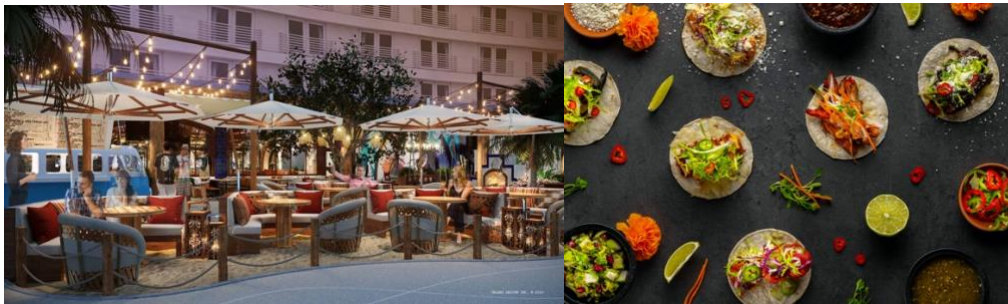




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**CASA CALAVERA LAS VEGAS IS NOW ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS AHEAD OF ITS MARCH 25
OPENING DATE TO THE PUBLIC**

**The Mexican Culinary and Cantina Concept Debuts its First U.S. Location Inside the Highly
Anticipated Virgin Hotels Las Vegas**



From left to right; outdoor patio at Casa Calavera Las Vegas, collection of Casa Calavera tacos

LAS VEGAS, NV – February 25, 2021 – Global hospitality company **Hakkasan Group** today announced Casa Calavera, a Mexican culinary and cantina concept inside Virgin Hotels Las Vegas, a part of the Curio Collection by Hilton™ is now accepting reservations and will open to the public on Thursday, March 25, 2021. The Las Vegas outlet of Casa Calavera will feature a main dining room and full service bar, outdoor patio overlooking Virgin Hotels Las Vegas' resort pool, and a number of intricately-themed traditional altars curated as photo opportunities with each fabricated in Mexican tiles, reclaimed wood, calavera skulls, traditional Mexican furniture, authentic posters, and bright marigold flowers.

Casa Calavera combines traditional Mexican cuisine complemented with a twist of energetic social ambiance. Guests can anticipate a relaxed open-air, feet-in-the-sand experience from a dining perspective paired with a stylish, pre-party nightlife atmosphere. Casa Calavera features traditional Mexican calavera art and an authentic Día de los Muertos theme at its core, which is highlighted within the restaurant's many wall murals. Las Vegas is the second location for this dynamic restaurant concept with the first outpost residing beachside in San Jose del Cabo, Mexico. The Las Vegas venue's interior draws inspiration from the original location in spirit but with impactful updates that make it unique for Las Vegas's playful day-into-night adult setting.

The menu, conceived by Casa Calavera's Chef de Cuisine Hugo Cabrera says of the cuisine, "Each dish was created to provide a variety of flavors that one would only expect to come from a truly authentic Mexican cantina". Guests can expect to start off the menu with traditional chips while choosing from three of Casa Calavera's house-made Guacamoles including; The Classic – *made with invigorating tomatillo, onion, jalapeno, cilantro and lime*, The Pomegranate – *created with the freshest jicama, green apple, and mint*, and the soon-to-be-crowd-favorite Chipotle Bacon – *including chorizo, adobo and authentic Cotija cheese*. Before the main course, guests can sample a Casa Calavera starter such as Mexican Street Corn, *served on the cob and placed onto a lollipop stick then rolled in mayo, Cotija cheese, and chile tajin*.

Moving onto Casa Calavera's large plates, some must-try dishes include Chimichurri Skirt Steak *with roasted green chilies, scallion and cilantro chimichurri sauce* and the Ají-glazed Mahi Mahi *sitting atop grilled vegetables and drizzled with a citrus mojo sauce*. A Casa Calavera menu would not be complete



without a range of taco selections including Roasted Chicken, Carne Asada, Baja Fish, Portobello & Rajas, and many, many more.

Derek Silberstein, Executive Vice President of Food & Beverage for Hakkasan Group stated “We’re beyond excited to bring Casa Calavera stateside and we feel there is no better place than with Virgin Hotels Las Vegas. The excitement that the Virgin Hotels brand is bringing, not only to the city of Las Vegas but to its ever-growing culinary scene, is second to none. We are proud to be part of this next chapter in Las Vegas’s history and believe Casa Calavera is the perfect brand to complement the gastronomic flavors of Virgin Hotels Las Vegas.”

In line with government and health authority guidance for health and sanitation, Casa Calavera will operate via a paperless menu system via a scannable QR code from your phone, tables to be spaciouly separated in both its main dining room and extensive outdoor patio with a rigorous cleaning plan being implemented. Its staff will undergo an extensive month-long training session that will include Hakkasan Group’s Safety Plan in place for all its nightlife locations and restaurant portfolio.

