









Las Vegas, NV 10 Day Weather

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DAY		DESCRIPTION	HIGH / LOW	PRECIP	WIND	HUMIDITY
WED OCT 4		Sunny	83°/59°	0%	S 12 mph	19%
THU OCT 5		Sunny	81°/61°	0%	N 10 mph	20%
FRI OCT 6		Sunny	84°/62°	0%	N 7 mph	15%
SAT OCT 7		Sunny	84°/60°	0%	WSW 7 mph	15%
SUN OCT 8		Sunny	78°/58°	0%	N 11 mph	22%
MON OCT 9		Sunny	78°/59°	0%	N 10 mph	21%

WELCOME TO HERITAGE WEEKEND!

Thank you for joining our para this year for Heritage Weekend & Classic! We look forward to an incredible weekend of inspiration, relaxation, and fun. The following is a snapshot of the weekend schedule. Should you need to contact Art and/or Vicki at any time, don't hesitate to call us: Art (571) 723-3621 | Vicki (717) 715-7195. The weather will be wonderful – evenings will cool down a bit, so if you plan to be out late at night, a light sweater/wind breaker will do. For those of you going out poolside, sunscreen will be provided.

The National Hellenic Society's signature program, the Heritage Greece Program, will also host a reunion for its alumni network in tandem with Heritage Weekend. Look out for them, get to know them, and offer them your encouragement. They are truly our ambassadors of Hellenic heritage and an outstanding group. The alumni will also be assisting throughout the weekend by pointing you in the right direction to all our meeting spaces. The good news is, they are easy to locate.

When you arrive, please check in to your room as soon as time and schedule allow. We will be sending a welcome bag to your room that includes name badges, schedules, and a marked resort map indicating the location of each of our events. Encore will only deliver the bag once you have checked in and are in the room to receive it. **Please remember to wear your badge to all events.** See you soon!

General Information

The Encore at Wynn Las Vegas
3131 Las Vegas Blvd South, Las Vegas, NV 89109 (702) 770-7000
Check-in is at 3:00 pm. Check-out is 12:00 pm.

Valet Parking: The Encore (as do many Vegas hotels) now charges valet and self-parking fees for those driving.

Encore & Wynn Casino

The Encore and Wynn operate a world-class casino with all table games, slots, a race/sports book, and poker. **The NHS has reserved a blackjack table for Friday and Saturday evenings starting at midnight. For poker players, join us on Saturday night at midnight for an exclusive cash buy-in Texas Hold'em tournament with cash pay-outs for several top spots.**

Spa

The Spa at Wynn was the first in Las Vegas to be honored with a Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star Award, and the Spa at Encore followed suit with a Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star Award in its first year of operation. The Spa at Encore is open daily from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. A full menu of services is available [online \(http://www.wynnlasvegas.com/Amenities/Spas/EncoreSpa\)](http://www.wynnlasvegas.com/Amenities/Spas/EncoreSpa). Reservations are recommended.

À La Carte Activities

Many of our guests want to add/change *à la carte* activities upon arrival, and that is fine! If you wish to participate in any of the fun leisure and sports activities, contact Vicki Georges to decide ahead of time or while in Vegas (vg@hellenicsociety.org). You will have the opportunity to register for last minute activities in Vegas. There will be a help desk on Thursday at Registration Desk 6, as well as outside of each event area from Thursday evening-Saturday evening.

What Do I Wear?

In general, Heritage Weekend is a relaxed and INFORMAL celebration of our heritage with our para and guests. The attire for the entire weekend is resort casual, especially for the morning panel discussions. Casual, relaxing, and informal are the general guidelines. For those interested in getting some sun, bring your bathing suit. We have reserved poolside cabanas for NHS guests.

Saturday evening tends to be a bit dressier. Ladies may consider a cocktail dress and gentlemen a blazer or other business casual attire. We want everyone to enjoy themselves in a relaxed and festive atmosphere. There will be dancing and after parties, so please wear comfortable shoes!

THURSDAY OCTOBER 5TH

Evening Reception

7:00-9:30 p.m.

The Chopin Patio

ATTIRE: Resort Casual

Join us for our reception with cocktails and mezzedes at the beautiful Chopin Patio.

After Hours Suggestions

9:30 p.m.

Sinatra at the Encore

If you love Ol' Blue Eyes, this is the place to get together for dinner/cocktails and enjoy the iconic atmosphere of actual Academy and Grammy Awards and memorabilia from Frank Sinatra's incredible career synonymous with Las Vegas. Last seating is at 10:00 p.m. Reservations highly recommended for dinner.

