

Welcome to the Netflights.com Las Vegas e-guide!

Las Vegas is a hugely popular destination – whether it's for a flying visit or a longer stay, more and more people are choosing to experience Sin City. However, the city's attractions are on a mammoth scale –and it's easy to become daunted by the size and enormity of the city! So, in a bid to make sure that everyone experiences the very best of Las Vegas, we decided to create a Las Vegas e-guide – perfect for reading before you travel, or even downloading and taking with you!

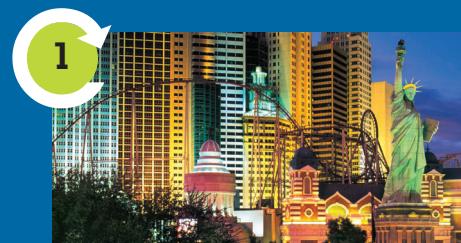
Las Vegas is a city which shines –whether you're experiencing the desert sun by day or the neon lights of The Strip by night. Everything in the city is huge – from the hotels, which are almost attractions in themselves to the shopping centres, full of designer items at reduced prices. Las Vegas is served by Las Vegas McCarran Airport, which is just a short drive away from the centre of the city. Transport in the area is widely available – from local taxis, buses and even free shuttles to some hotels, making it easy to explore the whole city. It's impossible to think of Las Vegas without thinking of the casinos, glittering locations full of people hoping for a big win to make their trip extra-memorable! The most famous casinos include those at the Bellagio, the MGM Grand, Mandalay, Wynn and Caesar's Palace, but almost all of the big hotels include a casino, allowing you to play the slots, roulette or poker all hours of the day and night!

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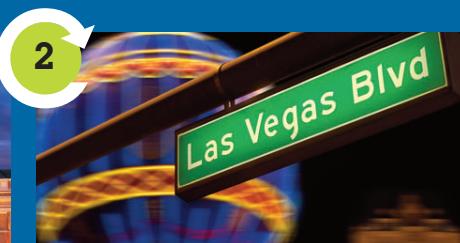
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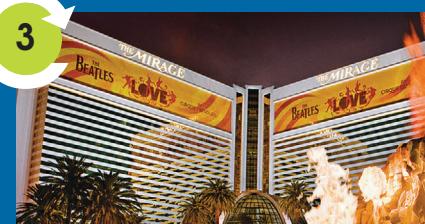
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Don't miss the Statue of Liberty at the New York Hotel: they've recreated their very own and while you are there make sure you go on the hotel's roller coaster too!



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Sample 'The Strip': Las Vegas Boulevard is a glittering procession of evermore over-the-top casinos and nightclubs - thrift stores and bars.



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Catch a show: From Cirque du Soleil's Beatles extravaganza 'Love', to Disney's The Lion King, shows in Las Vegas are bigger, better and more eye-poppingly spectacular than anywhere on Earth.



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Marvel at the Bellagio Water Fountains: You don't think water can dance? Take a look at the incredible light, sound and water choreography every evening at the Bellagio and think again.



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Fly into The Stratosphere: The tallest free-standing observation tower in the U.S.A. and the world's highest rollercoaster. The view from the top is spectacular!



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Hotel Tips

Be a dolphin trainer for the day at the Dolphin Habitat at the **Mirage Hotel**; it's really great if you have kids with you!

Alison Eardley

The Mirage Hotel and Casino is a four and a half star hotel situated on central Las Vegas Boulevard. Set amidst lush foliage, towering waterfalls and sparkling lagoons, the hotel is a South Seas oasis, offering the serenity of the tropics and the excitement of Las Vegas.

Book as far in advance as possible for the best seats to Cirque du Soleil's "O" at the Bellagio Hotel. A show like no other; acrobats, water, moving music and an uplifting storyline. You will fall in love with the theatre again - even though there are no spoken words! Cannot recommend highly enough - I have been three times!

Scott von Poulton

An iconic Las Vegas sight, **The Bellagio**, with its wonderful fountains brings a new level of elegance, grace and romance to the city. Don't miss out on exploring the Conservatory and Botanic Gardens, which are free and open to all visitors!



If you get a chance to stay in one of the pyramid hotels at Luxor, do it! The experience of going up in a lift at a bizarre angle is quite unique and only found in Vegas!

Murray Richards

Luxor is a hotel and casino complex situated between Mandalay Bay and Excalibur. It's most recognised by the massive Egyptian style pyramids and sphinx -with 22 floors, you won't be able to miss it!

