

## The Ritz-Carlton, Lake Las Vegas Henderson, NV

The Ritz-Carlton, Lake Las Vegas is the centerpiece of MonteLago Village. It is a Mediterranean-style lakeside resort 17 miles southeast of the Las Vegas "Strip" and is designed based on a region of Italy over 400 years ago comprised of several large estates. Features include a replica of the Florentine-style Pontevecchio Bridge, as well as luxurious accommodations, shopping, restaurants, spa, golf, meeting and banquet facilities, office space, pedestrian promenades and a casino.

### Project Design and Construction

The Pontevecchio Bridge is a tribute to Italy, modeling it after the version still standing in Florence. The bridge spans 375 feet across the lake's inner harbor. The first level contains upscale retail boutiques, waterside restaurants and outdoor café. The second and third levels house a total of 75 guestrooms.

The 350 luxury guestrooms on property offer both lake and mountain views. The rooms include 44 Executive Suites, in addition to 2 Presidential 'Ritz-Carlton' suites that showcase top-quality finishes and spacious quarters. The 75 guestrooms located on the Pontevecchio Bridge are provided access to an exclusive lounge with a specially coded key.

The Spa is a stand-alone structure that provides a full menu of services including 19 treatment rooms, Vichy and tsunami showers, wet lounges, saunas, steam rooms, salon, retail space, and a fitness and aerobics room.

Meeting and banquet facilities are available within a Grand Ballroom, a Junior Ballroom , 11 individual meetings rooms and extensive outdoor function space.

Hotel guests will also enjoy playing on two championship golf courses. "The Falls" is an 18-hole course designed by Tom Weiskopf and is located at The Ritz-Carlton, Lake Las Vegas. The "Reflection Bay Golf Club" is an 18-hole course designed by Jack Nicklaus and is located in close proximity at the Hyatt Regency Lake Las Vegas Resort.

A casino is also part of the project, like most resorts in Las Vegas, but The Ritz-Carlton, Lake Las Vegas does not focus on gaming. The

casino does not carry The Ritz-Carlton name and, like the Spa, it is a stand-alone structure. An open-air walkway connects the hotel to the casino and parking structure, allowing easy access to all facilities.

### Innovation

The Ritz-Carlton, Lake Las Vegas includes Southern Nevada's only bridge over water. The replica of Florence's famed Pontevecchio Bridge is modeled after the original, which dates back to Roman times. The original has often been rebuilt and the Lake Las Vegas version reflects those changes. The elevations and the color on the exterior façade present the story of a building that has been constantly renovated over a long period of time.

### Construction Challenges

The primary challenge has been the construction of the Pontevecchio Bridge over Lake Las Vegas. There are four bridge abutments with 16 driven piles per abutment. The most difficult portion of this phase was driving piles adjacent to the two underground by-pass pipelines, which carry the Las Vegas wash overflow under Lake Las Vegas and directly into Lake Mead. The danger of collapse or damage to the pipelines due to the close proximity of the pile-driving operation required extra caution, as well as added insurance liability. Once the piles were driven, and the pile caps and abutment walls were poured and in place, barges were brought in to erect structural steel and metal decking.

Another challenge faced was meeting The Ritz-Carlton's standard limiting visibility of electrical and mechanical trim. This required detailed coordination between the interior designer and each subcontractor to determine exact placement of electrical receptacles, air supply and return, and access panels.

### In Conclusion

The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, L.L.C. manages over 40 award-winning luxury hotels around the world. The company was founded in 1983 on the principles of the finest levels of personal service, dining facilities and amenities. In 1999, The Ritz-Carlton won The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award for the second time, the only service company to do so.

The Ritz-Carlton, Lake Las Vegas has embraced the philosophy of its parent company and has become a beautiful resort property. It introduces a unique alternative to the typical Las Vegas resort. In the hills of Southern Nevada, guests can enjoy a slower-paced "Las Vegas" experience.