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# Cinco de Mayo— Vegas style

Sin City shows what celebrating is all about with the best food and drink

Las Vegas is always filled with sound and color – and this weekend it will be especially vibrant with flowers, piñatas and the trumpeting of mariachi bands as Cinco de Mayo festivities are celebrated in fabulous Vegas style.

**Celebrating with food**

There's no doubt about it, Cinco de Mayo is a holiday where food comes to the fore. And Las Vegas' Mexican restaurants are stepping things up in a spicy way to usher in the weekend festivities.

Isla, located in Treasure Island, is a must-do dinner place for serious fans of cutting edge Mexican cuisine. Under the watch of executive chef Saul Ortiz, Isla will be offering a special gourmet menu for Cinco de Mayo including shrimp tacos with chipotle rouille, veal and sirloin albondigas soup, snapper with poblano flan and short ribs in guajillo pepper barbeque sauce.

Ortiz explained this avant-garde take on the South of the Border culinary tradition.

"We offer hundreds of years of recipes with a modern presentation," Ortiz said. "They are very traditional Mexican, but we've incorporated a little twist... we modernize."

But celebratory food is not the only thing planned at Isla. "We're going to have a nice mariachi band. We're going to have a special on margaritas to get the party going," he added. "After that, there's plenty of entertainment around Vegas."

Some of this entertainment is to be had in the daytime. There's nothing like warm sunshine, palm trees and crystal clear water for swimming on Cinco de Mayo. And when you unite these with excellent Mexican food and drink, it's a true combination plate. This is exactly what you'll find at the Border Grill at Mandalay Bay.

After starting the Border Grill in Santa Monica, co-owners/chefs

Mary Sue Milliken and Susan Feniger opened Las Vegas' Border Grill adjacent to the amazing Mandalay Beach, an 11-acre tropical paradise of pools, water and sand.

Border Grill's large patio directly overlooks the beach, and according to Feniger, it's the perfect place to spend some leisure time on Cinco de Mayo weekend.

"Cinco de Mayo is huge for us... At the beginning of May, with the weather being as gorgeous as it is, we'll have tons of people at the pool. We have that incredible outdoor patio overlooking the lazy river. I think it's the perfect place to go," Feniger said.

Feniger added that beach-going frolickers can eat on the Border Grill patio without having to sit at a table and interrupt a swimmingly good time.

"We're going to be grilling corn-on-the-cob with cilantro aioli which is very traditional in Mexico... We're going to be grilling skirt steak out there and doing carne asada tacos. We're going to be doing marinated spiced shrimp on skewers... People can come up if they're hanging at the pool," she said.

Of course the Border Grill will also be featuring mariachi music and serving up lots of margaritas, mojitos and other icy beverages.

Other notable Mexican restaurants to check out this weekend include Gonzales y Gonzales at New-York-New York, Diego at MGM Grand, and Garduño's at the Palms. Celebrity chef Bobby Flay's Mesa Grill goes Southwestern at Caesars Palace. And don't forget the incredibly hip and creatively decorated Pink Taco at the happening Hard Rock Hotel and Casino -- theachiote chicken is amazing.

**Tour de tequila**

Cinco de Mayo and margaritas – it's the perfect mix. And there are plenty of amazing nightclubs in Las



There's plenty of excitement at Isla's bar inside the TI.

MGM Mirage



Border Grill

The weather is perfect for outdoor dining on the Border Grill's patio.

Vegas where these and other frozen concoctions will be flowing like streams.

A Latin-infused hotspot is Risqué at Paris Las Vegas, where on Friday night "La Revolución" kicks in with DJs spinning.

The Rio hotel will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo in a huge way. Head up into the warm nights of Vegas in May at VooDoo Lounge, the Rio's incredible rooftop ultralounge.

Get musical at the Flamingo on Saturday with rocker Vince Neil's

**The Big Fight(s)!**

Cinco de Mayo in Las Vegas will be huge for the sport of boxing. And fittingly, there's a strong connection to Mexico for the weekend's fight festivities.

**Hugo Cazares vs. Wilfrido Valdez Perez**

**Where:** MGM Grand  
**When:** Friday, May 4

**Oscar De La Hoya vs. Floyd Mayweather Jr.**

**Where:** MGM Grand  
**When:** Saturday, May 5

Tres Rios Tequila Cinco de Mayo Splash, an evening pool party and free concert.

