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Ten Top Las Vegas Nightclubs

Las Vegas, 1 Day

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Guide Description



AUTHOR NOTE: Picking the top Las Vegas nightclubs is like trying to pick the best diamonds from Tiffany's jewelry case: there are a lot of choices, and they all look great. XS at Encore is big, beautiful, and has a pool to boot. Blush, at neighboring Wynn, is a cozy boutique club. At the Palms' ghostbar and Rio's Voodoo Lounge, take in the incredible view of Las Vegas. Look for celebrities at the Venetian's Tao. Rumjungle, in the Mandalay Bay, doubles as a restaurant. Pure, at Caesar's Palace, is home to the Pussycat Dolls. Before you hit any club, check their hours—many are closed during the week. ~Picture by Marcin Jochimczyk~

Itinerary Overview

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XS

Encore's stylish, popular nightclub



Blush Boutique Nightclub

Exclusive boutique nightclub



VooDoo Rooftop Nightclub

Rooftop nightclub at the Rio



ghostbar

Incredible views and a trendy club at the top of the Palms



Tao Nightclub

Spice Up The Night



rumjungle

Great place to dance



Pure Nightclub

Pure fun!



Tryst

Sexy nightclub at Wynn



Jet Nightclub at the Mirage



Vanity

Hard Rock's newest nightclub

Day 1 - Las Vegas

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http://xslasvegas.com/flash2/
#/home/

location:

3121 Las Vegas Blvd
Las Vegas NV 89109

hours:

Friday - Monday 10pm - 4am

1 XS

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

If you're feeling spendy, ask your server for the "Ono" cocktail. Served with Dom Perignon Enotheque, Louis XIII de Remy Martin and costs a cool \$10,000. But don't worry, it comes with a set of men's sterling silver cufflinks, embossed with a stingray and the raised XS log and a woman's 18K white-gold chain with a black pearl pendant and the XS logo. It's not called "Excess" for nothing!

DESCRIPTION: XS at Encore is among Las Vegas's most popular and acclaimed clubs. Guests enjoy indoor and outdoor areas in this large, busy club. Inside, 5 bars serve customers. Outside, customers will find twenty-six two-story cabanas and 4 bars.

The elegant interior design incorporates gold in everything, including a gold-plated chandelier over the dance floor. XS is a very popular club, and it has the lines to prove it. If you'd like to experience this Vegas ultra-club, plan ahead—check online to get on the guest list. Naturally, XS has all the standard Vegas nightclub amenities: bottle service, go-go dancers, VIP areas, celebrities, and a roster of guest DJs and other performers. Check the club's website for a full calendar of events.

XS is closed on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Cover charge is \$20 for women, \$30 - \$50 for men. The dress code is enforced here: nothing baggy or athletic, and no hats.

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contact:

tel: (702) 770-3633

http://www.blushlasvegas.com/#homepage/

location:

3131 Las Vegas Boulevard
South
Las Vegas NV 89109

hours:

Open Tuesday through
Saturday. Wednesday: 10
p.m. - 2 a.m.; all other days,
10 p.m. - 4 a.m.

2 Blush Boutique Nightclub

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Smaller in scale than the mega-clubs, this boutique club fits the upscale atmosphere at Wynn. **BLUSH HAS CLOSED.**

DESCRIPTION: Blush's owner describes this intimate club as a boutique nightclub. The outside patio is particularly popular, even in cooler months--heaters take the chill out of the air. Customers can stop by for a drink, or drop in later in the night, when Blush transforms into a dance club. The lighted onyx dance floor is a unique feature of the club. Located at the up-scale Wynn, Blush draws a variety of well-heeled customers



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and is known to attract a slightly older crowd. Cover charge is \$30. And of course, bottle service is available. © NileGuide

contact:
tel: 702-777-6875
<http://www.riolasvegas.com/EventsDetail.do>

location:
3700 West Flamingo Road
Las Vegas NV 89103

hours:
Daily 9pm-3am

3 VooDoo Rooftop Nightclub

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

The VooDoo Steak and Lounge is below the nightclub. Ask about passes to the club if you have a meal at the restaurant.

DESCRIPTION: VooDoo Rooftop Nightclub at the Rio is perched atop the Rio Hotel Casino, which is just off the Las Vegas Strip. The view from 51 stories up is eye-popping and photograph-inspiring. You can dance and drink, of course, but the incredible view may steal your attention from the dance floor and the bar.

