

CAESARS PALACE 60TH ANNIVERSARY VO
8/25-26/2026

00 INTRO - OUTRO

00a Intro Stuff

Dale VO:

In Las Vegas, the powers that be are more apt to blow something up than save it! So, anything - on the Strip especially - that endures for 60 years is worth celebrating. Today, we're celebrating Caesars Palace!

Dale Live:

So get ready...

00b Outro Stuff

[Notes:]

- Celebrating anniversary thru 12/31

- May of this year - Fertitta Entertainment Inc will acquire Caesars Ent for a cash deal valued at \$17.6 billion
- Others

01 CAESARS EXTERIOR

01a Out to the Street

[No VO]

[start with DJI_0918 Paula intro (need to adjust color/lighting on the clip)]

[then DJI_0921 with audio;

Could also use IMG_6047 circle pan while I'm talking, specifically about the multiple towers, if it fits better;

IMG_6006 & 6008 are early pics of the front as I describe it; also Wiki overhead postcard]

Caption, as I say "when it opened":

Opening Date August 5, 1966

01b About the Fountains

[No VO]

[DJI_0919 with audio; use some of DJI_0924 also, illustrating other fountains, water use]

01c The Shrine

We'll point out a few notable features on the outside, before we explore indoors. ...The Brahma shrine was crafted in Bangkok, Thailand, and installed here in the 1980s. It weighs 4 tons, and features a four-faced, eight-handed Brahma. [\[DJI_0922, IMG_6053\]](#)

01d Roman Plaza

On Roman Plaza, we find an alfresco bar that Paula and I used to love for people-watching. Today it's one of many Purple Zebra locations around the Strip...
[\[could use first part of DJI_0923, OR IMG_6151 & 6152\]](#)

...but in the heyday we remember, it was the Spanish Steps.
[\[pic P1000377; second half of clip P1000378 is usable\]](#)

Swing around, and of course here's the Green Fairy Garden, home to the Absinthe show. Although, the garden itself is a great spot to enjoy in the evening, even without a show ticket!
[\[second half of DJI_0923; pic 6057 of Absinthe ticket booth; IMG_1222 from 2023\]](#)

01e New Marquee

Now, how better to celebrate 6 decades on the Strip than with a massive new marquee? Caesars just unveiled this behemoth, and to see it best, we need to go up to the pedestrian bridge level.
[\[IMG_6154 or 6155\]](#)

The marquee stands 210 feet tall and 62 feet wide - with more than 18,000 square feet of digital screen space. There are four full-motion sides - meaning you can watch the spectacle from everywhere on this corner!
[\[IMG_6156 or 6157\]](#)

02 MAIN ENTRANCE

02ab Video-Photos-Main Entrance I

Caesars Palace was built by cabana motel owners Jay Sarno and Stan Mallin, on land owned by Kirk Kerkorian, and with money borrowed from the Teamsters pension fund.
[\[DJI_0925 as background; get pics of three guys\]](#)

Mr. Sarno was the designer, envisioning an opulent resort that would transport guests back to the Roman Empire. The immersion begins literally before you walk in the door, with this collection of classical statuary. [\[IMG_6036, 6040, 6043\]](#)

02ab Video-Photos-Main Entrance II

About 5 years ago, a multi-million dollar renovation of the main entrance was completed. There is a fresh new statue of Augustus...OK, somewhat obscured by a Porsche...and a glorious domed ceiling.

[DJI_0915, could cut to IMG_6032]

02c Caesar thru the Years

I'm thinking the first Roman emperor deserves better than that! We grabbed some earlier footage where the car isn't in the way - let's try that again. [last part of IMG_1127]

The statue is 15 feet tall...and yes, that is a spectacular hand-painted ceiling. [IMG_1130]

Now, you know we love nostalgia on this channel...so how about we go back even further? This is the main entrance, circa 2020.

[last part of DJI_0021]

Here's a fun fact: The original statue of Caesar is still on the casino floor, over near the garage elevators. We matched it up exactly.

[P1100053 portrait; PIMG_6166 portrait side by side]

03 LOBBY ENTRANCE

03a Enter Lobby-Graces

As if it isn't blistering hot out here, Paula has to illustrate that there are in fact two main entrances to Caesars...with this one taking you into the lobby. And although many things change, this one doesn't: the Three Graces. [DJI_0926]

The three mythological sisters represent charm, beauty, and creativity. This reproduction is just one of hundreds of examples around Caesars that evoke the Hollywood version of Rome.

[IMG_6063 (down) or 6064 (up)]

03b Cafe Americano-Desk

We're loving the special designs honoring the big anniversary!

[halt on first frame of DJI_0927; or use pic 6060 or 6061]

Let's walk the lobby real quick. This is of course Cafe Americano, not your typical 24/7 cafe. We love it for any meal.

