When the Eldorado Hotel Casino was opened by Don Carano in 1973, it had 282 guest rooms, two restaurants and 10,000 square feet of gaming space with 200 slots and 12 table games. It was the first hotel casino to locate north of the railroad tracks that bisect the downtown Reno area.

Ground level facilities included a lobby, registration area, coffee shop, cocktail lounge, specialty dinner house and gaming area. The second floor facilities included a convention room to accommodate 600 persons, swimming pool and executive suites.

An expansion completed in August of 1979, brought the total guestrooms to 411 and a further expansion completed in September 1985, added 20,000



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square feet of gaming area and added new restaurants bringing the total to six restaurants total.

Throughout the years, the hotel casino has continued expand. Today, known as "Reno's shining star", the Eldorado Hotel Casino has established a reputation for exquisite dining, personal service, luxurious accommodations and non-stop excitement. The Eldorado has grown to cover an entire city block and to soar 252 feet above the city streets.

From deluxe king rooms to whirlpool suites and majestic theme suites, the Eldorado offers accommodations for all tastes. Each of the 817 hotel rooms is finely-appointed and extras include everything from plush linens and fabrics to



Eldorado Hotel 1973 Photo courtesy of The Eldorado Hotel Casino

custom-made cabinets and furniture. The sophisticated Spa Tower suites are unmatched by any establishment in Reno. The penthouse suites, ranging from 1,600 to 2,200 square feet each, offer elegant decor, breathtaking views, whirlpool tubs and large sitting and dining areas.

From the Chefs' Buffet and beautiful mezzanine casino to the exquisite Grand Plaza, the hotel's mezzanne level is reminiscent of a grand European avenue with gorgeous ceiling murals, ornate ironwork and stone arched walkways and columns. The hotel lobby, game arcade and The Brew Brothers restaurant microbrewery are also located on the mezzanine. The magnificent Fountain of Fortune cascades through the Grand Plaza beneath a stunning painted sunset sky, a spectacular transition leading guests to The Brew Brothers. The first microbrewery in a hotel casino, The Brew Brothers features eight custom microbrews, a creative menu and live entertainment.

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La Strada, a customer favorite and the hotel's signature restaurant, has been voted one of the top 10 Italian restaurants, among 2,500, in the nation. This festive restaurant is divided into three separate dining settings: a countryside villa,courtyard terrace and authentic wine cellar.

The Eldorado boasts a variety of additional dining options. Try Roxy, designed in collaboration with Pat Kuleto of San Francisco, for a taste of Paris with woodroasted meats and fish; Golden Fortune offers authentic Hong Kong style cuisine in

a classic Chinese setting; The Grill Steakhouse for prime rib, seafood and an extensive gourmet salad bar along with the all-you-can-eat Friday Night Seafood Buffet; Tivoli Gardens for an expansive international menu 24 hours a day; The Brew Brothers restaurant microbrewery; Chefs' Buffet, a new concept in buffet dining and Choices Express Cafe











offering American, Italian and Chinese specialties - Reno's hot spot for fast, fresh food.

Nationally recognized for its restaurants, the Eldorado's fine cuisine is attributed to its extraordinary chefs and an on-site bakery, pasta and gelato shop, butcher shop, coffee roasting company and microbrewery.

Casino space totals 81,000 square feet and contains 2,000 slot machines, 90 table games, three keno lounges and a full-service race and sportsbook. Additional amenities include, free valet and garage park-

ing, 24-hour room service, video arcade, heated outdoor

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swimming pool with sun deck and spa and a 12,400-square-foot state-ofthe-art convention center. The 580seat Eldorado Showroom features "Les Folie's de Paris," an extraordinary spectacle that blends European cabaret, authentic French "Can Can," humor, magic, acrobatics, song and dance with hilarious antics. Reno's hottest nightclub, the BuBinga Lounge, features a richly elegant atmosphere, live music and Djs, innovative cocktails including on-tap infusion drinks and a dance floor. This intimate night spot was named Best Nightclub in the latest Best of Reno poll.

The Eldorado is located in the heart of downtown Reno on the comer of Fourth and Virginia streets. Call 1-800-648-5966 for room reservations or more information. In Nevada, please call (775)786-5700. Check out the Eldorado's website at eldoradoreno.com.



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