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adrianna costa

Vegas welcomed *Extra* correspondent Adrianna Costa to town this spring. We toast her arrival by showcasing her favorite summertime drink, the Michelada, on our “Cheers” page.

How do you like living in Las Vegas? I’m obsessed with this city! My fiancé and I try to tackle a new hotel every week. I also like Lotus of Siam, Ferraro’s, and any great dim sum—plus shows like *Absinthe* and Celine Dion. **How do you feel about your first Vegas summer?** If there’s anything I can share about me, it’s that I love high shoes and hot temperatures—scorching hot! **How integral are cocktails to life here?** Vegas would be a tough city to be sober in. I like different drinks at different times: wine for lunch or dinner, Micheladas for happy hour to recover from the night before, and Patrón for a wild night on the town.



rick lax

Rick Lax, who wrote our “Adventure Vegas” feature, is the author of the books *I Get Paid for This: Kicking Ass and Taking Notes in Vegas*, *Latoye Boy*, and *Fool Me Once*, a book about deception. He creates magic tricks for theory11.com.

Which activity was your favorite? The zip-lining was great. I’d love to try doing it in a different setting—maybe a jungle. **You actually ended up having someone else skydive for the story instead of you—think you’ll ever get up the nerve to do it?** Maybe on my 70th birthday. That should give me plenty of time to weigh the pros and cons.

john curtas

Restaurant critic John Curtas, who writes our “So Many Dinners” column, is a frequent guest judge on *Iron Chef America* and the coauthor of *Eating Las Vegas—The 50 Essential Restaurants*.

What makes a restaurant special? Passion and a commitment to making the diners’ experience a memorable one, whether it’s a hot dog stand or a haute cuisine palace. Vegas is full of culinary gems, both famous and not-so. **What’s your favorite summertime Vegas experience?** Sipping a fine Riesling on the patio at Marché Bacchus. **What would you want for your last meal on Earth?** To me, heaven is eating foie gras to the sound of trumpets.



terry hunter

Terry Hunter, who spray-tanned our models for our “Roman Holiday” and “Faking It in Las Vegas” features, is the co-owner of Bronzed, Vegas’s go-to spray-tanning spot.

What’s your favorite part about what you do? Killing the idea that all spray-tanning looks fake. **Why is spray-tanning so popular in Las Vegas?** Showgirls are paid to look better than life, cocktail girls need to look like they did not sleep all day to do the night shifts, and strippers sell a fantasy so they must look flawless. For all locals, it’s too hot to be in the sun all day, but we can make it look like you were.



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