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A full-page portrait of Sheryl Crow with long, wavy, light brown hair, wearing a white t-shirt and a black leather watch. She is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression.

## Sheryl Crow ROCKS ON

**THE NEW CONVERTIBLES**  
It's Open Season For Driving

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How To Visit Them Like A V.I.P.

**SUMMER MUSIC SPECIAL**  
A Rock-And-Roll Report

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Where To Park Your Superyacht

# The Platinum List

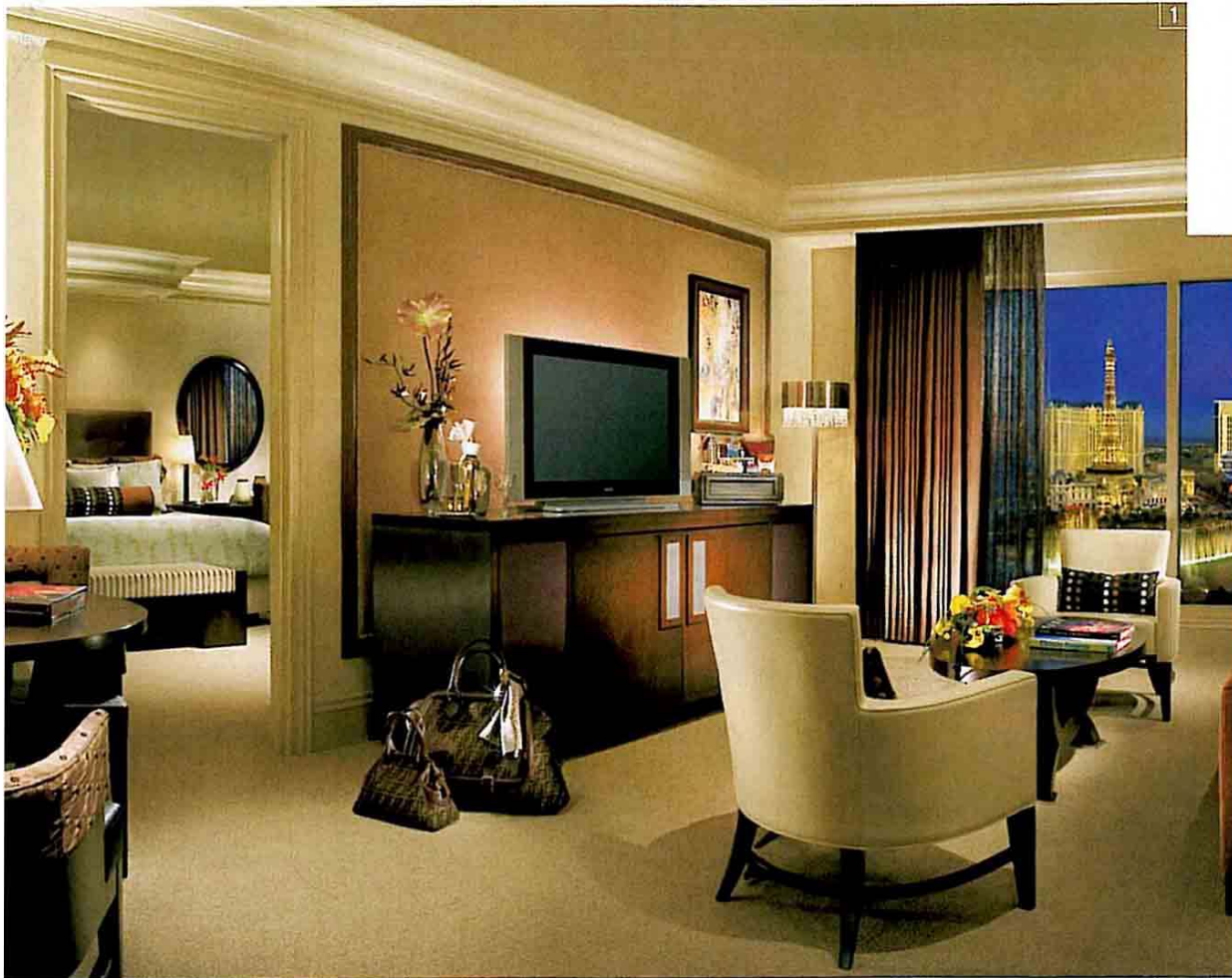
HOTELS • GOLF COURSES • SPAS • CRUISES

TOP

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HOTELS

## MAINLAND U.S.

The world's best hotels make it look easy: The bellman knows your name, your favorite snacks are stocked in room, and a translator is secured when the rest of Hong Kong is sleeping. These are the sorts of amenities and services that *Celebrated Living* readers favor in their list of top hotels worldwide. And advancements at each — from room upgrades to new spas to celebrity chefs brought in-house — ensure they don't lose their edge. — ELAINE GLUSAC