Time your visit to the Paris Buffet restaurant just around 11-ish for a late brunch - not only will you be able to choose from their delightful breakfast items, but they also start to roll out their lunch menu. The best of both worlds!

Gary Marsh

Paris Las Vegas is designed to bring the spirit and excitement of the city of Paris to Las Vegas. Stroll down the cobblestone sidewalks of the shopping district, enjoy the 85,000 square-foot casino, or dine in one of the resort's 8 distinct French restaurants. Features authentic replicas of French landmarks, including the Arc de Triomphe and the Hotel de Ville, as well as facades of the Paris Opera House and the Louvre. The resort's signature replica is a 50-story half-scale Eiffel Tower, where visitors can dine in a gourmet restaurant 100 feet above The Strip, or travel via glass elevator to an observation deck at the top for a view of the Las Vegas Valley.

For the best drinks in Vegas, go to Boa Steakhouse in Caesars Palace. Try a strawberry, balsamic and cracked black pepper martini – unusual yes, but the best drink I've ever had!

Emily Katherine Newton

Caesars Palace reigns at the heart of The Strip. This internationally known resort & casino ranks among the world's top luxury resorts known for their originality and beauty. It's 4,100-seat Colosseum has and continues to feature entertainers such as Bette Midler, Cher, Jerry Seinfeld, Elton John and Celine Dion! The resort is home to celebrity chef restaurants, celebrity filled nightclubs, the

Forum shops and a luxurious spa. Guests will be happy to spend their days soaking up the sun at the Garden of the Gods Pool Oasis where they will find 5 different pools for their sun-worshipping enjoyment.

Everyone has heard of the Bellagio fountains but did you know the Wynn has a water fall show in the hotel that is free to watch?

Beth Fairweather



The exterior of the **Wynn Las Vegas** takes elegance to a whole new level. The sleek, 50 story tall structure forms a quarter circle, using darker materials to contrast with the small mountain of trees and the white accents used in the hotel tower. From the Wynn wedding chapel to its excellent Ferrari Maserati dealership, this hotel can indulge your desires, whatever they are.

If you're looking for a nice quiet hotel within walking distance of the Las Vegas Strip, try the Desert Rose just behind Tropicana. Not many hotels around The Strip include breakfast – and no resort fee!

Lisa Davonport

If you like a good steak, try the award-winning Steakhouse at Camelot at Excalibur hotel. Dine in refined surroundings - you will not be disappointed. The food is absolutely delicious!

Gary Marsh

Excalibur's castle exterior promises fun and adventure - which is exactly what you'll find inside one of Las Vegas' most recognisable landmarks. Kids love it, but don't let that put you off – it's great for adults exploring Sin City too!

One of the newest casinos on The Strip is the **Cosmopolitan** - you have to check out their unique and incredible gaming floor!

Claire M Williams

From the centre of The Strip rises an original and enchanting destination that adds an entirely new dimension to the Las Vegas experience. **The Cosmopolitan** is a brand new 2,995-room resort featuring oversized, one-of-a-kind private terraces and spacious interiors artfully conceived by acclaimed architects. Large sliding glass doors open onto each terrace, allowing fresh air and sunlight to flood indoor spaces. Warm, welcoming touches give each space the intimate feel of a private urban residence. At the same time, unexpected, inventive details create a unique, contemporary impression.

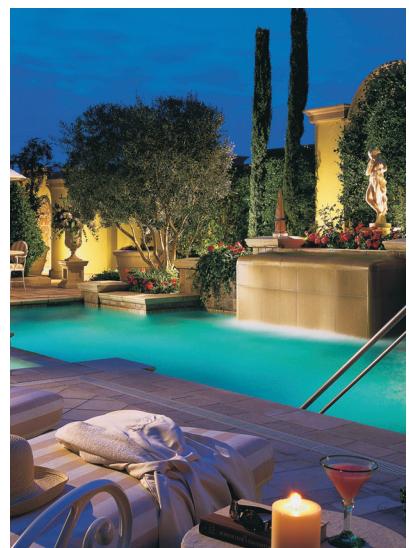


If you are flying to LAS you can check-in to major hotels like Caesars Palace, Flamingo, Paris, the Hilton, New York New York, or MGM Grand in the Baggage Hall in Terminal 1 while waiting for your bags to arrive.

