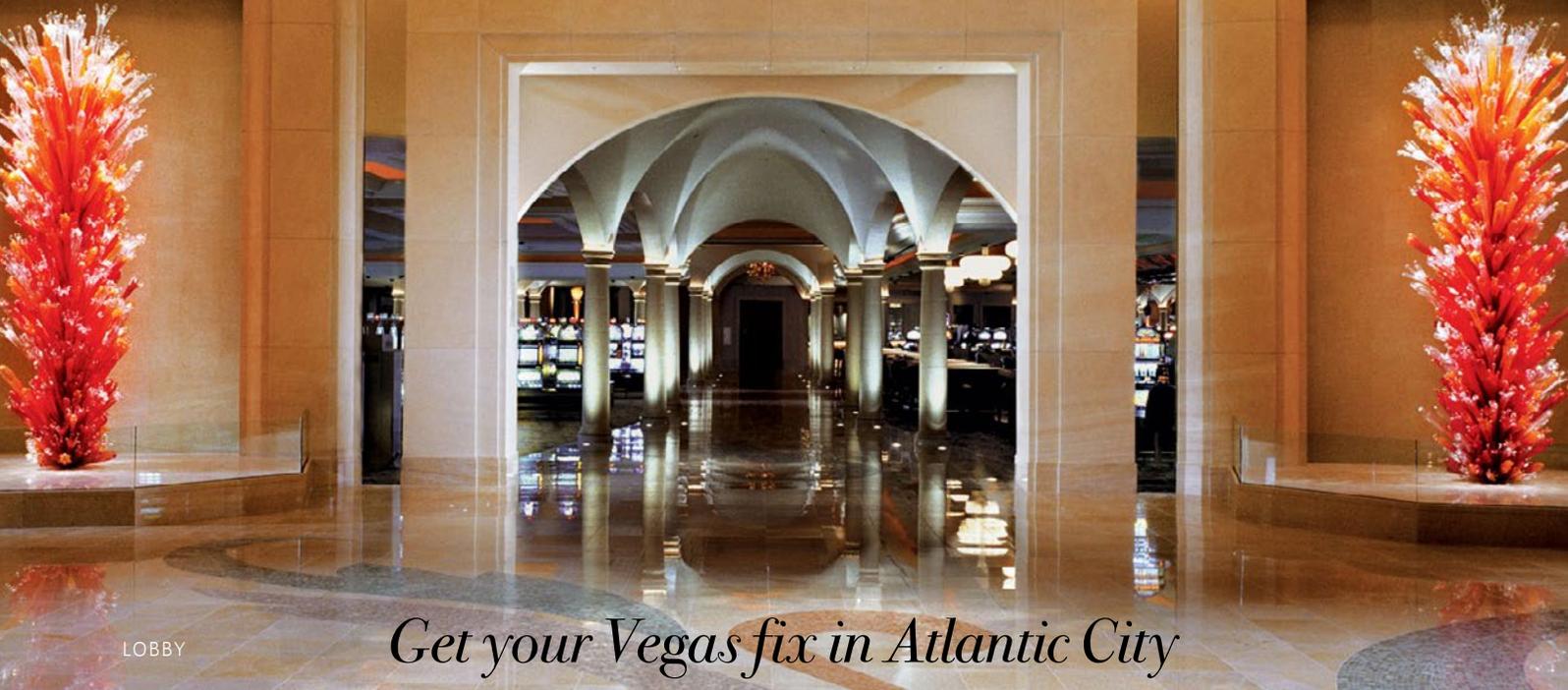


YOU GOTTA BORGATA



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Get your Vegas fix in Atlantic City

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East coasters need not travel cross-country to Sin City to try their luck at the poker tables or roulette wheel or to really let loose. Hello! We have Atlantic City—the town known for their boardwalk, beach, and casinos. (Fun fact: Atlantic City was the inspiration for the American version of the board game Monopoly, especially the street names—according to Wikipedia.) When you're in A.C., there's only one place that encapsulates Las Vegas' luxe, late-night-fun, over-the-top flair: Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa. The hotel is brought to you by MGM Resorts International—the name behind Vegas' Bellagio, Aria, MGM Grand...—so you know they know what they're doing.



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Borgata's entryway is high-roller-impressive. Vibrant glass art installations and massive chandeliers punctuate the cavernous marble lobby. My excitement mounts as the colorful lights and whirl of the slot machines (over 3,000) and tables come into focus. With over 180 tables to choose from, I feel like a kid in a candy store — it's hard not to immediately run to a table and try my luck at Texas Hold 'Em, craps, baccarat... They even have a state-of-

the-art Racebook with video wall, 100 seats, and 10 betting windows. I resist my urge and check-in first.

After checking in, I head to my room. Rooms (2,000 in all) range from the Classic (featuring a 46" Samsung LED TV, refrigerator, 300-thread count Egyptian cotton sheets, floor-to-ceiling windows, and a large marble bathroom outfitted with Lather bath products) up to the Opus Suite (a 1,000

square-foot suite featuring the same accoutrements as the Classic, plus a deep soaking bath/shower for two). Can you *really* call it a vacation if don't have breakfast—or any other meal—served to you in bed? Their 24-hour room service menu is one that you'd be happy to order from and I insist that you do. Two Maine Lobsters and two 12 oz. New York Strips, please! Atlantic City, like Vegas, is all about giving into your heart's desires. And Borgata makes that exceptionally easy.

GRANDE ROOM





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The hotel has it all—two spas (Spa Toccare—a 54,000 square-foot European-style spa), five indoor/outdoor pools, two fitness centers, shopping (like Hugo Boss and Just Cavalli), and world-class restaurants that include, Bobby Flay Steak and Wolfgang Puck American Grille as well as casual dining options like The Metropolitan and 28 West. For tasty fare and a quaint atmosphere, I recommend The Metropolitan, a European bistro that serves classic American dishes as well as chilled jumbo shrimp, snow crab claws, steamed lobster... They also offer a delicious brunch menu with eggs benedicts, blueberry pancakes, and southwestern omelets.

As for entertainment and nightlife, Borgata serves up concerts with headliners like Lady Gaga and Jay-Z as well as burlesque and comedy shows. For VIP table service, spend the night at Premier Nightclub, where well-known, international DJs are frequently found behind the decks. Our former cover guy Steve Aoki just performed here in September and Tiësto is scheduled for October 28th. Their bar scene is just as lit with options that include Gypsy Bar, a tequila bar that does Acoustic Sessions every Wednesday, and their chill, conversation-enabling ultra-lounge B Bar.

Since opening in 2003, Borgata has certainly given Atlantic City vacationers and locals a first-class spot to rest their head and enjoy life's pleasures. Thank you, MGM Resorts International. **ML**



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