VooDoo is two stories and offers guests a large outdoor area. People come here to dance, drink, and gaze at the view, but dancing isn't as much of a center attraction as it is with many other Vegas nightclubs. Guests may want to try the "witch doctor" drink, which mixes up seven different kinds of liquor. With that much alcohol, the drink is well-named. VIP Tables and bottle service are available. The cover charge is \$20-\$30. The Rio is located just off the Strip, so you're less likely to wait in long lines or deal with a crowded club. VooDoo is open seven days a week.
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location:
4321 West Flamingo Road
Las Vegas NV 89103

hours:
8 p.m. to dawn

4 ghostbar

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Check the online calendar for upcoming special events.

DESCRIPTION: Located atop the trendy Palms Hotel Casino, Ghostbar's views of Las Vegas will probably have you snapping pictures to try and capture all those lights on the Strip. Unless, of course, you take a look down through the glass panel in the outdoor area's floor and decide that you'd be more comfortable inside.

Inside, the retro-futuristic décor gives customers plenty of places to sit and enjoy the club. Ghostbar isn't as dance-oriented as other Vegas nightclubs—maybe it's because of that incredible view. As with most trendy Vegas lounges and clubs, you may spot a few celebrities here. Stylish nightclub attire is required.

Passes and packages for the Palms nightclubs include entry to Ghostbar and other clubs at the Palms (Playboy Club, Rain, and Moon), and/or a selection of premium drinks. Their signature drink, the "ghostini," is Absolut, Midori, and a splash of sour.



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Regular cover, without any passes or packages, is \$20 - \$30.
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<http://www.taolasvegas.com/tao.html>

location:

3355 Las Vegas Boulevard
Las Vegas NV 89109

hours:

Su to Th from 05:00 PM to
12:00 AM, Fr to Sa from 05:00
PM to 01:00 AM

5 Tao Nightclub

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Expect a line at this Vegas hot spot. Tao also has a beach/pool club.

DESCRIPTION: Managing Partners of the Tao Nightclub, Jason Strauss and Noah Tepperberg of New York City's Marquee fame, ensure that nightlife reigns supreme at Tao Nightclub. The 10,000 square-foot venue plays host to weekly events attended by the masses and celebrities alike, including Rihanna, Madonna, Bono, Christina Aguilera, Demi Moore & Ashton Kutcher and many more. © NileGuide



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<http://www.mandalaybay.com/dining/lounges.aspx>

location:

3950 Las Vegas Boulevard
South
Las Vegas NV 89119

hours:

Mo from 11:00 AM to 04:00
AM, Tu from 11:00 AM to
02:00 AM, We from 11:00 AM
to 04:00 AM, Th from 11:00
AM to 02:00 AM, Fr to Sa from
11:00 AM to 04:00 AM, Su
from 11:00 AM to 02:00 AM

6 rumjungle

DESCRIPTION: This fun place has won the Critic's Award for Best Place to Dance and Best New Hotel Restaurant given by the Las Vegas Review-Journal. The Mandalay Bay Resort houses a refreshing two-story jungle complete with waterfalls and the world's largest rum bar. The Lava Flow is a flaming volcano-bowl filled with dark rum, crushed pineapple, mango, brandy and orange juice. Try the Fire Pit, an eight-course meal including skewered kabobs of meat.

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contact:

tel: +1 702 731 7873
<http://www.purethenightclub.com/>

location:

3570 Las Vegas Boulevard
Las Vegas NV 89109

7 Pure Nightclub

DESCRIPTION: Owned partly by Celine Dion, Andre Agassi, Steffi Graf and Shaquille O'Neal, this bar and lounge redefines nightlife and partying in Las Vegas. Located at the world famous Caesars Palace Hotel, this 3600 square feet fun paradise has three venues under one roof. Enter the exclusive VIP lounge known as the Red Room and get your own space, the way you want it. Or, take the glass elevator to the terrace and party under the stars. And if that's not all, the famous Pussy Cat Dolls now have their own space at Pure and you can be part of it. Groove to the hottest tracks and raise a toast



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to the ever soaring spirit of this city at Pure. This is one place where excitement is the catalyst of life. © wcities.com

contact:

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<http://www.wynnlasvegas.com/>

location:

3131 Las Vegas Blvd South
Las Vegas NV 89109

hours:

Th to Su from 10:00 PM to
04:00 AM

8 Tryst

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

The dress code is strictly enforced here, so be sure to put on your best nightclubbing clothes.