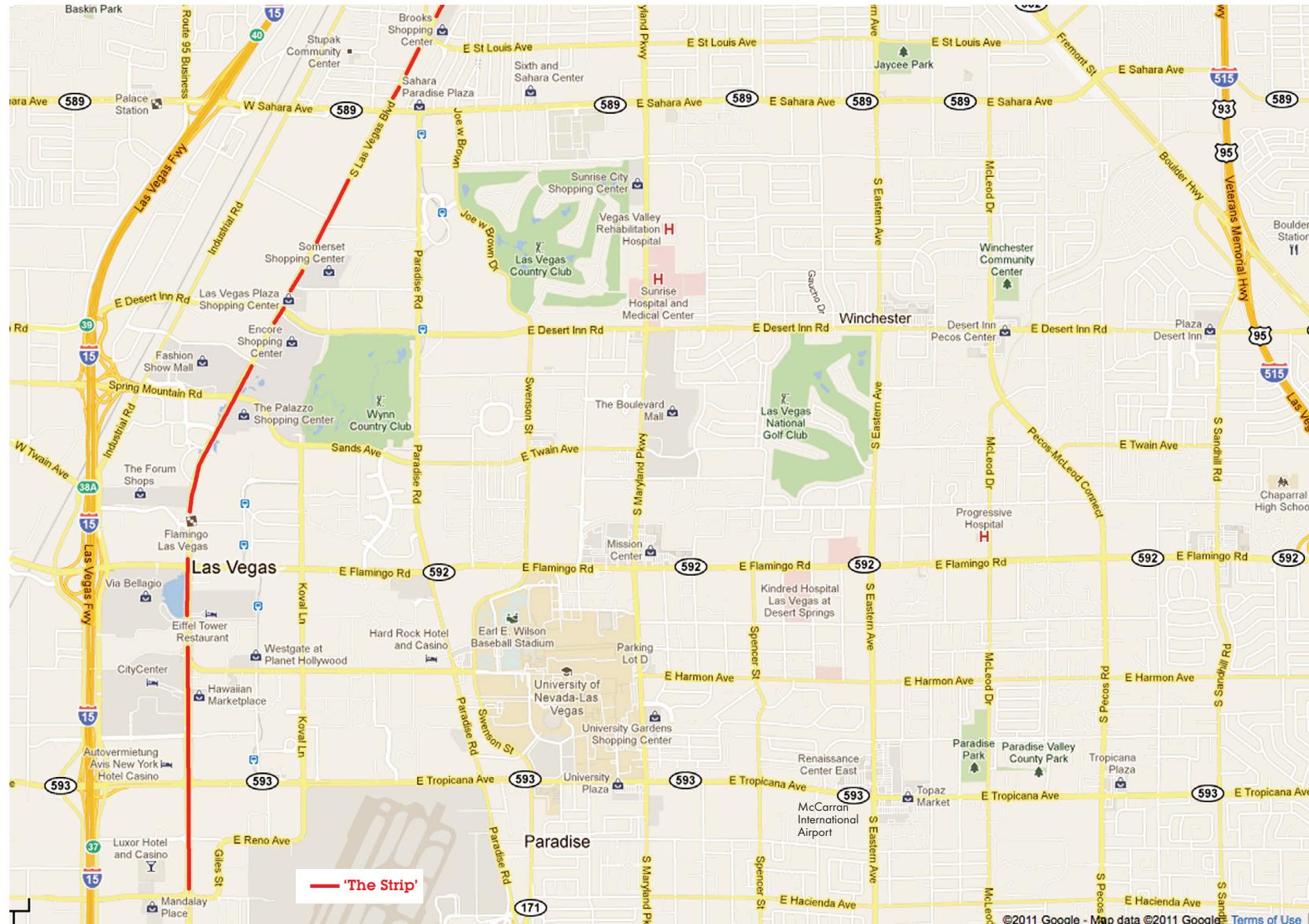
Allan Mees

You've got to have a go at the famous twenty dollar trick on check-in for your hotel for an upgrade. We thought it was just an internet myth but when we checked in on a visit to Las Vegas last year, I handed \$40 over with our passports and asked if there was any chance of an upgrade... We were thrilled to be upgraded to a superior room with a Jacuzzi for the whole week!

