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## **REAL ID Extended to May 7, 2025**

The Department of Homeland Security extended the REAL ID deadline to May 7, 2025. The REAL ID Act established minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits Federal agencies from accepting for official purposes licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards. Beginning May 7, 2025, every state and territory resident will need to present a REAL ID compliant license/ID, or another acceptable form of ID for boarding commercial aircraft, accessing Federal facilities and entering nuclear plants. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) considers a current passport or military ID acceptable identification for boarding an aircraft. For more information on Ohio's REAL ID compliant license, visit [bmvo.ohio.gov](http://bmvo.ohio.gov).

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Enrolling in TSA Precheck® creates a smarter travel experience with fewer hassles and less stress. Enrollment opportunities are provided by IDEMIA. Enrollment is \$78 dollars and is valid for five years. A TSA PreCheck® agent will conduct enrollments March 18-22 daily from 9 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the AAA East Central Bridgeport branch office located at 138 Barnett Run Rd. Appointments can be made online 40 days prior to the event. Registered appointments will take priority over walk-ins. To schedule an appointment, visit [AAA.com/TSA](http://AAA.com/TSA).

## **Find Lower Gas Prices with Auto Club app**

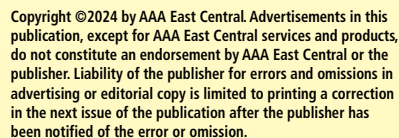
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# Fontainebleau sure to satisfy your appetite

## New Las Vegas resort packs impressive lists of restaurants

Food is a staple of the Las Vegas Strip. From fancy restaurants to humble eateries, the town sparkles in offering a delectable choice of ways to fill our stomachs.

The menu recently expanded with the opening of Fontainebleau Las Vegas. Ground broke in 2007 on the 67-story, 3,644-room hotel and it opened in December. The luxury resort is a smorgasbord of exciting venues – including 36 restaurants and bars.

The dining collection features new versions of existing hotspots and original concepts. Award-winning chefs and eateries, including Gabriela Camara, Masa Ito and Kevin Kim, Ala Yau, Evan Funke, David Grutman, David Rodolitz and Josh Capon.

A handful of fancy and poolside bars, casual-dining options, coffee shops and a food hall also will be available.

Here is a rundown of all you need to know about dining and enjoying cocktails at Las Vegas' newest resort:

**Chyna Club** – Hakkasan and Wagamama found Yau is preparing a tantalizing menu of eclectic Chinese dishes at this restaurant. Its Cantonese-style fare is offered in a vibrant, cozy setting.

**Mother Wolf** – Evan Funke's popular Los Angeles restaurant is setting up in Las Vegas. The Italian eatery is known for its wafer-thin, wood-fired pizzas, seasoned antipasti dishes and handmade pastas.

**Cantina Contramar** – Chef Camara's restaurant in Mexico City was named the world's best. It will showcase her take on Mexican favorites and signature



**WORTH THE WAIT** – Fontainebleau Las Vegas (left building) opened in December after breaking ground 16 years ago. The impressive resort houses 36 restaurants, making it one of the best places to eat on the Las Vegas Strip.

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seafood dishes like tangy tuna tostadas and grilled whole fish with red and green sauce.

**Ito** – Sitting on Fountainbleau's 63rd floor and led by award-winning chefs Masa Ito and Kevin Kim, it's an intimate 12-seat omakase restaurant that offers a unique experience. Enjoy the incredible view and fish flown in daily from Japan.

**Don's Prime** – A throwback steakhouse from the Rat Pack era, it has dark woods and soft lighting. The Prime steak program features top cuts of beef, as well as hand-selected Japanese and American Wagyu.

**Komodo** – Southeast Asian flavors come to life in this restaurant. The menu includes a sushi bar and signature dishes

like Beijing duck, lobster shumai, Korean fried chicken, Japanese Wagyu and Hong Kong snapper.

**Papi Steak** – Set with a prime location across from the resort's theater, it offers caviar, kosher-style Tomahawk steaks, latkes, wagyu pastrami, Maine lobster and decadent mac 'n cheese.

A bevy of casual dining options and coffee shops balance the resort's impressive lineup of eateries. These sit-down and fast-food restaurants are located throughout the hotel and poolside.

