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COMING SOON

CHIC NEW BREWERY DIGS

IF IT'S NOT OPEN BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, get set for the new, expanded **SLO Brew** (slobrew.com) in downtown San Luis Obispo on Higuera Street. SLO Brew has been open since 1988 (the old location was right around the corner on Garden Street), but the new location offers patio and creek-side dining and a VIP lounge on the mezzanine level in addition to live music, drinks, and eats. Fourteen beers are served on tap, including a changing lineup of seasonal and specialty selections brewed on site. Also new to the location are the **SLO Brew Lofts**: five chic apartments available to rent individually or as a block for travel destination get-togethers or celebrations (from \$350 per night).

The one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments were designed by the SLO-based studio **Celadon House** (celadonhouse.com) to have a modern, urban aesthetic. Exposed brick walls and reclaimed Douglas fir flooring pair with solid wood cabinetry that matches the custom-designed, renewably sourced hardwood furniture. Open-plan kitchens boast large-scale Moroccan patchwork pattern backsplashes. Each loft has a different color palette: neutral, blue and green, warm earth tones, or green-tinged hues that are evident in large hand-woven rugs and accent pillows. The two three-bedroom lofts have private balconies and seating for four with views of the historic Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa. Room service is available from SLO Brew, and guests can also reserve the private Carissa Club, accessed through a disguised, speakeasy-style bookcase, for private functions or special tastings with the brewery.

Renderings of the new SLO Brew and SLO Brew Lofts (clockwise from top, left): Five units on the top floor offer guests views of downtown San Luis Obispo via a separate entrance from the brewery, restaurant, and bar downstairs; exposed brick walls give an urban feel inside, along with contemporary hardwood furnishings, like a four-poster king-size bed; downstairs, metal stools and wall treatments and exposed pipe beer taps establish the industrial-inspired décor.

HOT TIP

The Sedona Verde Valley Tourism Council has partnered with the National Geographic Society to create a new website for travelers to the area: sedonaverdevalley.natgeotourism.com. The site promotes what is referred to as “geotourism” or “tourism that sustains or enhances the geographic character of a place.” Businesses and activities listed on the site are part of a sustainable tourism initiative that seeks to preserve the natural beauty of the land for future generations. Only 22 destinations worldwide have a similar partnership with National Geographic. In addition to lodging, dining, and activities, the site also has a forum where locals can weigh in on don't-miss places and hidden gems that visitors might otherwise never know about. >

Desert Hip

Try to snag a room this month for the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival or the Stagecoach Festival at the new 140-room **V Palm Springs Hotel** (vpalmsprings.com; rooms from \$300). The \$15-million re-imagining of the former property blends a savvy and sophisticated style with a free-spirited attitude to create a Garden of Eden vibe. An earth-tone palette references the Southwest, while details like snake motifs, feathers, and dream catchers pay homage to the area's native Cahuilla Indians. An on-site restaurant and poolside bar and grill offer seasonally changing omnivore, vegetarian, and vegan options including handcrafted fresh and cold pressed juices. A sunken living room in the lobby and a hammock garden provide communal places to congregate, and specialty programming includes weekend yoga and music events. Guests can enjoy two pools (one shaped like a V) and a hot tub. Cruiser bicycles are available to explore the town.



Just opened: Set against the backdrop of the San Jacinto Mountains, V-shaped accents highlight a neutral exterior of cement and wood at the new V Palm Springs Hotel.



COURTESY OF V PALM SPRINGS HOTEL

PROMENADE THROUGH “THE PARK”



Las Vegas gets a new neighborhood on April 4, with the opening of the pedestrian-friendly dining and entertainment district **The Park** (theparkvegas.com). The idea is to offer a respite from the bustling Strip, creating a garden of 200 mature trees, 75 of them salvaged, along with dramatic desert plant displays.

Cloud-like plants (santolina, apache plum, mormon fir) are paired with vibrant shoots (red yucca, torch lily, desert bear grass), lush grasses (Mexican feather grass, fountain grass, orange sedge), and spikes (blue agave, golf tooth aloe, horsetail) in large planters. Shade areas, water walls, and marble surfaces in mosaic tile patterns in the colors of the American Southwest also

add to the visual interest, while acoustic musicians and other performers entertain passersby.

The Park connects New York-New York Hotel & Casino and the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino as well as the new 20,000-seat T-Mobile Arena (arenalasalvegas.com), which will host events like UFC, boxing, hockey, basketball, bull riding, and concerts. The Park is also home to restaurants: Sake Rok, a sushi restaurant and lounge inspired by Japanese pop culture and fashion, coexists with favorites California Pizza Kitchen and Shake Shack as well as Beerhaus, a remix of the classic beer hall serving craft brews and offering bocce ball, darts, and outdoor Ping-Pong. ♦

Opening this month: The Park connects two major Vegas resorts with a garden of trees, desert plants, and water walls and is home to a new 20,000-seat arena and a 5,000-seat concert theater.



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