

The Passionate Foodie

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It is so pleasing when you stumble upon a restaurant that you know nothing about, decide to eat there, and then have a delicious meal. While walking through the **Mandalay Bay** to the **Luxor**, we wanted to get a bit for lunch. As we pondered over where to eat, we passed by **Cafe Giorgio**, an Italian place of which I was unfamiliar.

But the menu looked good so we chose to give it a chance. I would later learn that it is one of the restaurants owned by restaurateur **Piero Selvaggio**, who also owns **Valentino**, located in the **Venetian Resort**. is widely considered one of the modern fathers of Italian Cuisine in America. I **previously dined** at Valentino and had an quite a good meal. [Cafe Giorgio](#) is a more casual

restaurant, presided over by Sardinian **Executive Chef Nico Chessa**.

The lunch menu has many familiar items, from pizzas to lasagna. Sandwiches range \$7-\$9, pizzas \$13-\$16, pasta dishes \$13-\$17, and entrees \$15-\$17. And before your food arrives, you receive fresh bread.

We started our lunch with the **Antipasto Combo** (\$15) which has prosciutto, smoked prosciutto, Parmigiano, olives, tomato bruschetta and caprese with fresh basil. It is plenty large enough for two people and I was impressed with the freshness of the ingredients. The prosciutto was delicious, and obviously high quality. An excellent start to our meal.

Then, our pizza came, a **cheese pizza with bacon** (about \$14). Again, the ingredients seemed to be very fresh and the pizza was very tasty. It was more of a thin crust, and the crust was very good, cooked perfectly. It had real bacon atop it, and not artificial bacon bits. We finished the entire pizza, not wanting to waste a single piece.

We got lucky, finding a very nice, casual restaurant with delicious food. Service was excellent, and I would return here again. I expect the rest of the menu items are probably equally as good. If you want some casual Italian in Vegas, then stop by here.

Cafe Giorgio

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