Other nocturnal hotspots include the sexy, tropical rumjungle at Mandalay Bay and the hip-hop heaven of OPM at the Forum Shops. And downtown Las Vegas' Fremont Street will feature mariachi music and a host of bars and casino lounges decked out for the fiesta.

Wherever you venture this weekend in Vegas, from the Strip to Fremont Street, America's adult playground will be filled with Cinco de Mayo fun.

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**THIS WEEK**

**WEEKEND HEADLINERS**

**Wayne Newton** 8 p.m., 5/3 - 5/4, Harrah's  
**Kenny Chesney** 8 p.m., 5/3 - 5/4, Mandalay Bay  
**Roseanne Barr** 8 p.m., 5/3 - 5/6, New York - New York  
**Boyz II Men** 8 p.m., 5/3 - 5/6, Orleans  
**Tom Jones** 8:30 p.m., 5/3 - 5/6, MGM Grand  
**LL Cool J** 8 p.m., 5/4, Hard Rock Hotel  
**Chris Cornell** Doors at 7 p.m., 5/4, House of Blues at Mandalay Bay  
**Paul Anka** 8 p.m., 5/4 - 5/5, Las Vegas Hilton  
**Ray Romano** 10:30 p.m., 5/4 - 5/5, Mirage  
**Bill Maher** 10:30 p.m., 5/4 - 5/5, Hard Rock Hotel  
**David Sanborn** 7:30 p.m., 5/4 - 5/6, Suncoast  
**Vince Neil** 7 p.m., 5/5, Flamingo  
**Boxing: Oscar De La Hoya vs. Floyd Mayweather, Jr.** 5 p.m., 5/5, MGM Grand

**HEADLINERS**

**Barry Manilow: Music and Passion** 9 p.m. Wed. - Fri., 7:30 p.m. Sat., 5/15 - 5/19, Las Vegas Hilton  
**Celine Dion, A New Day** 8:30 p.m. Wed. - Sun., 5/3 - 5/6, Caesars Palace  
**Danny Gans** 8 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri. and Sat., Mirage  
**Elton John: The Red Piano** 7:30 p.m. 5/8 - 5/13, Caesars Palace  
**Gordie Brown** 7:30 p.m. Thurs. - Tues., Venetian  
**Howie Mandel** 9 p.m. 5/17 - 5/22, MGM Grand  
**Jay Leno** 10:30 p.m., 5/11 - 5/12, 5/18 - 5/19, 5/25 - 5/27, Mirage  
**Platters, Cornell Gunter's Coasters, Beary Hobb's Drifters** 7:30 p.m. daily, Sahara  
**Toni Braxton: Revealed** 7:30 p.m. Tues. - Sat., Flamingo  
**Wayne Brady** 9:30 Thurs. - Sun., 5/17 - 6/3, Venetian

**PRODUCTION SHOWS**

**Blue Man Group** 8 p.m. Sun. - Mon., Wed. - Thurs; 7 and 10 p.m. Tues., Fri. - Sat., Venetian  
**Folies Bergere** 7:30 and 10 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Sat.; 8:30 p.m. Tues. and Fri., Tropicana  
**Ice: Direct from Russia** 8 p.m. Sun. and Mon.; 8 and 10 p.m. Tues. - Thurs. and Sat., Riviera  
**KÀ** 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tue. - Sat., MGM Grand  
**An Evening at La Cage starring Frank Marino** 7:30 p.m. Wed. - Mon., Riviera  
**Le Rêve** 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Thurs. - Mon., Wynn Las Vegas  
**LOVE** 7 and 10 p.m. Thurs. - Mon., Mirage  
**Mamma Mia!** 7:30 p.m. Sun. - Thurs.; 6 and 10 p.m. Sat., Mandalay Bay  
**Menopause the Musical** 7 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri.; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wed.; 4 and 7 p.m. Sat. and Sun., Las Vegas Hilton

**Monty Python's Spamalot** 8 p.m. Sun., Mon., Wed.; 7 and 10 p.m. Tues., Fri., Sat., Wynn Las Vegas  
**Mystère** 7 and 9:30 p.m. Mon. - Wed. and Sat.; 4:30 and 7 p.m. Sun., Treasure Island  
**O** 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Wed. - Sun., Bellagio  
**Phantom - The Las Vegas Spectacular** 7 p.m. Monday and Friday; 7 and 10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 6 and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 5 and 8 p.m. Sunday, Venetian  
**The Producers** 8 p.m. Thurs. - Fri., Sun. - Tues.; 6 and 9 p.m. Sat., Paris  
**Stomp Out Loud** 6 and 9 p.m. Mon.; 7 p.m. Tues., Thurs. - Sun. with an additional performance at 10 p.m. on Sat., Planet Hollywood / Aladdin  
**Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding** 7 p.m. nightly, Rio  
**Tournament of Kings** 6 and 8:30 p.m. Wed. - Mon., Excalibur  
**V - The Ultimate Variety Show** 7:30 and 9 p.m. daily, Planet Hollywood/Aladdin  
**Zumanity** 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Wed. - Sun., New York-New York

