

OF THE STARS

ENTERTAINMENT TRIP AROUND THE WORLD



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STRIP TRIPPING IN LAS VEGAS.....
 Finally made it up to Las Vegas to catch up on some shows and they were some shows! In spite of inflation, this is one place that doesn't seem to be hurting. The service has improved a lot in most places and all in all, it's a joyous place again. The Sands offered two JERRY VALES for the price of one. One was Vale himself doing a helluva job and the second was RICH LITTLE doing his impress of Jerry Vale doing a helluva job. A duet would have been a nice touch. Little continues to amaze the audience by his "right on" impressions of just about everyone. I particularly liked his nostalgia seg complete with slides and his singing. He's really got it together.....the Sahara was doing torrid business with a socko combo of JIM NABORS & RUTH BUZZI. This is Ruth's Vegas debut but I guarantee it won't be her last appearance. She is sensational! Everyone loves that girl and knows that she is one of top comedienne in the business but take a look at her, singing and dancing! It's one of the freshest acts around using versatility as a key word. Buzzi's Boys are top drawer talents and are a big plus. Jim Nabors always delivers an entertaining show and this one is no exception. He is another versatile performer offering musical comedy numbers, religious songs, and pop songs with equal success. His finale is always a treat utilizing everyone on the bill including Ruth and her gang. I hit the jackpot on this show!....What can anyone say about the Un-sinkable DEBBIE REYNOLDS? The Desert Inn was alive with the sound of applause and cheering at the end of Deb's turn. She deserves it whether making fun of herself ("I bet you thought I couldn't do anything but sing "Tammy"), her ex-husbands (I had to buy these shoes retail), her friends (funny impressions of ZSA ZSA, MAE WEST, STREISAND, ETC.), recreating her smash performance as "Irene" or just singing "Tammy." She is now a Vegas institution earning billing on the DI sign as DEBBIE. Everyone knows who that is!..... "Hallelujah, Hollywood" is the biggest hit ever. Everywhere you go, people are talking about it. I think it revived interest in the spectacle type shows that I have always loved. They are something that you simply cannot see anywhere in the world. You must know they utilize the majority of the MGM hit musicals throwing in a few tidbits from Fox and Warner Bros. for good measure. The most amazing magic act in the world (I'm not exaggerating!) is SIEGFRIED AND ROY. I still can't figure it out. The sets and costumes are gorgeous even if some of the dancers seem to have lost their sparkle. L.B. MAYER wouldn't have stood for that. The night I saw it, a major production number just didn't come up and that was a disappointment, but that the only disappointment there....at the Tropicana, the Tiffany's of the Strip is another incredible production, "Folies Bergere 1975". The Folies has enjoyed a reputation for years as being a first rate show and this one doesn't disappoint. They have not missed a trick nor did they spare any expense in assembling this diamond entertainment. It sparkles with life, sequins and energy. BUDDY VEST invests the role of the M.C. with his own special talents and it's a gas! Vive Les Folies!!!

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DEAN MARTIN BACK AT MGM GRAND HOTEL UNTIL APRIL 8

Dean Martin, who holds the all-time showcount record in the MGM Grand Hotel's spacious Celebrity Room, is scheduled to return there April 2. The unflappable nightclub - movie - recording star will be making his seventh appearance at the sprawling, 2100-room resort. A long-time veteran on the Las Vegas nightclub scene,

Martin is revered by his fans who worship him on an even par with the Sinatras and Presleys. From his long-running television show to his many movie hits to his sold-out nightclub engagements to his million-seller recordings, Dino is acknowledged world-wide as a superstar's superstar. Martin will back up his one-week MGM engagement with the



talented Third Generation Steps on the same bill.

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