Eastside Lounge

At Eastside Lounge, you can sip an alluring cocktail while appreciating the stunning views of Encore's resort pool. Eastside Lounge features expertly prepared classic and hand-crafted specialty cocktails along with a full selection of spirits, wine, and beer. Eastside Lounge is open until 2:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

Breakfast, Lunch, & Panel Presentations

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Encore Ballroom 1-3

ATTIRE: Casual (shorts and tees are fine)

This year, we're hosting our panel presentations in tandem with breakfast and lunch, thereby freeing up your afternoons to participate in any of the à la carte activities, relax poolside, enjoy the spa, or just hang out with your para.

Friday breakfast will start at 8:30 a.m. and continue to be served throughout the morning with a light lunch to follow. **DO NOT MISS OUT ON THE PANEL PRESENTATIONS!** The roster of panelists is outstanding, and the panel presentations will go from at 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The first panel at 9:00 a.m. is the [Heritage & Culture](#) panel featuring some of the world's leading classical archeologists and scholars for a riveting presentation and discussion.

The second panel is the [Science & Medicine](#) panel with an equally outstanding line-up of experts, covering a wide range of fascinating topics.

À La Carte Activities

Details for Friday, October 6th à la carte fun, sports, and leisure activities are as follows:

Event	Meeting Place and Time	Comments
Golf Practice Round	Encore Main Valet @ 12:00 p.m.	Bali Hai will pick-up/drop off
Exotic Car Racing	Encore Main Valet @ 12:30 p.m.	Shuttle provided by Bell Transportation
Sun Buggy Chase	Encore Main Valet @ 1:00 p.m.	Shuttle provided by Bell Transportation
Red Rock Hike	Encore Main Valet @ 12:30 p.m.	Shuttle provided by Bell Transportation
Cooking Class	Debussy 2 @ 2:00 p.m.	Hosted by Master Chef Diane Kochilas
Gemology Class	Puccini @ 2:00 p.m.	Hosted by DeBeers Forevermark President Charles Stanley
Encore Pool	Reserved NHS cabanas	Encore Pool

NHS Board Meeting

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Puccini

The NHS Board of Directors and Board of Advisors will meet in the Puccini room.

Dinner & Glendi

Encore Ballroom 4-8

Cocktails from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker 9:00 p.m.

Glendi 9:30-11:00 pm.

ATTIRE: Business Casual

After Hours

Top Golf at the MGM

11:30- 2:00 a.m.

Shuttle service to Top Golf will leave at 11:30 p.m. from the Encore bus drop off/pick up area adjacent to the main valet. The Heritage Greece alumni will be attending, and we encourage all young professionals and young family members to attend for an exciting night of golf, late night mezzedes, and fun at this one-of-a-kind facility in a range reserved for NHS guests. All guests are invited to join in. If you have not yet registered for this free event, please give us a heads-up in advance if possible.

Gaming

Encore Casino

Reserved Blackjack

Midnight to 1:30 a.m.

We've reserved a blackjack table exclusively for NHS guests at the Encore Casino (\$25 minimum).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

Breakfast, Annual Meeting, Lunch, & Panel Presentations

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Encore Ballroom 1-3

ATTIRE: Casual (shorts and tees are fine)

Saturday breakfast will start at 8:30 a.m. It will be followed by the NHS Annual Meeting at 9:00 a.m., with a report from the Board of Directors, elections for the Board of Directors, and discussion of Bylaw amendments.

The incredible [Women's Forum](#) panel discussion will follow at 10:00 a.m. with a truly outstanding group of professional women, moderated by Laura Evans Manatos. Laura is a seasoned news journalist and anchorwoman, who was on Fox 5 News in one of the nation's largest markets, Washington, D.C.

The second panel, the [Democracy Forum](#), brings together a former U.S. Senator, Governor and presidential candidate, retired Congressman, and three sitting members of the U.S. Congress, moderated by two world renowned experts.