**ADULT SHOWS**

**Chippendales The Show** 8 p.m. Sun. - Tues., Thurs.; 8 and 10:30 p.m. Fri. - Sat., Rio  
**Crazy Girls** 9:30 p.m. Wed. - Mon., Riviera  
**Fantasy** Sun., Mon., Wed. and Fri., 10:30 p.m.; Tues., 8 and 10:30 p.m.; Sat., 11 p.m., Luxor  
**Jubilee!** 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Sat. - Thurs., Bally's  
**MGM Grand's Crazy Horse Paris** 8 and 10:30 p.m. Wed. - Mon., MGM Grand  
**Stripper 101** 6:30 p.m. Mon. - Wed.; 5 and 6:30 p.m. Thurs. - Fri. with an additional class at 8 p.m. on Friday; 3:30, 5, 6:30 and 8 p.m. Sat.; 5 p.m. Sun., Planet Hollywood/Aladdin  
**Thunder From Down Under** 9 p.m. Sun. - Thurs. and 9 and 11 p.m. on Fri. and Sat., Excalibur  
**X Burlesque** 10 p.m. Mon. - Tue.; 8 and 10 p.m. Wed., 10 p.m. Fri., 12 a.m. Sat., Flamingo

**MAGIC SHOWS**

**Amazing Johnathan** 10 p.m. Fri. - Tues., Sahara  
**David Copperfield** 7:30 and 10 p.m. with an additional show at 4:30 p.m. Sat., 5/23 - 5/27, MGM Grand  
**Lance Burton** 7 and 10 p.m. Tues. and Sat.; 7 p.m. Wed. - Fri., Monte Carlo  
**Mac King Comedy Magic Show** 1 and 3 p.m. Tues. - Sat., Harrah's  
**Nathan Burton Comedy Magic** 2 p.m. Sat. - Thurs.; 6 p.m. Fri., Planet Hollywood/Aladdin  
**Penn & Teller** 9 p.m. Sat. - Thurs., Rio  
**Steve Wyrick Real Magic** 7 and 9 p.m. Sat. - Thurs., Planet Hollywood / Aladdin

**COMEDY SHOWS**

**Carrot Top** 8 p.m. Sun. - Mon., Wed. - Fri.; 7 and 9 p.m. Sat., Luxor  
**George Wallace** 10 p.m. Tues. - Sat., Flamingo

**Improv at Harrah's** 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Tues. - Sun., Harrah's  
**Louie Anderson** 7 p.m. Sat. - Thurs., Excalibur  
**Playboy Comedy** 8 and 10:30 p.m., 5/12, 5/26, Palms  
**Rita Rudner** 6 p.m. Mon. - Sat., Harrah's  
**The Scintas** 7 p.m. Mon. - Sat., Sahara  
**Second City** 8 p.m. Mon., Tues. and Fri.; 8 and 10 p.m. on Thurs., Sat. and Sun., Flamingo

**TRIBUTE SHOWS**

**The Fab Four** 6 p.m. Sat.-Thurs., Planet Hollywood/Aladdin  
**Legends in Concert** 7:30 and 10 p.m. Mon. - Sat., Imperial Palace  
**A Neil Diamond Tribute** starring Jay White 7 p.m. Sun. - Thurs., Riviera  
**Steve Connolly starring as The Spirit of the King** 10:30 p.m. Thurs. - Mon., Fitzgeralds  
**The Rat Pack Is Back** 6 p.m. dinner seating; 8:15 p.m. show Sat. - Thurs., Greek Isles  
**Trent Carlini: The Musical History of the King** 9 p.m. Mon. - Sat., Sahara

**HYPNOSIS SHOWS**

**Anthony Cools - The Uncensored Hypnotist** 9 p.m. Thursday - Tuesday, Paris  
**Dr. Scott Lewis** 9 p.m. Mon., Riviera  
**Mesmerized** 10:30 p.m. Sat. - Thurs., Planet Hollywood/Aladdin

