

TRAVEL

DISPATCHES



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TWA Flight Center at JFK has been designated a national historic place.

Get a bird's-eye view of famous air terminals

Two iconic aviation-related buildings — the TWA Flight Center at John F. Kennedy International Airport and the Marine Air Terminal at LaGuardia Airport — are on the list of buildings that will be open to the public Friday and Saturday as part of Open House New York Weekend.

During the annual free event, hundreds of historical, residential, commercial and industrial sites in the city's five boroughs throw open their doors and offer tours, talks and behind-the-scenes access.

Dedicated in 1940, LGA's Art Deco Marine Air Terminal was the original airport terminal building and during the '40s served as a base for glamorous transoceanic flights on Pan American's fleet of giant Boeing B-314 Clipper seaplanes, or "flying boats." Today, Delta Air Lines operates shuttle service to Chicago and Washington from the terminal.

The TWA Flight Center at John F. Kennedy International Airport also will be open. Designed by Eero Saarinen and opened in 1962, the Jet Age TWA terminal has been closed to the public since 2001 and is now on the National Register of Historic Places. The often-photographed building has been undergoing major restoration over the past six years, and the Port Authority recently announced that the terminal will be the centerpiece of an airport hotel complex with more than 500 rooms, a museum, restaurants, a spa and an observation deck scheduled to open in 2018.

Harriet Baskas



ANJALI PINTO

In Chicago, show your support with Mity Nice's pink cupcake.

Where to eat and drink pink

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and with it comes the pinkest food and drink of the year. Restaurants, bakeries and bars across the country have concocted creative fare to help finance research and support. Find one near you, or try these:

► In Chicago, Mity Nice Bar & Grill is offering the Pink Pearl Cupcake all month. The vanilla cupcake with pink vanilla frosting and edible pearls supports the Lynn Sage Foundation's In Good Taste promotion.

► Four Seasons Hotel Denver is serving the Pink Passion with pink pop rocks on the rim. One dollar from each cocktail sold will support local breast cancer organization Sense of Security.

► New Orleans restaurants have a joint effort called NOLA Goes Pink throughout October, donating 20% of proceeds from signature dishes to Susan G. Komen's local affiliate. At Brennan's, appropriately painted pink, order the Smoked Pepper Seared Tuna with cassoulet of black-eyed peas and baby spinach, and pomegranate molasses.

► In Washington, Ripple will donate 50% of proceeds from its A Study in Pink to Men Against Breast Cancer. The drink combines Edinburgh Gin, Campari, bay leaf/pink peppercorn syrup and orange citrate bitter, garnished with a cucumber flower ice cube.

Ashley Day

WAYNE NEWTON SAYS 'BITTE' TO PUBLIC TOURS

Opulent Las Vegas estate is filled with penguins, horses and memories

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Special for USA TODAY

LAS VEGAS Before last month, not many visitors ever got to see past the tall, white and gold gates of Wayne Newton's giant, walled estate. Starting with 5 acres in 1966, it has become a legendary piece of Las Vegas property that only the famous typically saw, save for an appearance on *MTV Cribs*. But now, Casa de Shenandoah, which Newton translates to mean "home of beauty," has opened its gates to public tours.

And for that, we say *danke schön* to Newton for letting us into his home.

The new tour of the property begins across the street at the visitor center, with a 15-minute video to brush up on all things Mr. Las Vegas. Guests then board a shuttle to enter the compound through the opulent gates. "Opulent" is a word that will pop up frequently throughout the approximately two-hour experience, whether it's inside the private jet, meandering down the aisle of cars from Newton's prized collection, or on the grounds themselves: 52 acres that includes the Aramus Arabian horse stable, complete with a swimming pool for the horses.

LIFE ON DISPLAY

For Newton and his family, welcoming the public into Casa de Shenandoah was a decision that took some time to fall into place.

"Well, obviously it's a little bit of a mixed bag," Newton, 73, says. "At times the thought of it is a little frightening," but he says he heeded the advice of his wife and his late mother, "at the risk of being corny, that the happiest you can be in life is when you can share those things that you love the most with others."

The hundreds of pieces of memorabilia and photos on display in the museum and mansion were all chosen by Newton and his family. Visitors see letters from presidents (Newton and Ronald Reagan were close), notes and pictures from his many trips entertaining troops abroad, and several of his custom, elaborately embellished Nudie Suits.

Newton says choosing which parts of his life he wanted to share and which he wanted to keep to himself wasn't daunting.

"I think that was probably fairly easy to the extent that I don't have a lot of secrets," Newton says. "I have lived in a fishbowl since I was 4 years old."

ANIMALS ABOUND

Throughout the compound you'll see wild peacocks and hens, sometimes with their plumage up, roaming freely. Newton's love of animals — especially horses — is famous; he has built one of the world's top Arabian horse herds. The tour includes the option to watch the horses take a dip in their specially designed pool and perform for a few minutes in the outdoor arena.

"My two loves in life were music and horses, and I couldn't tell you which I loved more," Newton laughs. "I can tell you which afforded the other."

From there, you'll visit the exotic animals, which include a friendly Capuchin monkey named Boo, wallabies direct from Australia and several types of birds. Yes, those are penguins, and yes, they're okay in the desert. They're South African penguins and like the heat — so much so that one, Charlie, who had to be brought inside the mansion



SARA BAYER

Wayne Newton has opened the elaborate gates of his Las Vegas estate — museum and stables included — to visitors.

during one of Las Vegas' rare snow storms, lived there for a short time because she refused to leave.

The mansion is the last stop on the tour, depending on your package. Water in the Bellagio-like fountains near the front jumps and dances, and tall gold doors frame the entrance to the Newton manor. While it is all — yes — opulent, the house, for all its trappings and gold and chandeliers, still feels like a home rather than a museum.

And yes, you might even spot Newton at Casa de Shenandoah when you visit. "I will be here on a daily basis, and they'll see me out riding in the arena, and they'll probably see me swimming out in the pool with the penguins and giving Boo a bath."

As to whether some visitors might be treated to an impromptu, live performance by Mr. Las Vegas himself? "I haven't thought that far ahead," Newton says, but "one thing I've learned in life is never say never."



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The museum display includes costumes, Nudie Suits and hundreds of other pieces of memorabilia from Newton's long career.

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