[first part of DJI_0927; pic 1199 for signage; clip IMG_4564 for tasting]

Over on the opposite side of this huge circular space is the hotel front desk. [last part of DJI_0927; could also cut to DJI_0928 in folder **03c**]

03c Caesars Hotel

Many expansions over the years have resulted in almost 4000 rooms and suites, in 6 towers. Part of the 60th anniversary celebration includes two new Presidential Villas, plus a bunch of new Sky Villas in the Octavius Tower. Paula and I stayed in an Octavius suite a couple of years ago - what a great experience that was!

[DJI_0928 pans front desk;
IMG_6049 shows hotel towers from outside;
Clips IMG_4516 & 4517 show Octavius suite]

03d Essentials Shop-60th

[No VO]
[DJI_0933 goes into store with audio;
then go to DJI_0934 where I find the commemorative merch and talk about it;
IMG_6076 does a nice little pan of the glassware, if needed;
Many pics of the items as well]

03e Lobby Bars

Part of that 2021 update to the main entrance included opening a wide pathway to and from the lobby; and two new bars. This is the Galleria Bar. Paula loves the statuary and decor along the back wall. [DJI_0935]

On the opposite side is a more traditional lobby lounge, with comfy seating and gaming at a circular bar. [DJI_0936]

04 THE CASINO

04a Caesars Forum-Crystals I

The other thing we appreciate about the remodel is how Caesars Forum, which was in fact the original casino when it opened in 1966, becomes the central focal point. And that ceiling dome! That spectacular chandelier is comprised of 100,000 crystals - a Vegas icon in its own right. [DJI_0937, IMG_6101; pic 6078 is a cool photo of its entrance]

04a Caesars Forum-Crystals II

But that isn't the only place where we find crystals in the casino. You can play slots in here, under a smaller version of that dome...

[\[IMG_6102 or 6103\]](#)

... or have them light your way on the casino floor itself. [\[IMG_6096\]](#)

Now, with all this glitz, you can't forget you're meant to be in Ancient Rome. ...Here's your marble columns...and the laurel wreaths in the carpet. [\[IMG_6098\]](#)

04b Slots Areas I

The slot floor at Caesars meanders all over, with plenty of play down those offshoot hallways. [\[DJI_0944\]](#)

The casino measures over 124,000 square feet, and in here you can find traditional slots, video reels, and video versions of poker, blackjack, and keno. Plus, your bet can range from a penny to \$500 per hand.

[\[DJI_0959\]](#)

04b Slots Areas II

We've just been snaking through the main casino, and it ends at yet another standout feature of this resort: the Forum Shops. Opening in 1992, this was the first time in Las Vegas that shopping became an attraction in itself. We devoted a recent video to the Forum Shops - we will link that in the description box.

[\[last part of DJI_0959 as you approach; then either DJI_0960 or IMG_6127\]](#)

04c Electronic-Poker

Moving back towards the front, there's a colorful and alluring area devoted to electronic games...and beyond it, Caesars 24-hour Poker Room. It's 4500 square feet, and was moved here between the Colosseum and the Sports Book back in 2014. [\[DJI_0951, 0952; pic 6165 of entrance\]](#)

04d Tables Area

Heading to the tables, we find yet another fancy car...this one a Mercedes roadster. Gee, wonder if my player's card gets me in the running for this beauty? [\[DJI_0912\]](#)

This is a tables area, pretty traditional for a Strip casino. Before you say anything about no people...be aware it's 9:20 AM and there may be other spots where play is happening!

[\[DJI_0913, IMG_6029\]](#)

04e Caesars Sportsbook

Paula will tell you, one of the best things about being in a casino so early is the ability to film things like this famous Sports Book - dubbed "The Home of Champions". ...It's equipped with 140 comfy seats, a custom built 143-foot HD LED screen, and state-of-the-art 4-zone directional sound.

[\[DJI_0911\]](#)

Why home of champions? Because of hosting decades of events like boxing matches and car races!

[\[either IMG_6023 \(down\) or 6024 \(up\)\]](#)

05 HISTORIC STUFF

05a The Colosseum

All right, let's take a look at the stuff around the perimeter of the casino. The Colosseum is where the big stars come to play - and it's been named by Billboard as the "Top Live Entertainment Venue Worldwide". The Colosseum seats nearly 4300 people, and has a stage that tops 22,000 square feet.

[\[DJI_0954, 0955; web pic of interior & stage; IMG_6123 could be sped up to show upcoming acts\]](#)

Plus, because this is Caesars, the artwork is exquisite. [\[DJI_0957\]](#)

This is also a nice raised platform to just pan the casino action. Behold, classic Las Vegas in 2026. [\[DJI_0958\]](#)

05b History Wall

Whenever we're here, we like to stop and visit the history wall. "History Happens Here" is the title, and this collection of portraits shows the true depth and breadth of notable stars, chefs, and performers who've been part of the Caesars legacy over these 60 years.

