

DATE NIGHT AT WYNN VO

9/8/2026

00 INTRO - OUTRO

00a Intro Stuff

Dale VO:

When you live in Las Vegas, where do you go for date night? Well, duh! Where else but here, the same place where 40 million of your best friends show up each year! We're going out for dinner and a show, at the Wynn!

[could use IMG_8995 for part of it, driving down Strip from August 30th]

Dale Live:

So get ready... [IMG_9095]

00b Outro Stuff

[Show Fernando's gifts]

[2 end pics for each of us in this folder - use whatever you like]

01 TRAVEL-ARRIVAL

01a Driving Footage

It's Monday afternoon, Labor Day, and we are off to the Strip. We've got show tickets for tonight, so we decided to make a date of it, and of course - bring along the cameras. Since it's a holiday, traffic was light, and we got over here to Spring Mountain quickly.

[IMG_9015, 9016]

[Monday September 7, 2026 3:26 PM
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As we turn onto Las Vegas Blvd...yikes, here is a prime example of what NOT to do on this crazy busy road! [\[IMG_9018\]](#)

01b About Parking

OK, so if the thumbnail and cold open didn't give it away, our destination today is Wynn Las Vegas. [\[last part of IMG_9018 above, then IMG_9019\]](#)

...A quick note about the parking garage: If you take a ticket and can't find a spot on that level, you have to exit the gates and get another ticket! Plus, the pay-via-the-QR-code thing hardly works, according to a team member! I hate paying for parking - have I said that before? [\[IMG_9020\]](#)

01c Sands Corner

Here we are, late Monday afternoon on the Sands corner. Paula reminded me that it is September, and that means the Formula One setup will begin soon...so let's enjoy the unobstructed views while we can! [\[IMG_6389\]](#)

Rounding things out, let's go the other way too...past a glimpse of the Sphere, to the copper facade of Wynn. [\[IMG_6395; 6396 focuses on Sphere if you want to use it for a couple seconds\]](#)

The resort first opened in 2005, and since then it has garnered endless repeat awards from AAA, Forbes Travel Guide, and Conde Nast Traveler. [\[IMG_6392\]](#)

01d Wynn Front Yard

Wynn's front yard is a secluded and intimate garden, with a lovely pond surrounded by blooming roses. The marquee is almost obscured by mature trees, but it's a nice 100 by 50 feet of LED screen - makes quite a statement. [\[IMG_6399, 6397, 6398; pic P1070238 if needed\]](#)

The artificial mountain towers 100 feet, obscuring the building from the street and the traffic, and providing a home for this elegant waterfall.

[IMG_6402 goes down; 6401 goes up]

02 SHOPS-GARDEN

02a Esplanade Shops

The obscuring was deliberate - a ploy to get you inside - and it has worked perfectly for decades! [IMG_9037]

[continue with IMG_9026 Paula welcome]

We'll get back to Charlie's in a bit...but first, let's do a bit of exploring. We haven't been in here in more than a year. ...Entering from the Strip side, you find yourself in the Wynn Esplanade, a classy skylit walkway that features more than 76,000 square feet of high-end shopping. There are luxury brands along here, as well as shops actually owned by Wynn. [DJI_0029]

Check out that gorgeous tufted skylight! The design details in this building are second to none. [IMG_6406]

02b Carousel-Garden1

The end of the walkway doesn't take you to the casino - it lands you in a garden...a garden anchored on this end by a fanciful carousel. The structure itself, and the horses, are all fully covered by flowers. [DJI_0030, 0031]

This garden atrium borrows from the Bellagio Conservatory - no mystery there, since both are Steve Wynn creations. [DJI_0032]

The plantings are a mixture of permanent, artificial florals and fresh seasonal blooms. The fairy lights are a favorite touch. [IMG_6411]

02c Bear-Garden2

The garden actually has two separate sections, this one being nearest the hotel lobby. ...On this end, it is anchored by the Smiling King Bear sculpture.

