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Learn Like the Legends

Magic shops all over town have the tricks to get you started

If you feel inspired after being fully entertained by one of Las Vegas' many magic shows, you can continue that enthusiasm, and perhaps begin your own career in illusions. Just visit one of the many magic shops throughout the city—many of them located on the Strip.

No name has been more recognizable in the world of magic than Harry Houdini, and for all things tricks visit one of the three **Houdini's Magic Shops**—at Miracle Mile Shops at Planet Hollywood Resort, The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian & The Palazzo and New York-New York.

For extra fun, visit The Grand Canal Shoppes location for a little display of Houdini trying to escape from a straitjacket while hanging upside down. Inside the shop, there are other interactive stations to keep you mystified and having fun. All three shops also have a great stock of teaching tools to learn magic, from novice to expert.

With two shops in the city, one at the Stratosphere and the other at the Grand Bazaar Shops at Bally's, **Las Vegas Magic Shop** offers everything from trick kits, magic kits, stage magic accessories, books, novelties and beginners' magic sets.

For a hidden gem magic shop, visit **Denny and Lee Magic Studio** (5115 Dean Martin Drive), a short trip off the Strip. The studio offers a wide array of books and DVDs on all things magic. They also hold seminars and invite guest speakers. Tricks, kits and novelties are also available. —*Nico Mycoola*

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Undead Attitude

Are you afraid of what the coming zombie apocalypse will be like? Well, worry no more! The answers to your questions on the newly awakened dead can probably be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. But if you need a more visual idea, check out V Theater's **Zombie Burlesque**.

The campy, quasi-revue, variety and musical show opened in late 2013 and combined a quest for good, clean fun with a hunger for human flesh.

The story line is vein, believable, too. In an alternate universe in the past, humans and zombies have ended a bitter war with a truce. Hooray! Humans have agreed to send prisoners to the zombies as a food source, and zombies are to provide entertainment. (Sounds like a great party, but who's bringing the booze?)

Featured performers at the Club Z celebrity include singer Sookie Monica, formerly a Pussycat Doll, and Lord Ka'say, a longtime Las Vegas performer. Backing the cast of talented singers is a live big band. Along with some sexy shenanigans, you can expect plenty of musical numbers, dancing and risqué (perhaps some might even say dirty) humor. —Aria King

V Theater in Miracle Mile Shops at Planet Hollywood Resort, 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat., additional 10 p.m. show Aug. 3 & 7-8, $64.99-$84.99 VIP plus fees. 702.260.7200

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9 WAYS TO GET MOTHER-DAUGHTER TIME IN LAS VEGAS

By Chanelle Hayes

There's no such thing as too much adult mother-daughter time—especially in Las Vegas. Whether going for a cocktail (oh, the joy of being over 21 and having drinks with your mom) and a Strip-side meal, getting spoiled at the spa/pampering retail centers or checking out some of the city's best entertainment options, you'll find plenty of activities to enjoy with your moms.

1. Sip and shop

Cabo Wabo Cantina offers a classic Mexican fare and tempting libations. Now through the end of September, share refreshing summer cocktails such as the peach sweet tea margo. Overwhelmed mom-of-a-bride-to-be by choosing only one of the fun cocktails such as Blackberry Cilantro Collins. Then, roam Miracle Mile Shops for beauty products at Sephora, jewelry and accessories at Avon and Alex and apparel at H&M, Swarovski and Bebe. (Miracle Mile Shops at Planet Hollywood Resort, 702.866.0703)

2. See a Cirque du Soleil production

With eight Cirque du Soleil shows to choose from, you can't go wrong. From the now-you-see-it-now-you-don't talents of Criss Angel in **CRISS ANGEL Believe** to the acrobatic performances in **Zarkana** and a grand stage production in **Mystère**, be mesmerized by stunning feats, dramatic shows and pure artistry meant from beginning to end. Pair your show with special menus on select occasions. (Various, 702.792.7777; Zarkana, 702.693.7722; Mystère, 702.792.7777)