Casa Calavera, located inside Virgin Hotels Las Vegas at 4455 Paradise Road will be open starting March 25 for lunch and dinner, Sundays through Thursdays from 11:30am to 10pm, and Fridays and Saturdays from 11:30am to 11pm. Reservations are advised due to restricted capacity and can be made online at VirginHotelsLV.com or CasaCalavera.com or by calling 702-522-8000.

For inquiries to host a special event, group outing, or full venue buyout, please contact LasVegas@CasaCalavera.com

Casa Calavera

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4455 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89169

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Cuisine; Authentic Mexican

Opening Hours:

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Website: VirginHotelsLV.com / CasaCalavera.com

Facebook: [@CasaCalaveraLasVegas](https://www.facebook.com/CasaCalaveraLasVegas)

Instagram: [@CasaCalaveraLasVegas](https://www.instagram.com/CasaCalaveraLasVegas)

Twitter: [@CasaCalaveraLV](https://twitter.com/CasaCalaveraLV)

Parking:

Utilize Virgin Hotels Las Vegas parking garage located off Paradise Road.

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About Hakkasan Group

Hakkasan Group is a renowned worldwide hospitality company with establishments across North America, Europe, Middle East, Asia and Africa. Its namesake is taken from its Michelin star restaurant that set the best-in-class standard for the diverse brands in the group's collection. Its 'brand first' philosophy creates restaurant, nightlife and daylife venues into a world-class hospitality portfolio, all with a focus on service, design, and innovation that together, craft remarkable experiences for its guests. Its restaurant properties include Hakkasan, with multiple locations worldwide, Ling Ling, Yauatcha, Sake no Hana, Kamasaka, Casa Calavera, Herringbone and Searsucker. Concepts under the nightlife umbrella are Hakkasan, Omnia, and Jewel Nightclub; and daylife brands include Omnia, Wet Republic and Liquid. For more information, visit <https://hakkasangroup.com/> connect with us on [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) at @hakkasangroup.

About Casa Calavera

Casa Calavera is a culinary and cantina concept created by global hospitality company Hakkasan Group, featuring a relaxed open-air, feet-in-the-sand atmosphere and interiors that feature traditional Mexican calavera art and an authentic Día de los Muertos theme at its core. Casa Calavera creatively combines authentic Mexican cooking techniques, recipes, and ingredients with contemporary, innovative and sophisticated twists. Authentic furniture pieces and candelabras nod to old-world Mexico with an array of architectural finishes, including Mexican tiles, pebbles and stacked stone. Enter the restaurant via a corridor with altars tucked into niches that pay homage to its namesake - creating a dramatic sense of arrival and set the tone for this fun and energetic yet curiously mysterious venue that will take you back in time to historic Mexico. Casa Calavera Los Cabos opened in San Jose del Cabo, Mexico in early 2018, then followed in 2020 by a first-of-its kind virtual culinary pop-up in London. Casa Calavera Las Vegas is set to open in March 2021 inside Virgin Hotels Las Vegas.

About Virgin Hotels Las Vegas

Virgin Hotels Las Vegas is a reimagined and re-conceptualized casino resort. The property will be a part of the Curio Collection by Hilton™. The integrated resort will intermix a passion for food and beverage with music and culture and features three hotel towers totaling over 1,500 Chambers and suites; the 60,000 sq. ft. Mohegan Sun Casino, operated by Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment; a five-acre desert pool oasis including a multi-functional event lawn; live music and entertainment theater with 4,500 capacity; 24 Oxford showroom accommodating 650 guests; an exclusive portfolio of twelve food and beverage venues including Todd English's Olives, Kris Yenbamroong's Night + Market, the legendary Nobu, Michael and David Morton's One Steakhouse, Kassi Beach Club from restaurateur Nick Mathers, Casa Calavera by global hospitality company Hakkasan Group, the sports entertainment, daylife and nightlife venue Money, Baby! from Justin Massei and Mikis Troyan of Clive Collective, famous Afters Ice Cream, Pizza Forte by the Ferraro Family and signature Virgin Hotels restaurants and bars including The Kitchen at Commons Club, The Bar at Commons Club, The Shag Room and Funny Library Coffee Shop. The property is owned by JC Hospitality, LLC, in partnership with Juniper Capital Partners, Virgin Group, LiUNA, Fengate Asset Management, Dream and Orlando Development. The off-Strip playground, located at 4455 Paradise Road, is currently closed for renovations and scheduled to open on March 25, 2021. For more information, visit www.virginhotelslv.com.

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