[DJI_0033; pic 1040 is the placard for the sculpture]

Can you believe this intricate mosaic floor has been in place for 21 years? Imagine the number of feet that have trod over it, and yet it remains as vibrant as the day it was installed.

[IMG_6412; pics 6413, 6417]

02d Hotel Registration

It's 4:30 PM as we pop into the Wynn lobby. We so often hear from our viewers that Wynn ranks at the top of their favorite resorts in Las Vegas - and clearly you've got a lot of company! These check-in lines are great for business, cha-ching! [DJI_0034, 0035]

We're not checking in, but we can still enjoy the beautiful view out on the North Show Terrace. ...In front of us is the 3-acre Lake of Dreams, wrapped on three sides and hidden from the outside by Steve and Elaine Wynn's mountain. [DJI_0036, 0037]

03 CASINO WALK

03a Casino General

OK, gotta do our traditional casino walk. ...Don't you love how they put a chandelier above every single table? ...The Wynn doesn't have a theme as such, it's not copying or suggesting another city or place; Steve Wynn wanted the property itself to be the attraction. [DJI_0038]

That being said, it does prominently feature the color red, always a lucky shade for Asian gamblers.

...At its opening, the Wynn had a 111,000-square-foot casino floor. With the addition of its sister property Encore in 2008, it now totals more than 189,000.

[DJI_0039; DJI_0040 if needed; wiki pic of Encore & Wynn towers]

03b Sports Book

Wynn's Race and Sports Book has been extensively renovated recently - let's take a look. [\[DJI_0043\]](#)

The website describes experiencing live sports in a movie theater-like setting, and that seems about right - the LED video screen is nearly 1600 square feet, and wraps around the entire space. [\[DJI_0044\]](#)

Of course it's equipped with a curved bar that offers great views from every seat. [\[IMG_6435; DJI_0045\]](#)

03c The Progressives

Back out on the floor, there's a selection of electronic table games just outside the sports book area. [\[DJI_0042\]](#)

We know we have a lot of viewers out there who love to play slots, so we couldn't resist capturing a few clips of the progressives all over the slot floor. Come and get it, folks!

[\[clips: IMG_6419, 6422, 6424; 6431 or 6432\]](#)

[Up-and-down pics: PIMG_6420, 6421, 6425](#)

[Wide pics: PIMG_6418, 6423\]](#)

03d Check on Dale

[\[No VO\]](#)

[\[IMG_6436 Dale at machine\]](#)

04 DINNER AT CHARLIES

04a About Charlies Bar

All right, we're about caught up now - we're heading into Charlie's Sports Bar for some dinner. Fun fact: In our very first visit to the Wynn on our

channel - which was in June 2019 - we ate here, and learned who the place is named after. [\[DJI_0041; DJI_0847 from 2019\]](#)

Today's Charlie's Sports Bar is a perfect pairing - a casual dining room serving American comfort food...plus massive wall-to-wall LED screens and immersive sound for all the game-day action.
[\[DJI_0047, 0046\]](#)

The view over top of the sports bar, spanning the LED wall, is worth getting a table in here! [\[either IMG_6440 or 6441\]](#)

04b Fontainebleau-Pickles

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[\[IMG_9029 Dale Fontainebleau comments;](#)
[IMG_9030 Paula tasting pickles\]](#)

FRIED PICKLES

barbecue ranch

\$19

04c Dinner Tasting

[\[No VO\]](#)
[\[IMG_9035 Dale tasting;](#)
[IMG_9036 Paula tasting\]](#)

CHARLIE BURGER

double pattie
American cheese
Charlie secret sauce
shredded lettuce, tomato
caramelized onions
housemade challah bun
served w/ crinkle cut fries

\$31

SMOKED TURKEY CLUB

applewood smoked bacon
tomatoes, white cheddar
avocado, green leaf lettuce
garlic herb aioli
toasted multigrain
served w/ crinkle cut fries