Emma Love



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Casino Tips

When you first start at any casino, take your time. Watch how the tables work for a while before settling in and don't bet more than you could comfortably lose. Treat your stake money as your budget for the night's entertainment and you won't go far wrong. Also, quit while you're ahead! Chances are you'll win some, but lose more. Remember though, gambling - whether craps, black-jack or any number of the other games - is just like any other sport. The more you practice, the better you get.

American gambling and drinking laws are far stricter than in the UK; if you are under 21, you won't be allowed within 6ft of the slot machines which means you will be forced to walk down a specifically marked strip of carpet through the casinos. This can get a little frustrating when you are repeatedly walking the long way round to get anywhere!

John Lynch

Take part in one of the early morning poker card schools for beginners. I had never played before and they are a must if you want to experience the 'casino tables' of Las Vegas.

Cheryl Seddon

Wear a watch to keep an eye on the time – none of the casinos have clocks!

Keith Hall

Always play the slot machines nearest the busiest entrance – they tend to pay out more so people can see you winning and have a go themselves, so try those machines for a quick pay-out!

Lynn Dibb



Savings

Whether you've lost a little more money than you wanted to in the casino or are just visiting the city on a budget, we've found some brilliant tips on how to save money whilst in Las Vegas! Try to take some 5\$ and 1\$ bills for tips as you arrive.

Maggie Dunlop

Join Total Rewards at Harrah's group - it includes hotels like Bally's, Flamingo, Paris and Caesar's Palace. You get a book full of vouchers to use in all hotels in the group. We loved the \$5 off the Flamingo buffet and the free golden medallion from Caesar's Palace - it made great present for our young niece!

Michelle Mse Williams

Las Vegas has a desert climate and gets very hot so remember to drink loads of water to avoid dehydration. Get your iced water from Walgreens or CVS along The Strip; their prices are much cheaper than the hotel shops which can be overpriced!

Angela Wells

Sign up for a player's card at your favourite casino and cash it in the day before you leave. It's amazing how much it adds up and you can use your points for a range of treats before leaving!

Melanie Cumming

If you want to see a show and can't afford it, hang around the casino floor at the same time the show starts, they give out free tickets to fill up the theatre.

Jane Camm

If you get a taxi from the airport to The Strip, make sure you tell the driver not to take the tunnel or your taxi fare will be double the usual price.

David Davenport

Suncream is very reasonably priced in Las Vegas and you can get up to factor 100, so save on your luggage allowance and buy it when you arrive.

Amanda Jack

Sightseeing Tips

Fremont Street is lined with more than 60 restaurants, ranging from extravagant fine dining to 'fast food' style, allowing you more time in the casinos. You'll find a good range of buffet-style restaurants here too, proving that fast food, Las Vegas style, can be a great option. Remember though, there is a 7.5% restaurant tax in Las Vegas for eat-in and takeaway food. The tax is normally added to the bill at the time of payment, although some buffets and fast food chains may incorporate the tax in their prices. Service charges are rare, but it's considered polite to leave a tip of around 15% if you've been looked after well, 10% if not!



Visiting Fremont Street is a fantastic experience with the neon light show of 12 million lights taking place every hour. Listen out for the hooter which signals the light show is starting and head out onto the street for a surprising (and free!) five or six minute show.

Gary Marsh

Head to Fremont Street to watch the Fremont Street Experience show, a free light show set under the roof of several city blocks of streets, they embedded a billion of LED lights into the roof.

Silvia A Mariani

Useful Info

Las Vegas Visitor Information Center
3150 Paradise Road, Las Vegas
Las Vegas Welcome Center @ Primm
32100 South Las Vegas Boulevard

Emergency Numbers:

For fire, police, ambulance, call 911
Local Police: (702) 795 3111

Don't Forget!

Order yourself a copy of the Lonely Planet Las Vegas City Guide for more useful advice.



And finally...

Arriving before check-in time at your Vegas hotel should be the least of your worries. If you arrive early and your hotel doesn't allow early check-in, grab what necessities you may need for the next couple of hours, drop your bags off with the bellman and be on your way. With so much to do here, don't waste your time in the lobby. Even if it's the most beautiful lobby you've ever seen.

Amie Whittaker



If you want to see the Grand Canyon, take the helicopter tour. It's not cheap but it is amazing. If you can afford it, choose the one over the Hoover Dam returning to Vegas after sunset so you fly back up The Strip when all the lights are on – fantastic experience!

Michele Lancaster

