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Inside the Plaza Hotel & Casino
1 Main Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101

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Named after former Las Vegas Mayor Oscar B. Goodman, Oscar's Steakhouse is a glamorous and uniquely Las Vegas steakhouse inside the iconic glass dome of the Plaza Hotel & Casino, overlooking the lights of Fremont Street and downtown Vegas.

THE RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

The approach to food and service at Oscar's Steakhouse is the same as Goodman's approach to life – eat, drink, and have fun! Oscar's offers an authentic steakhouse ambiance with diverse cuts of beef, classic seafood options and traditional sides while highlighting modern dining trends. The menu pays homage to Goodman's beloved family and infamous 'friends' and coupled with the restaurant's personal service, Oscar's offers an unforgettable vintage Vegas dining experience.

Goodman has long been escorted by showgirls, but he has another sidekick that he won't be caught without – the martini! The lounge features a wide variety of specialty martinis and other handcrafted cocktails. Happy Hour from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday in Oscar's lounge offers discounts on house wine, well drinks, beer and select appetizers.

THE EXPERIENCE

The classic-Vegas-themed restaurant incorporates memorabilia from Goodman's tenure as Mayor, including personal artifacts, photographs, and news clips. Ask your server or bartender about purchasing his autobiography "Being Oscar" or see his Black Book, exclusively available at the restaurant, which provides Goodman's own personal back stories for the names of the individual menu items, like Johnny Quinn's Crab Cake, No Nose's Mob Meatballs, or Joey C's Filet Mignon.

OSCAR DINNER SERIES

Classic Vegas comes to life during the Oscar Dinner Series, special dinner events with Goodman held throughout the year. Guests enjoy a gourmet three-course meal paired with wine or the signature Hizzoner Martini while listening to Goodman recount his extraordinary experiences as a criminal defense attorney for alleged mobsters that are hallmarks of Las Vegas' unique and fascinating history.

OSCAR B. GOODMAN

Born July 1939 in Philadelphia and a graduate from The Haverford School and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Goodman became one of the nation's best criminal defense attorneys, named one the "15 Best Trial Lawyers in America" by the National Law Journal. A review of his 'connected' list of clients also makes him notorious – Meyer Lansky, Nicky Scarfo, Herbert "Fat Herbie" Blitzstein, Phil Leonetti, Jamiel "Jimmy" Chagra, Anthony "Tony the Ant" Spilotro, and former Stardust Casino boss, Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal. And if he looks familiar, chances are you saw Goodman in a cameo role as himself in the movie *Casino* where he represented "Ace Rothstein," a character based on Lefty Rosenthal and played by Robert DeNiro.

From noted mob attorney to the Mayor of Las Vegas, Goodman was sworn in June 1999 and served the maximum of twelve years, securing over 80 percent of the vote every election. The self-proclaimed "Happiest Mayor in the Universe," Goodman was known for his trademark tell-it-like-it-is approach and a vision for Downtown Las Vegas that led to continued revitalization and growth. Goodman then had the distinct pleasure of swearing in his wife, Carolyn Goodman, as his successor.



Welcome to Oscar's in Downtown Las Vegas!

You are in my joint, and I want to share it with you along with memories of a few people, places, and recipes that hold a special place in my heart.

Your table puts you at the center of Sin City history where some of the biggest movers and shakers made the deals that greased the city's wheels. This is where it all began!

Imagine this... You are on a roll, playing craps, the casino is buzzing, and your martini is full. A whale just walked by followed by two beautiful ladies, and their sweet perfume lingers in the air. People at the bar sip highballs under shimmering chandeliers while they wait to enter the classic showroom.

Sensory overload? Maybe this is more your speed... Picture a big, juicy ribeye, stiff cocktail and your date sitting next to you. A few tables over sit Frank Rosenthal and Tony Spilotro with their attorney, me, Oscar B. Goodman. We are deep in whispered conversation. Jazzy piano tunes fill the air, and you thumb the roll of cash in your pocket from your blackjack winnings. Life is good.

This is Downtown Las Vegas, the greatest place on earth. You are here in these storied walls, under this iconic dome, and it's your time. Breathe it in. Make lasting, bold memories. Drink a few too many. Tell stories, and enjoy your family and friends.