DESCRIPTION: Tryst gets compared to XS, the nightclub at Wynn's sister property, Encore, but it's smaller and sexier. The beautifully designed club looks like an elaborate mansion, full of reds, golds, framed mirrors, and plush seating areas. Like XS, Tryst has an indoor and outdoor area—but it also has a waterfall, a feature many customers remember more than anything else in the upscale club.

Like any wildly popular Vegas nightclub, Tryst is busy and it can be hard to get in. Check online to see about guest list reservations. If you're staying at Wynn, you may want to ask about passes into the club.

Cover charges are \$20 for women and \$30 for men. A VIP area and bottle service are offered. Expect guest performers, well-known DJs, and celebrities. Check Tryst's website for details about upcoming events.

The dress code requires upscale nightclub attire; nothing baggy and no athletic clothing.

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location:

3400 Las Vegas Blvd S
Las Vegas NV 89109

hours:

Fri-Sat 10:30pm- 4:30am
Mon 10:30pm-4:30am

9 Jet Nightclub at the Mirage

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

CLOSED

DESCRIPTION: In Short

The group behind Mist, Fix, and Light has produced Jet, a giant 15,000-square-foot, multi-level nightspot. If you can get past the hordes of people in disorganized lines outside, you'll find three unique rooms designed using wood, stone, and arching steel. Each room has its own dance floor, DJ and sound system. The main room features rock, hip-hop and popular dance; the second has house; and the third is a mix. A one-of-a-kind light and laser grid adds to the club's posh vibe.



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4455 Paradise Rd
Las Vegas NV 89109

hours:

Fri-Sun 10:30pm-4am

A Vanity

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

A favorite spot for the "Real World" cast, Season 25, while they were shooting the show.

DESCRIPTION: A giant LED-illuminated crystal chandelier adorns the dance floor at the Hard Rock's Vanity nightclub. The club makes great use of decorative lighting throughout its 14,000 square feet, giving guests plenty of visual entertainment—although the crowd itself can probably supply plenty of that. In addition to the large interior, Vanity also has a terrace overlooking the beach club. Celebrity sightings are common at Vanity, where table service starts at \$500. Special guests and a roster of DJs keep things from getting routine or dull. Receiving almost as much attention as the dance floor and the celebrities: the ladies' bathroom, which is so large that it's more of a lounge than a bathroom. Staff is available to fix broken nails and assist with any other primping. The dress code requires proper nightclub attire, which means no flip-flops or jogging suits. Cover charge is \$40 for men, \$20 for women. Women enjoy free champagne before midnight.
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Las Vegas Snapshot

Local Info

Las Vegas defies definition. This city in the desert is a gambling capital, vacation paradise, adventure destination, and premier business convention center rolled into one. Las Vegas is the city of neon and the city that never sleeps. Reality takes a hike when you enter the world of glittering casinos, and the hours trickle away in this realm of slot machines, roulette wheels, and high-stakes poker rooms. If you want to keep track of the time, be sure to wear a watch. Casinos don't have clocks, and they are open 24/7, year-round.

Las Vegas hotels range from utilitarian to luxurious, and options for entertainment come in every variety, from adults-only to family-friendly. As a business destination, Las Vegas wins hands-down with the volume of facilities and services available for either large conventions or small business get-togethers. Upscale eateries by chefs like Wolfgang Puck and Emeril Lagasse are found throughout Las Vegas, both on and off the Strip. Award-winning shows from Cirque du Soleil and adaptations of Broadway hits such as *The Phantom of the Opera* grace the hotels' showrooms. Late-night entertainment is plentiful and diverse. Beyond the casinos, the Mojave Desert holds adventures like world-class rock climbing and mountain biking.

The Strip: Las Vegas Boulevard

The fabled five-mile area known as the Las Vegas Strip holds more hotel rooms than any other city in the world. You'll find famous and remarkable hotels, each with its own theme and ambiance. Bellagio's dancing fountains and Italian Renaissance aura ooze luxury. Caesars Palace recreates the glory of Rome, Vegas-style. The Venetian takes on another Italian city and era, duplicating Old World Venice, complete with canals and gondoliers. Old standbys include the Flamingo and the Mirage, with its white tigers and erupting volcanoes. See the Paris Las Vegas with outstanding replicas of the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe and magnifique Parisian atmosphere and charm. Treasure Island offers daily live pirate battles, free of charge. At the "bottom" or south end of the strip, risen from the ashes of the Hacienda Hotel, the magnificent Mandalay Bay takes

you to the tropics, including a pool with waves you can actually surf. At the top of the Strip, you will find the Stratosphere Tower visible from miles away. It is the highest free-standing building in the western half of the United States, with views from the top that are indescribable.

