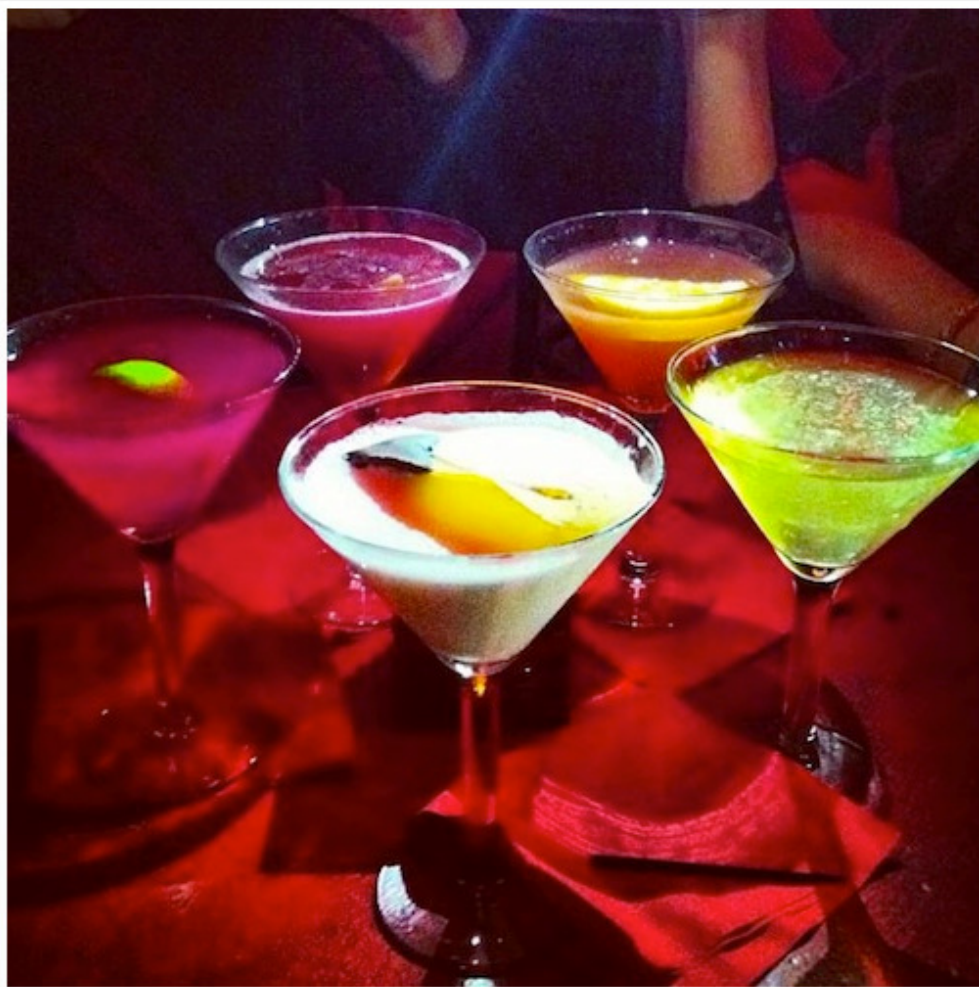


Vegas Chatter

Two Of Our Fave Bars On The Strip

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Everyone's tastes are different, especially when asked for opinions on the must-see bars in Vegas. With that in mind, we thought it would be good to get out in front of this frequently asked question with a new segment called *Sip or Pour*.

"Sip" will provide a guide to bars with the tastiest drinks, and most talented bartenders around, where you can chill with a great cocktail and a little ambiance. "Pour" will give you the lowdown on some of the most happening bars, places to get hammered your groove on, party the night away, and ensure you wake up with the true Vegas hangover experience. Without further delay, here are our first two picks:

Sip

We start this journey off at one of our most frequented casinos on The Strip. [Mandalay Bay](#) has an assortment of bars and is home to the soon-to-be-opened [Cirque inspired LIGHT nightclub](#). For now, though, one of our favorite spots to grab a drink after a long day out in the sun is [Red Square](#).

The recently renovated bar, tucked in the back of Mandalay Bay, has one of the most impressive collections of vodka on The Strip, and the bartenders know how to use them. Don't be afraid to go off menu and get them to create something unique. We have had them make us almost every kind of vodka creation imaginable, from a Skittles Martini to a Spicy Pepper & Citrus Vodka Tonic. Although, if you are looking for something really refreshing, they make a mean **Moscow Mule!**



As if the drinks aren't enough, this might be the most interestingly decorated spots on The Strip. The Russian motif and atmosphere really makes this a cool spot to visit. Not to mention the coolest (literally) part of the bar -- the ice vault where you can get all dressed up in a Russian parka and hat and toss back some vodka shots. The best part is that, unlike the **Minus Five bars**, there is no cover charge. Although, it's expected you will take part in some shots once inside. We have found, though, that some sweet words with the bartender/manager and a nice tip should be enough to get you a quick look around and a photo op. Needless to say, if you're looking for a fantastic spot to grab a few interesting drinks with a great staff and some neat surrounding, Red Square is your spot!

Pour

If you're looking for something with a little more action, try heading down to [New York-New York](#). The long lived (and *still* living) **Coyote Ugly** could be your spot.

Aside from having half-naked bartenders strutting around just like in the movie, Coyote Ugly has some pretty wild drink deals and can be a great spot to hang out for a few hours while pouring on the fun and getting your "money's worth". If you're an early bird there is happy hour from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. every night with \$4 draft and 2-for-1 drinks. And, if you're willing to stay the night, they offer a "Drink Yourself Ugly" package with all-you-can-drink draft and well spirits for \$30 (\$35 on Friday/Saturday) which really gets everyone into the boozing spirit.



The bartenders make this spot special as they try to emulate the same attitude and in-your-face style shown on the big screen. And, while you would expect the bar to draw a mostly male crowd, there is usually a good male-to-female mix as there are several freebies for the girls inside including many, many opportunities for free shots and free drinks. Trust us, the ladies tending the bar are very female first and they make sure they take care of their own!

As for the ambiance, the music is a mix of country and rock. They try and keep it fairly mainstream so everyone can enjoy it. And, every once and a while, the bartenders will show off their own dance moves while hosting an entertaining evening, many times filled with dance contests and even the option to get up on the bar yourself. So, when you're looking for a party option at this end of The Strip that won't kill your wallet, but still offers some lighthearted fun, Coyote Ugly is a pretty fine choice.

Got some favorite spots of your own? Tell us about them below!