3. Find balance

Yoga With the Dolphins creates a peaceful morning of exercise and relaxation in an ocean-view viewing room at Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat overlook, as you practice body awareness alongside dolphin rescues in the nearby yoga classes. Held at 8:30 a.m. Friday through Sunday, Core is $50 and includes post-class smoothie and garden views. (The Mirage, 702.791.7111)

4. Sweet treats

At **Serendipity 3**, the popular Frozen Hot Chocolate blends more than 20 types of chocolate in an ice-cold creation. Pair it with your dining selection (e.g., with options like soup and sandwich, or a salad and crepe) and then indulge in one of the restaurant's signature desserts, such as the Haute Chocolate Sundae, a brownie and red velvet cake. Don't worry about ordering two. It's big enough to share while checking out the surrounding casinos. (Caesars Palace, 702.731.7373)

5. Laugh it up

Besides live music at Pearl's, **The Sayers Club** offers a chance to get your laughs with Brian Regan Comedy Club At 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, check out the 21-and-over comedy hour. Tickets are $10 ($20 for VIP with a two-drink minimum). After the show, listen to the house band or guest DJ's mix of live DJs or select nights. (Silverton Village, 702.791.4015)

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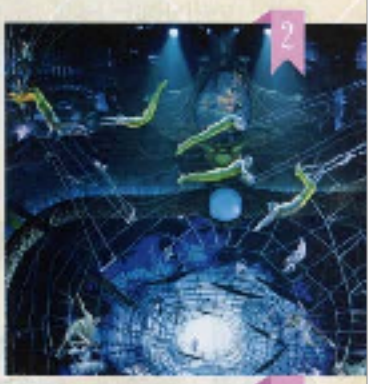

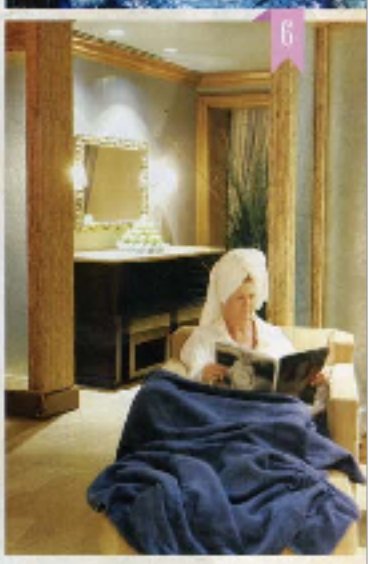

6. Get pampered

Surely no ladies outing is complete without a spa trip. At **MGM Grand Spa**, manicures and pedicures, customized massages with enhancements and facials such as the youth renewal or classic European highlight the menu. Go glam with airbrush foundation application, eyelash and eyebrow seminars are available, too. With flexible hours you'll have plenty of time to get all dolled up. (702.891.7111)

7. Tribute shows

Las Vegas is full of shows that pay homage to music legends but one that suits a mother-daughter afternoon or night out well is **Legends in Concert**. The long-running show appeals to both young and old with Michael Jackson and Elvis Presley look-alikes, among others. Groove and sing along to songs you may know and love as impersonators shound the iconic celebrity, putting on a show just as though they were the real artist. (Flamingo, 702.777.2782)

8. All about brunch

Every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.–4 p.m., **Lava** dishes up lemon ricotta waffles, breakfast mac and cheese and almond-crusted French toast. Get your seafood fix with lobster Benedict and champagne hollandaise. The watery is a chic place to brunch, with its Stripside patio and bottomless mimosas for an additional cost. (The Palazzo, 702.791.3800)

9. Time for tea

Afternoon tea is a long-time tradition for many women so why not add it to your itinerary? The **Tea Lounge** takes things to a whole new level on the 23rd floor at Mandarin Oriental. Take in the upscale setting with brewed teas and small bites for $38 per person from 1–5 p.m. Monday–Thursday and from noon Friday–Sunday. (Mandarin Oriental, 702.590.9888)

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