You don't have to stay right on Las Vegas Boulevard to enjoy neon and glitz. Just off the Strip, places like the Rio, the Palms, and the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino are only a taxi ride away and offer easier access to areas beyond the Strip.

Downtown: Fremont Street

The original Las Vegas, where people hung out in the '30s and early '40s, is still thriving, but with a new face known as the Fremont Street Experience. The Fremont Street Experience closed the fabled street to vehicle traffic, and its 90-foot overhead canopy contains state-of-the-art LED lights that create jaw-dropping images. Some tourists actually prefer this area to the Strip because room prices are generally lower. It's an easy walk from one casino to the next, and it's reminiscent of the early, nostalgic days of Las Vegas. The Neon Museum has a permanent display along Fremont Street featuring Old Vegas signs, from Vegas Vic to Aladdin's Lamp. Nightly light shows on the canopy of the Fremont Street Experience are free, and street vendors hawk everything from spray-paint art to henna tattoos. In addition, there are famous hotels such as The Plaza (formerly known as Union Plaza), overlooking Fremont Street, and the classic Golden Nugget. For nostalgia buffs, there is also the Golden Gate Hotel Casino, renovated to its earlier classic glory and appearance and still famous for the 99-cent shrimp cocktail.

Beyond the Strip

In the last two decades, Las Vegas has added residents at an astonishing rate, creating outlying neighborhoods full of homes and, of course, hotels and casinos. To the west of the Strip, Summerlin sits just outside Red Rock Canyon and contains three hotel/casinos, along with several golf courses. East of the Strip, Henderson/Green Valley puts visitors a quick drive away from Lake Mead National Recreation Area and is home to the trendy Green Valley

Ranch Resort, which starred in its very own reality TV show for a while. In North Las Vegas, the Las Vegas Motor Speedway draws racing fans from all over the United States, and places like the Cannery give them a place to stay close to the track.

If playing the tables isn't risky enough for you, you may want to try some of Las Vegas' outdoor adventures. Red Rock Canyon is ranked among the top five rock climbing destinations in the world and contains over 2,000 climbing routes. Bootleg Canyon in Boulder City is home to a network of mountain biking trails and a new zip-line adventure that speeds riders along a suspended cable high above the canyon.

Las Vegas Weather

Las Vegas is located in the Mojave Desert, which means that from roughly mid-May to late October, you can expect very hot temperatures, often over 100 degrees. The climate is quite dry, except during brief rainstorms—in which case be careful of flash flooding. If you're planning any outdoor activities, drink lots of water, wear sunscreen, and go as early in the day as possible. Better yet, save your desert explorations for the winter months, approximately November through April.

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Hotel Insights

Las Vegas Hotels Highlights

Deciding where to stay in Las Vegas can be challenging, simply because of the sheer number of choices. You'll want to consider the atmosphere, theme, and location of your accommodations. Room rates run the gamut from decadent to budget priced. With few exceptions, Las Vegas hotels offer everything you might need on-site—restaurants, shows, shopping, spas, sometimes even bowling alleys and movie theaters, and, of course, casinos. Once you arrive, you won't have to leave your hotel unless you want to.

The Las Vegas Strip

On the Strip, luxury permeates the new Wynn Las Vegas and its neighbor, Encore. Built on the site of the old

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Desert Inn, Wynn and Encore have been showered with both praise and awards for their five-star accommodations. Further south on the Strip, the Bellagio is probably best-known for its dancing fountains, but the amazing synchronized water show is secondary to the interior of the hotel. The Chihuly glass creation over the lobby is fascinating, and is a good indication of the Bellagio's attention to detail. Other notable Las Vegas luxury hotels include the Mandalay Bay and The Hotel at Mandalay Bay (which are interconnected), the Venetian, and Caesar's Palace. The Trump International, which does not offer gaming, is another consideration for travelers looking for pampering, sophistication, and opulence.