[\[DJI_0945; if you want to focus on certain pics, I did 3 photos you could use\]](#)

05c Statue of David

In the hallway of the Appian Way Shops is a hallmark that's worth your time: a full-scale, exact replica of Michelangelo's David. In case you never get to Florence, you can visit this one, which is 18 feet tall, weighs 9 tons - and was sculpted from the same Italian marble that the master himself used.

[\[DJI_0946; IMG_6091 \(down\) or 6094 \(up\)\]](#)

05de Video-Photos-Nobu Hallway

[No VO]

[DJI_0949 with audio;

For Nobu, can supplement with clip IMG_6116 or pic IMG_6114;

For the Cigar Bar, just use as is]

[DJI_0950 with audio;

For Cleopatra's Barge, clip DJI_0039 from 2020; pics starting with "P1100" in 05e Photos, plus old postcard;

For Caspian's, can supplement with DJI_0947 or IMG_6107]

Caption:

Cleopatra's Barge first opened in 1970

Caspian's Rock and Roe replaced it in 2024

06 BUFFET HALLWAY

06a Travel from Casino

Back up near Caesars Forum...hmm, looks like we've lost the old Palace Court slots area.

Wonder what's coming next?

[first part of DJI_0938; IMG_1275]

...Let's head over this way, and visit a bunch of foodie destinations - most of which Paula has vlogged for this channel! [rest of DJI_0938]

06b Beijing Noodle

Past the guest elevators is Beijing Noodle No. 9, which has to be one of the most gorgeous Asian restaurants in this town. Just look at this stunning interior!

[DJI_0939; pic 8193 is signage; IMG_8220 is dining room]

And the food is equally superb - check out the chow mein with handmade noodles. [DJI_0200]

06c Bacchanal Buffet

Around the bend, the famous Bacchanal Buffet, perhaps the most upscale in Las Vegas. It's going to be open for dinner later today, but they're already prepping things. [DJI_0940, 0941]

Paula dined here too, a couple of years ago. Something to note: the buffet, and several other restaurants, are offering limited time dishes inspired by the 1966 opening of Caesars. That sounds fun - green jello molds maybe?? [DJI_0029]

06d Pronto-Luger

Two other dining options in this wing: Pronto by Giada...and Peter Luger's steakhouse. [\[DJI_0943\]](#)

Yep, she's eaten at Pronto as well, and sings the praises of those egg sandwiches! [\[DJI_0163\]](#)

07 OTHER DINING

07a Brasserie-Ramsay

Surely you know that there are whole host of celebrity chefs associated with Caesars - many of them for a long time. Gordon Ramsay thought a traditional English style pub was missing from the Strip, so he put one in. [\[DJI_0963\]](#)

We've eaten here, and we can attest that the burgers are top-notch, and the sticky toffee pudding is a can't-miss. [\[DJI_0965; web pics of food\]](#)

Bobby Flay is another name you see all over Caesars properties. Brasserie B is a fairly new offering here, a Parisian steakhouse. [\[IMG_6121, 6119\]](#)

07b Ansel-Vanderpump

Lisa Vanderpump's first Las Vegas venue, this lush Cocktail Garden, opened at Caesars Palace in 2019 - and that was just the beginning for her! [\[IMG_6130\]](#)

And then there's this...from French pastry chef Dominique Ansel, a bakery that features the most exquisitely beautiful creations - and all as delicious as they look! [\[DJI_0967 plus pics\]](#)

Paula was tempted by the cookbook. [\[Pic 6140\]](#)

07c Celebrity Food Hall

The Celebrity Food Hall is aptly named - because in here we're going to find a whole bunch more household names! Food stalls do change out often in here. First, a peek inside the Stadia Bar...

...On to a pizza shop from Buddy V...and a burger joint by Bobby.

Mexican street food...Korean grub...and Guy's chicken.

Last but never least, Starbucks.

[all DJI_0961, with photos 6132 thru 6139, in order]

08 ANNIVERSARY COCKTAIL

Well friends, it's now after 11 AM, and by Paula's watch, that means a cocktail is appropriate! What'll it be? [IMG_6163]

[DJI_0968 with audio; can use a bit of bartender delivering drink IMG_6147; IMG_6168 is the info card]

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Knob Creek Caesars Private Barrel
simple syrup
Angostura bitters
orange bitters
garnish w/ orange peel
and Amarena cherry

\$19.66

XX OTHER STUFF

[No VO here]

[Caesars logos, the screenshot from the website for 60th; the Morris Roman font]