun. - Mon., Wed. - Fri.; 9 p.m. Sat., Luxor
Defending the Caveman 8 p.m. nightly, plus 3 p.m. Sat. - Sun., Golden Nugget
Fitz of Laughter 9:15 p.m. nightly, Fitzgeralds
George Wallace 10 p.m. Tue. - Sat., Flamingo
Improv at Harrah's 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Tue. - Sun., Harrah's
Louie Anderson 7 p.m. Sun. - Thu., Excalibur
Playboy Comedy 8 and 10:30 p.m., 12/13, Palms
Rita Rudner 8 p.m. Mon. - Sat., Harrah's
Vinnie Favorito 8 p.m. nightly, Flamingo

TRIBUTE SHOWS
American Superstars 7 p.m. Sun. - Tue., 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Wed., Fri. - Sat., Stratosphere
Barbra & Frank: The Concert That Never Was 8:30 p.m. Tue. - Sat., Riviera
Fab Four Live 5:30 p.m. Fri. - Wed., Planet Hollywood
Fab Four Mania 10 p.m. Sat. - Wed., Riviera
Legends in Concert 7:30 and 10 p.m. Mon. - Sat., Imperial Palace
A Neil Diamond Tribute starring Jay White 7 p.m. Sun. - Thu., Riviera
Show Bus of the Stars 10 a.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. nightly, Planet Hollywood
The Rat Pack Is Back 6 p.m. dinner seating; 7:30 p.m. show Mon. - Sat., additional 10 p.m. show on Sat., Plaza

HYPNOSIS AND PSYCHIC SHOWS
Anthony Cools - The Uncensored Hypnotist 9 p.m. Thu. - Tue., Paris
DIRTY Hypnosis 9 p.m. nightly, Krave Theater inside Planet Hollywood
Dr. Scott Lewis 9 p.m. Mon., Riviera
Mesmerized 10 p.m. Sat. - Thu., Planet Hollywood
The Mentalist, Gerry McCambridge 7 p.m. Sat. - Thu., Hooters

AFTERNOON SHOWS
\$1,000,000 Vegas Game Show 2:30 p.m. Fri. - Wed., Planet Hollywood
Gregory Popovich's Comedy Pet Theater 4 p.m. Fri. - Tue., Planet Hollywood
Madame Meg's Find Your Sexy 3 p.m. Wed. - Sun., Planet Hollywood
The Price Is Right-Live 2:30 p.m. Tue. - Thu. and Sat.; 7:30 p.m. Fri., Bally's