If your budget calls for less extravagance, you have plenty of options, such as the Paris Las Vegas, New York-New York, Excalibur (the medieval theme is terrific for families), Luxor (otherwise known as the big pyramid), Treasure Island, or the Sahara, all of which are located on the Strip. Except for the Sahara, each of these hotels entertains visitors with distinct themes from other cities and/or other time periods. The Paris recreates the famous French city on a small scale, complete with an Eiffel Tower. Both the New York-New York and the Sahara have rollercoasters, and the Sahara offers the Las Vegas Cyber Speedway for your inner race car driver. The Treasure Island's nightly pirate show has always been popular, and they recently changed the show to "Sirens of the TI," so the show now includes a perennial Las Vegas favorite: scantily clad dancing girls. For a G-rated show, you can always go nextdoor to watch the volcano erupt at The Mirage.

Downtown

Staying downtown will give you more of that Old Vegas feeling, without pyramids or rollercoasters. Downtown is a good place to stay if your major reason for visiting Las Vegas is strictly to gamble. None of Downtown's hotels have been imploded (yet), so favorites like the Golden Nugget, Binions, and the Plaza (formerly the Union Plaza) are still there. Downtown's nod to the modern era is the Fremont Street Experience, which closed Fremont Street to traffic and connected the hotels with an overhead canopy that displays nightly light shows. If you're traveling with kids, however, Downtown hotels don't offer much

in the way of entertainment for the under-21 age group.

Off the Strip

Off the Strip and in Las Vegas neighborhoods, the hotel casinos are smaller, and will appeal to visitors who want to stay away from the crowds on the Strip. The hip, upscale Palms is just a few blocks west of the Strip, as is the all-suites Rio. Station Casinos offers a chain of hotel casinos throughout Las Vegas, including the Gold Coast, the Texas, and Boulder Station. The Orleans, a few blocks west of the Strip, frequently hosts reasonably-priced concerts and events. Non-gaming hotels include the Alexis Park and the Renaissance, and most major chains, such as Marriott and Holiday Inn, have non-gaming hotels in Las Vegas.

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Restaurants Insights

The good news about Las Vegas restaurants is that the city has officially shed its status as a restaurant backwater. The bad news is that eating out in Las Vegas isn't nearly as cheap as it used to be.

Las Vegas is now home to a variety of accomplished, award-winning chefs, some of whom will be well-known to foodies. Wolfgang Puck was one of the first celebrity chefs to set up shop in Las Vegas, beginning with Spago at Caesar's Palace; Puck now has five Strip restaurants, including Postrio at the Venetian Hotel in the Grand Canal Shoppes. Thomas Keller has a place at the Venetian, Bouchon, which serves the fabulous bistro food he made famous in Napa Valley. Other culinary heavy-hitters in Las Vegas include Hubert Keller's Fleur de Lys at Mandalay Bay; Joel Robuchon's eponymous restaurant at the Mansion at MGM (also his L'Atelier, for more casual dining); and Alex Strada's Alex at Wynn. Emeril Lagasse has four restaurants in Las Vegas, most recently opening a sports bar and grill, Lagasse's Stadium, at the Palazzo.

Some Las Vegas restaurants integrate great food with beautiful décor and feasts for your eyes. Aureole at Mandalay Bay is known for its food and its wine angels, who fly through the wine racks to retrieve your

selection of wine. Mix is acclaimed for its view and interior design just as much as for its food. Atop the Eiffel Tower at Paris Las Vegas, you can enjoy French cuisine at the Eiffel Tower Restaurant while watching the Strip below you. For a more expansive view, the Top of the World Restaurant at the top of the Stratosphere will serve you gourmet entrees while you take in the view from the tallest structure west of the Mississippi—and the restaurant rotates.

In the years before Las Vegas restaurants went seriously upscale, the city's better restaurants were known for thick steaks. The Golden Steer has been in business for over 50 years, and it's the perfect place to get a feel for the days before megaresorts. Downtown, Hugo's Cellar at the Four Queens is another long-time Las Vegas favorite. Also located Downtown, Chicago Joe's and Dona Maria's Tamales offer diners authentic Italian and Mexican food, minus celebrity anything. West of the Strip, Rosemary's award-winning food draws both visitors and locals—it's in a rather nondescript shopping mall, but diners will be too enchanted with the food to notice anything else.