**AFTERNOON SHOWS**

**Gregory Popovich's Comedy Pet Theater** 3:30 p.m. Sat. - Thurs., Planet Hollywood/Aladdin  
**Ronn Lucas** 3 p.m. Sat. - Thurs., Planet Hollywood/Aladdin  
**Society of Seven** 3 p.m. Wed. - Sun., Flamingo  
**The Price Is Right-Live** 2:30 p.m. Tues. - Thurs. and Sat.; 7:30 p.m. Fri., Bally's

**NIGHTCLUBS**

**Body English** (inside the Hard Rock) Friday-Sunday, 10:30 p.m. - 4 a.m.  
**Cherry** (inside Red Rock Casino Resort and Spa) Thursday-Saturday, 10 p.m. - 4 a.m.  
**Coyote Ugly** (inside New York-New York) 9 p.m. - 4 a.m. nightly.  
**Drai's After Hours** (inside Bill's Gamblin' Hall and Saloon) Wednesday-Sunday, 12 a.m. to dawn.  
**Empire Ballroom** (3765 S. Las Vegas Blvd.) Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday, 10 p.m. - 6 a.m.; Sunday, 10:30 p.m. - 6 a.m.  
**Foundation Room** (inside Mandalay Bay) Mondays, from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.  
**ghostbar** (inside the Palms) 8 p.m. to 4 a.m.  
**Gilley's** (inside the New Frontier) 4 p.m. to early morning hours daily.  
**Ivan Kane's Forty Deuce** (inside Mandalay Place) Thursday - Monday, 10:30 p.m. until dawn.  
**JET** (in the Mirage) Friday, Saturday and Monday, 10:30 p.m. - 4:30 a.m.  
**Late Night at the House of Blues** (inside Mandalay Bay) Fri.-Sat. from 11 p.m. to close.

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The Fab Four

The Fab Four tribute show gives audiences a taste of The Beatles phenomenon, bringing Liverpool to Las Vegas and performing the biggest and best hits of the original Fab Four. The nostalgic journey, performed at Planet Hollywood (formerly the Aladdin), is full of dead-on musical recreations, old videos and humorous banter. Experience the feeling of Beatlemania at 6 p.m. Sat. - Thurs.

**Light** (at Bellagio) Thursday - Sunday 10:30 p.m. - 4 a.m.  
**Lure** (at Wynn Las Vegas) Tuesday - Saturday, 9 p.m. - 4 a.m.  
**Mix** (at THEhotel at Mandalay Bay) Open at 5 p.m. daily.  
**Moon / Playboy Club** Las Vegas (at the Palms) Moon is open Friday - Sunday, 11 p.m. - 4 a.m.; Playboy Club is open daily from 8 p.m. - 4 a.m.  
**OPM** (in Chinois at the Forum Shops) Wed.-Sun. from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.  
**Pure** (in Caesars Palace) Friday-Tuesday, 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.  
**Pussycat Dolls Lounge** (in Caesars Palace) Tuesday-Saturday, 8 p.m. to 4 a.m.  
**Rain Las Vegas** (inside the Palms) Doors open at 11 p.m. Fri. - Saturday.  
**Risqué** (at Paris) Friday - Saturday, 10:30 p.m. - 4 a.m.  
**rumjungle** (inside the Mandalay Bay) Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 p.m. - 2 a.m.; Friday- Saturday and Monday, 11 p.m. - 4 a.m. Thursday, 11 p.m. - 3 a.m.

**Studio 54** (at the MGM Grand) 10 p.m. to the early morning hours, Tuesday through Saturday.  
**Tabú** (at the MGM Grand) Weds.-Sun. from 10 p.m.  
**Tangerine** (at the TI) Tuesday - Saturday, 9 p.m. to close. Patio: Tuesday - Saturday, 5 p.m. to close. Sunday and Monday, 5 p.m. to midnight.  
**Tao** (inside the Venetian) Thursday - Saturday, 10:30 p.m. - 5:30 a.m. Lounge: Tuesday, midnight - 5 a.m.; Wednesday and Sunday, 11 p.m. - 4 a.m.  
**Tryst** (inside Wynn Las Vegas) Thursday - Sunday, 10 p.m. - 4 a.m.  
**VooDoo Lounge** (inside the Rio) 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Lounge is open daily, 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. Live music and dancing begins at 9:30 p.m. (Sunday - Thursday), 10 p.m. (Friday- Saturday).  
**The Whiskey** (inside Green Valley Ranch Station) Sunday- Thursday, 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Friday-Saturday, 6 p.m. to 3 a.m.

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