The Tavern offers a fancy take on the Las Vegas sportsbook, with a robust cocktail and beer list, as well as bar food. Vida serves breakfast and lunch.

Kyu grills umami-seasoned meats, smoke-roasted fish and vegetables. The pan-Asian restaurant is the first of its kind in Las Vegas.

La Cote serves family-style Mediterranean fare like paella and fruit-infused spritzes. Washing Potato is a dim sum eatery. Chez Bon coffee shop offers pastries, wraps and other baked goods. And the Café Cuto bakery, the resort's other coffee shop, will add alcohol to your morning beverages.

The Fontainebleau food hall is named the Promenade and offers seven walk-up restaurants. Break serves coffee and espresso drinks. Nona will have salads and light snacks. Bar Ito serves hand rolls and sashimi. Capon's Burgers is a fast-casual joint. El Bagel serves bagels and bagel sandwiches. The Miami Slice has pizza slices to-go. And roadside Taco serves Los Angeles-style tacos and Mexican food.

# Speedometers aren't always up to speed

## Gauge could misrepresent how quickly vehicle is traveling

It puts a chill in our spines anytime we peek into our rearview mirror and see a police vehicle's flashing lights directing us to pull off the road. Often, it's for speeding. The excuses begin pouring from our mouths:

"I didn't realize I was speeding Mr. Police Officer."

"I don't normally drive like this."

"I must have missed the speed-limit sign."

"Any chance you can give me a pass?"

The latter is a Hail Mary pass that rarely comes to fruition. Three-figure fines leave us talking to ourselves for at least a day. It's enough to make us question the accuracy of our vehicles' speedometers.

Let's say it's far from being an exact science. Drivers have been ticketed for speeding, even though their speedometers read they were traveling the speed limit.

Surprisingly, there are rules that govern how a vehicle's speedometer should read. Legislation reads it can't under-read. So, if you're traveling at 52 mph, your speedometer can't show 50 mph.

But speedometers can legally over-read, which isn't a bad thing. Your speedometer could be reading 45 mph, when you actually are moving at 40 mph. It's unlikely two cars will have speedometers that give an identical and perfectly accurate readout consistently.

Legislation also reads that a



**FAST AND FURIOUS** – Vehicle speedometers aren't always accurate. Take precaution when trying to follow the speed limit. Image: BillionPhotos.com. Adobe Stock.

speedometer can't over-read by more than 10% plus 6.25 mph, meaning that if you are driving 30 mph, your speedometer can't read that you're moving faster than 39.25 mph. It can't read 61.25 mph if you're driving 50 mph.

Drivers often have leeway upon which to rely, even though, technically, there is no tolerance for speeding. The National Police Chiefs Council recommends it. It's 10% plus 2 mph, meaning you could

travel 35 mph in a 30-mph zone. But it's only a recommendation. Officers don't have to follow it.

Drivers shouldn't assume an officer will abide by the recommendation. Tickets can punch a hole in your budget.

So, how does a speedometer work?

Most modern vehicles are furnished with electronics. A majority have safety features like anti-lock braking (ABS) and Electronic Stability Control (ESP or ESC).

Speed sensors on individual wheels allow these features to operate effectively.

The engine control unit (ECU) takes a reading from the four sensors. These can turn the amount the wheel is rotating into speed on the road. The ECU calculates an average that is displayed on the instrument panel.

That is why changing wheel diameters can have an impact on the speedometer that can require it to be recalibrated. If the sensors don't know the wheel size has been changed, they'll still be making their calculation by using a wheel that might be turning more or less frequently than they are programmed to do.

Speedometers in older vehicles used a rotating cable attached to the drive-shaft. It had a magnet at one end that rotated inside the magnetic cup that was attached to the speedometer's needle. The faster the vehicle moved, the higher speed the indicator needle read.

Satellite navigation is an ideal way to learn the accuracy of your vehicle's speedometer. GPS will calculate how fast you are traveling. This continuously bounced a signal to and from the satellite and calculates the distance covered and the time it's taking to calculate your speed.

We rely on speedometers to keep us out of hot water. It might be worthwhile to blame its accuracy the next time a police officer pulls you over.