### 1 BELLAGIO, LAS VEGAS

Consistently championed by *CL* readers, Bellagio, Las Vegas' luxury leader, never rests on its laurels. Seven types of newly remodeled suites provide a residential feel complete with iHome clocks, DVD players, automatic drapes, and hi-definition flat-screen TVs. New in the public realm, The Bank nightclub has an area stacked floor-to-ceiling with Cristal champagne, a sculpture gallery fronts the Cirque du Soleil theater, and Yellowtail Sushi Restaurant & Bar offers multi-course Omakase menus. (888) 987-6667 or (702) 693-7111, [www.bellagio.com](http://www.bellagio.com)



## 2 THE VENETIAN RESORT-HOTEL-CASINO, LAS VEGAS

Fresh from a \$100 million renovation of 3,000-plus rooms, the Italian-themed Venetian boosted both its tech quotient with WiFi, automatic window shades, and DVD players as well as its designer soft-side with Anichini bed linens, angora Maxwell Rodgers throw blankets, and Sobella bath sheets. Plus, the resort really spread its wings this year with a \$1.9 billion addition of The Palazzo Las Vegas, a neighboring resort convenient to Venetian guests. (877) 857-1861 or (702) 414-1000, [www.venetian.com](http://www.venetian.com)

## 3 JW MARRIOTT CAMELBACK INN RESORT & SPA, SCOTTSDALE

Surging in the ranks, Camelback just debuted a \$45 million reinvention that rebuilt the lobby in hacienda style, installed new beds and refurbished baths, and debuted BLT Steak restaurant. (888) 242-2635 or (480) 948-1700, [www.camelbackinn.com](http://www.camelbackinn.com)

## 4 THE BROADMOOR, COLORADO SPRINGS

The site of this summer's 2008 U.S. Senior Open, The Broadmoor also aims to attract foodies with two "barbecue university" sessions with expert Steven Raichlen in June. (800) 634-7711 or (719) 634-7711, [www.broadmoor.com](http://www.broadmoor.com)

## 5 THE PHOENICIAN, SCOTTSDALE

A desert favorite polishes its appeal with a \$12 million room and lobby renovation, and a new 60-suite hotel within the hotel. Coming attraction: a restaurant from Jean-Georges Vongerichten. (800) 888-8234 or (480) 941-8200, [www.thephoenician.com](http://www.thephoenician.com)

## 6 FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CHICAGO

An upcoming lobby renewal by Pierre Yves Rochon will complete the refurbishment that has already recast the rooms in elegant, 1940s French style. (800) 332-3442 or (312) 280-8800, [www.fourseasons.com/chicagofs](http://www.fourseasons.com/chicagofs)

## 7 ROSEWOOD MANSION ON TURTLE CREEK, DALLAS

Divine new dining concepts — particularly the 20-seat, multi-course-specialist Chef's Room — from chef John Tesar headline recent achievements at the perennial Texas champ. (800) 527-5432 or (214) 559-2100, [www.mansiononturtlecreek.com](http://www.mansiononturtlecreek.com)

## 8 PENINSULA CHICAGO

Chicago's Peninsula introduces the Peninsula Academy, offering inside passage to the Windy City's best, including shopping at the Merchandise Mart and cooking at the hotel's lauded Avenues restaurant. (866) 288-8889 or (312) 337-2888, [www.peninsula.com](http://www.peninsula.com)

## 9 OMNI LA MANSIÓN DEL RIO, SAN ANTONIO

Fresh from a \$60 million investment, La Mansión installed cushy beds, soundproof windows, plasma TVs, and a new art collection strong in Mexican folk art. (800) 292-7300 or (210) 518-1000, [www.omnilamansion.com](http://www.omnilamansion.com)

## 10 MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MIAMI

Extending its appeal to all ages, the Mandarin Miami now offers family suites and kids' programs in origami and tai chi, as well as adult access to Casa Casuarina, the former Versace mansion-turned-club. (866) 888-6780 or (305) 913-8383, [www.mandarinoriental.com/miami](http://www.mandarinoriental.com/miami) ➤