À La Carte Activities

Details for Saturday, October 7th *à la carte* activities are as follows:

Event	Meeting Place& Time	Comments
Telly Savalas Tournament	Encore Main Valet @ 12:00 p.m.	Bali Hai Course will pick-up/drop off
Pink Jeep Desert Tour	Encore Main Valet @ 2:00 p.m.	Shuttle provided by Bell Transportation
Old West Shoot-Out	Encore Main Valet @ 12:30 p.m.	Shuttle provided by Machine Guns Vegas
Chanel Trunk Show	Encore Main Check-In @ 2:00 p.m.	Group will go to Wynn boutique together
Greek Dance Workshop	Encore Ballroom @ 1:30 p.m.	
Bouzouki Workshop	Ravel @ 4:00 p.m.	

New NHS Member and Prospect Reception

Encore Ballroom 4-8

6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Farewell Dinner, Awards, & Glendi

Encore Ballroom 4-8

Cocktails from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Awards 8:45 p.m.

Glendi 9:15-11:00 pm.

ATTIRE: Cocktail

After Hours

Gaming

Encore Casino

Reserved Blackjack

Midnight to 1:30 a.m.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

Farewell Brunch

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Chopin

ATTIRE: Casual (shorts/Polo shirts/tees are fine)

A complete schedule of activities may be found on the National Hellenic Society [website \(www.nationalhellenicsociety.org\)](http://www.nationalhellenicsociety.org). The National Hellenic Society will have a staffed desk in the Encore conference area at Registration Desk 6 with resort maps, activity information, and weekend schedules. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Las Vegas team or the National Hellenic Society:

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get to and from the airport?

By taxi, Super Shuttle (<http://www.supershuttle.com/Locations/LasVegasLAS>), or limousine (<http://www.belllimousine.com/web-specials/>). Downloading the Uber app on your phone can also provide quick and easy transportation to the hotel and around Las Vegas. The hotel is conveniently located within five miles of the airport.

Where do we register once we arrive at the hotel?

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If I need help with something, who should I call?

For assistance call, please contact: Art at 571-723-3621 or Vicki at 717-715-7195. You can also reach NHS' event planners: Lisa Robinson at 702-326-0334 or Katie Finnerty at 702-234-6682

What is the attire for the weekend?

Casual, relaxing, and informal are the general guidelines. The good news is we anticipate wonderful weather with relatively low humidity, temperatures during the day ranging from the high 80s to low 90s, and mid to high 60s at night. For those interested in getting sun, bring your bathing suit and sit by the pool. We have reserved poolside cabanas for NHS guests. A light sweater for the ladies and blazer for the gentlemen is a good idea to bring along for outdoor evening receptions, just in case. Saturday evening tends to be a bit dressier. Ladies may

consider a cocktail dress and gentlemen a blazer. The goal is for everyone to enjoy themselves in a relaxed atmosphere. There will be dancing and after parties, so please wear comfortable shoes!

What is there to do after the *glendi* on Friday night and dinner on Saturday night?

The after party on Friday night will be at Top Golf for golf range fun with music (Greek and American) dancing, cocktails, and munchies. The after party on Saturday night will be at Eastside Lounge inside the hotel from 11:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

How will activities outside the hotel work?

Transportation for all *à la carte* activities is provided with pick-up from a designated bus pick up area next to the Encore valet. Pick-up times from the Encore vary according to the event and the schedule will be provided in your registration materials. The adventurous *à la carte* activities are filling-up! If you can let us know in advance that would be appreciated.

For golfers, the optional round of golf is on Friday at Bally Hai. The Telly Savalas Memorial Classic tournament is on Saturday also at Bally Hai. If you registered as a golfer, **please keep in mind that there are two separate fees to play each day.**

On Sunday, you can attend Liturgy at the beautiful St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church. Liturgy starts at 10:00 a.m. Please let us know if you plan on attending church, and we can assist with transportation arrangements.

Are the panel presentations worth attending?

Absolutely! These are NOT lectures, and we promise you will be inspired and riveted by the host of interesting topics and themes. You will find the presentations and discussions compelling and have an opportunity to interact with the roster of speakers which include nationally known individuals.

Are any young people attending Heritage Weekend?

The NHS' signature program, the Heritage Greece Program, has an active alumni network. The NHS hosts a reunion for alumni in tandem with Heritage Weekend. The alumni are college-aged students and young working adults. NHS is committed to these ambassadors of Hellenic heritage that have forged lifelong relationships with each other and our members. It is not too late to consider bringing your own young family member to join the *parea* and fun!

We look forward to a memorable weekend celebration of Hellenic heritage with you and our *parea*. Safe travels and *kali antamosi*!

Dr. George Korkos
Heritage Weekend Committee Chair