- **Oscar B. Goodman**
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Oscar B Goodman



Photos

(higher resolution images available upon request)



Exterior



Lounge at Oscar's steakhouse



Dining room of Oscar's, inside the dome overlooking Fremont Street



Ben Jenkins

Executive Chef for the Plaza Hotel & Casino and Oscar's

Chef Ben Jenkins discovered his love for cooking as a child by his mother's side in his family's North Carolina home. He went on to pursue his passion for food in high school working for James Beard award winner Chef Scott Howell at Nana's restaurant in Durham before receiving a professional culinary education at the New England Culinary Institute. Now, an accomplished chef, Jenkins pairs his loving care for cooking family meals with the multifaceted culinary



experience he gained at renowned restaurants to create unforgettable dishes and reimagined menus as the executive chef at the Plaza Hotel & Casino in downtown Las Vegas.

Before coming to the Plaza, Jenkins enjoyed a prolific career with the acclaimed restaurateur and chef Michael Mina. Jenkins helped to open Aqua at Bellagio in 1998 and then became executive sous chef at the restaurant's San Francisco location. He moved back to Las Vegas to open the Mediterranean seafood style restaurant, SEABLUE for the Mina Group in 2003, ultimately rising to the role of executive chef. Jenkins then served as executive chef at StripSteak at Mandalay Bay from 2006 to 2011 and at Michael Mina Bellagio from 2011 to 2016.

In 2016, Jenkins left Las Vegas for Hawaii, where he opened a third StripSteak for Mina in Waikiki's redeveloped International Market Place. He then served as director of operations for a new restaurant specializing in Iberian cuisine in Honolulu. After three years in Hawaii, Jenkins returned to Las Vegas seeking new challenges and opportunities as the executive chef for the diverse culinary operation at the Plaza Hotel & Casino.

Jenkins brings his extensive experience of nearly two decades with steak and seafood to the Plaza and its award-winning steakhouse, Oscar's. His passion for sourcing the highest-quality products to create straightforward presentations with gourmet touches further enhances the celebrated restaurant's classic menu.

From the Rat-Pack inspired Oscar's steakhouse to the relaxed poolside fare of the Plaza's food truck, Jenkins will continue to elevate the various dining experiences at the Plaza Hotel & Casino and establish the continually growing property as a preeminent culinary destination in downtown Las Vegas.



Reviews

- **Named Best Steakhouse in Las Vegas by the *Las Vegas Review-Journal***
- **Named Best Place to Celebrate and Best Steakhouse Downtown by *Casino Player***
- **Certificate of Excellence from *Trip Advisor***
- **Diner's Choice by *Open Table***
- **Named one of the "9 New Reasons to Visit Las Vegas" by *CNN Go***
- **Named one of the "Five Hot New Las Vegas Restaurants Not to Miss" by *Fodor's***
- **Award of Excellence – The Top Wine Dining Destinations 2015 by *Wine Spectator***

"It's a throwback, yes, to old Las Vegas, but the chef is smart enough to honor tradition without being a slave to it." – *Heidi Knapp Rinella, restaurant critic for the Las Vegas Review-Journal*

"Oscar's Beef, Booze and Broads is a marriage of old-school Vegas and contemporary charm...A visit to Oscar's can be like a stroll down memory lane, to a Vegas where mobsters and casino moguls ruled." – *VEGAS MAGAZINE*

"The signature addition: December saw, in an airy, domed space, the opening of the on-site steakhouse to which former Mayor Oscar Goodman lent his name. Oscar's trumpets a throwback theme of 'beef, booze and broads.'" – *Los Angeles Times*

"The theme of Oscar's is pure "Rat Pack"—beef, booze and broads...There's a swagger at Oscar's and the experience is all about fun." – *Southern California Life After 50*

"The happiest Mayor on earth created a classy fun place to dine in mobster style...The Birdseye view of Fremont Street after dark is the pinnacle." – *Desert Valley Times*

"Oscar's aims to offer diners a throwback steakhouse experience in a modern setting... Had this place been around in Las Vegas' formative years, Bugsy Siegel would have been a regular." – *Travel Weekly*

"Downtown Las Vegas' newest dining treasure, Oscar's is the very definition of 'a meal with a view.'" – *Sunseeker Magazine*

"The approach to food and service at the gorgeous restaurant is the same as Oscar's approach to life—eat, drink and have fun!" – *Yellow Magazine*