\$29

05 AWAKENING SHOW

05a Arrive-Fernando

As we told you earlier, we are here to see Awakening tonight. The show starts at 6:30...but before we go in, we're meeting the fan of our channel - all the way from Brazil! - who gifted us the tickets. Say hello to Fernando. [\[DJI_0048; pics IMG_9039, 9045\]](#)

05b Theater Lobby

We actually saw this show the very week it opened, back in November 2022. Seeing this ceiling in the lobby, with the iridescent triangles dangling overhead and spreading light - reminds us how unique this performance venue is. [\[IMG_9054, 6450\]](#)

There are illuminated windows in the lobby, teasing key elements of the show...and accolades it has received. [\[photos IMG_9051, 9052, 9053, 9049\]](#)

05c Bar-Snack Area

The ceiling treatment repeats over in the bar and snack area...where you can not only purchase drinks and popcorn, but also keepsakes from the show. [\[IMG_6452; photos 6453, 6454\]](#)

Paula got us a water to share inside the theater. [\[IMG_9056, 9057\]](#)

05de Video-Photos-Theater

So, this theater has quite a story. It was originally home to Le Reve, the Wynn's first production show. But..once that closed, 5 years of development and a \$120 million price tag completely transformed it for Awakening. [\[DJI_0050; web and wiki pic from Le Reve\]](#)

The biggest change was swapping the water for a custom-built 60-foot stage, still maintaining that theater-in-the-round design. Wait'll you see that stage in action during the show! Luckily, photos and short video clips were permitted.

[\[IMG_9058; pic 6451 in 05e\]](#)

Each of the 1600 seats is equipped with a pair of stereo speakers on each side, for surround sound. [\[IMG_6457, 6458 in 05e\]](#)

05fg Video-Photos-Show I

Awakening is an 80-minute show that set itself a goal of being the most technologically advanced production on the Strip. The cast includes 60 or more artists; there are more than 300 costumes; and that stage is actually in several configurable pieces, with a glass surface and embedded LED screens. The effect is fantastic - like a kaleidoscope of color under their feet!

[\[We can work together on this. Use small sections of the DJI clips; photos from 05g as needed\]](#)

05fg Video-Photos-Show II

But that's not all. The story is narrated by none other than Anthony Hopkins. The musical score is original, written for the show. There are lasers and smoke and fire! And, the animatronics are actually large-scale puppetry, literally happening before your eyes. I can't even imagine the logistics of pulling all of this off! ...Needless to say, the story does have a happy ending, and there's plenty of spectacle in the finale.

[We can work together on this. Use small sections of the DJI clips; photos from **05g** as needed]

06 NIGHTCAP AT AFT DECK

06a Arrive Aft Deck

After leaving the theater, we were ready for a nice quiet spot to end our evening. What could be better than an outdoor terrace, overlooking Lake of Dreams? [DJI_0057]

We're on the Aft Cocktail Deck, definitely one of those take-you-away spots that Vegas is so good at - and, we're right on the railing. [DJI_0058]

Here we are again at Wynn's hidden lake, this time at lakeside level. [DJI_0059; break in middle when we talk, bring up audio. If you would rather not, just edit that out, continue panning left.]

...This place totally gives off a yacht vibe, doesn't it?
[end part of DJI_0059]

06b Awakening Recap

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[IMG_9096 Paula recap;
Could supplement with a couple pics from folder **05g** to go with what I'm saying if you want]

06c Space Oddity Show

The Lake of Dreams has offered a free show out over the water for many years. This one is a fresh take on David Bowie's "Space Oddity", one of a rotation of shows that run every half hour, beginning at dusk. The music comes to us from 100 speakers located across the expanse.

The multimedia production blends the sound with lighting, props, and projected images, for a true immersive experience.

[IMG_9097, DJI_0060, IMG_9099]

06d Dessert and Drinks

[No VO]

[IMG_9100 Dale dessert tasting; end after you say “I don’t deserve this, it’s so good.”]

PETITS FOURS

chefs selection
of mini desserts

\$24

06e Evening Wrapup

[No VO]

[IMG_9104 Paula wrapup]