Naturally, if you're in Las Vegas, you'll have to try a buffet. Even though they're no longer the cheapest choice for meals, Las Vegas buffets are now known for their varied selections of food. The Golden Nugget was one of the first buffets to raise the price but also the quality of their food, and The Buffet is still worth visiting. The Mirage's Cravings, Bally's Sterling Sunday Brunch, and the Rio's Village Seafood Buffet are great places to experience the new and improved Las Vegas buffet.

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Things to Do Insights

Finding things to do in Las Vegas is easy.

The Strip is dedicated to entertainment, from its lavish hotel casinos to its animal exhibits. Beyond the Strip, you'll find museums, an Arts District, and beautiful desert scenery.

Wander through any of the Strip's resorts to find plenty of gambling opportunities (you may want to join the casino's "club" for a variety of deals, if they have one). If you're not interested in gambling, almost every hotel has a spa designed to massage and

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pamper. Caesar's Palace, Planet Hollywood, and the Venetian have elaborately themed and designed shopping areas, complete with overhead skies in the ceiling that change from day to night periodically. Caesar's has talking statues and the Venetian features canals and gondolas. Animal lovers may enjoy the Mirage's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat, the Mandalay Bay's Shark Reef, or the MGM Grand's Lion Habitat. Rollercoasters are a feature of New York-New York, the Sahara, and the Stratosphere. Downtown, the Fremont Street Experience and Neon Museum give visitors all the bright lights they can handle along a pedestrian walkway that connects the Downtown casinos together.

Las Vegas museums offer a great deal of history about Southern Nevada. The state's oldest non-native building is located at the Old Mormon Fort (only a partial wall remains within another building). The Springs Preserve is a new museum that features walking trails along with environmentally-friendly buildings and hands-on exhibits about Southern Nevada. The Atomic Testing Museum details the history of the atomic bomb. The Downtown Arts District, along Charleston Avenue, is a growing community of galleries and restaurants. On the first Friday of every month, they hold a street festival.

Exploring the desert surrounding Las Vegas will take you to red sandstone cliffs and rock formations, rare desert springs, and a massive man-made lake. Lake Mead, the reservoir created by Hoover Dam, sits adjacent to the Valley of Fire State Park, Nevada's first state park. Look for bighorn sheep in this area. Red Rock Canyon, to the west of Las Vegas, is a popular destination with rock climbers, hikers, and horseback riders. To escape from the desert heat, visit Mt. Charleston, also known as Spring Mountain National Recreation Area. Las Vegas is also a good place to use a base

camp for day trips in Death Valley, Zion National Park, and the Mojave National Preserve. Helicopter or plane tours to one of the rims of the Grand Canyon are also popular. The South and North Rims are part of the national park, and the West Rim, which is on Hualapai tribal land, features the Skywalk, a glass walkway that juts out over the canyon.

For guided tours:

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Grand Canyon Tours Adventure Photo Tours (+1 702 889 8687/<http://www.adventurephototours.com/>) Eagle Canyon Airlines, Inc (+1 800 634 6801/<http://www.scenic.com/>) Grand Canyon Airlines (+1 866 235 9422/<http://www.grandcanyonairlines.com/>) Grand Canyon Coaches (+1 702 577 9056/<http://www.grandcanyoncoaches.com/>) Scenic Airlines (+1 702 638 3300/<http://www.scenic.com/>)

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Fun Facts

1. The legal age for gambling and drinking in Las Vegas is 21. No exceptions.
2. Prostitution is not legal in Clark County, where Las Vegas is located. It is legal in the neighboring county of Nye, a short drive away.
3. Interesting fact: The Shark Reef at the Mandalay Bay is North America's only predator-based aquarium. It's also Nevada's first and only animal facility accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.
4. Las Vegas is about 280 miles from the South Rim of Arizona's Grand Canyon.
5. Las Vegas is in the Mojave Desert, North America's smallest desert.
6. Average rainfall in Las Vegas is about 4.5 inches.
7. Fun fact: The Clark County Marriage License Bureau is open seven days a week, from 8:00 a.m. to midnight.
8. In 2009, over 36 million visitors came to Las Vegas.
9. Random fact: According to the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Las Vegas has 148,941 hotel rooms available.
10. Gambling became legal in Las Vegas in 1931.
11. The Stratosphere is the tallest observation tower west of the Mississippi River. Original plans called for it to be even taller.
12. Weird fact: Boulder City, just outside of Las Vegas, is one of only two Las Vegas towns that do not allow gambling. (The other town is Panaca.)

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