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Greetings from LAS VEGAS

48 hours, solo, at your own pace

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48-HOUR GUIDE · SAFETY GUIDE · PLANNING CALENDAR

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Welcome to Las Vegas

Las Vegas is built to be loud, but it is easier to enjoy alone than you might think. The Strip is a walkable stage set, the casinos are open all hours, and a quiet corner is never far away. And just beyond the neon, the desert is silent.

Traveling solo here works because the city is designed for individuals. You can sit at a bar, a buffet counter, or a show seat without anyone asking questions. The only rule is to set your own pace, since the resorts are bigger than they look.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Read through once before you go. Day One covers the Strip, the fountains, and an evening of light. Day Two moves to Downtown and Fremont Street, then the desert. Section 03 is the new-for-2027 story of the Strip, which is not actually in Las Vegas. Distances between resorts are larger than they appear, so plan your steps and drink water.

ESSENTIAL QUICK FACTS

CURRENCY
US dollar (cards accepted nearly everywhere)

TRANSIT
Deuce bus, monorail, rideshare, and walking

TIME ZONE
Pacific (UTC–8; UTC–7 in summer)

EMERGENCY
911 · non-emergency 311

TIPPING
18–20% in restaurants · tip dealers and bartenders

CASINO AGE
21 to gamble and drink

01 DAY ONE

The Strip · The Fountains · A Night of Light

The first day follows the Strip from south to north, saving the best views for after dark.

MORNING · 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

9:00 AM

Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas Sign

The 1959 sign at the south end of the Strip. Go early to avoid the line for photos.

Take a rideshare; it is not a pleasant walk.

10:30 AM

Resort Walk

Walk through a few of the resorts for their lobbies, gardens, and art. Many have free attractions, like conservatories and fountains.

Indoor pathways are cool in the heat.

12:30 PM

Lunch — a resort café or buffet

Most resorts have counter seats and casual cafés. Sit at the bar for the best solo experience.

Compare menus before you sit; prices vary.

AFTERNOON · 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

2:00 PM

Pool or Spa

Take a break from the sun. Many resorts have day passes for the pool or spa.

Check availability and pricing in advance.

4:30 PM

High Roller or a Show Matinee

The High Roller observation wheel gives a slow view over the Strip. A matinee show is a cooler option.

Book tickets ahead on weekends.

EVENING · 7:00 PM

7:00 PM

Dinner and the Fountains

Eat at a restaurant overlooking the Bellagio fountains, which dance every 15 to 30 minutes in the evening.

The fountain show is free to watch from the sidewalk.

The Strip is longer than it looks. Plan your steps and carry water.

02 DAY TWO

Downtown · Fremont Street · The Desert

The second day moves to Old Las Vegas, then out to the desert for a different kind of quiet.

MORNING · 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

8:00 AM

Red Rock Canyon

A scenic loop drive and trails about 17 miles west of the Strip. Go early, before the heat.

Check the current reservation and entry rules for the scenic drive.

11:30 AM

The Neon Museum

A boneyard of vintage Las Vegas signs, with guided tours. The light changes by the hour.

Book in advance; evening tours show the signs lit.

12:30 PM

Lunch Downtown

Fremont East has independent restaurants and bars, a world away from the resort food courts.

Many places have counter seating.

AFTERNOON · 2:30 PM – 6:00 PM

2:30 PM

Mob Museum

A museum of organized crime and law enforcement, in a former courthouse.

Allow about two hours.

4:30 PM

Arts District

Murals, breweries, and vintage shops south of Downtown.

Weekend evenings are livelier.

EVENING · 7:30 PM

7:30 PM

Fremont Street Experience

A pedestrian canopy of light and music. The street comes alive after dark.

Keep your bag close and your drinks in sight.

03 THE STRIP

The Strip Is Not in Las Vegas

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Las Vegas Strip is not actually in the city of Las Vegas?

The famous Strip sits just south of the city limits, in unincorporated Clark County, in areas called Paradise and Winchester. Downtown and Fremont Street are the part that lies inside the city.

HOW IT WORKS

The Strip runs about four miles along Las Vegas Boulevard. The monorail covers the east side and the Deuce bus runs the length of the Strip and on to Downtown.

HOW TO DO IT RIGHT

Cut your walking by using the monorail or a rideshare between resorts. Each resort is a small city, and the distances are deceiving.

BEST TIME TO GO

Spring and fall have the best weather. Summer days are very hot, so plan outdoor time for early morning and evening.

04 WHERE TO EAT

Vegas's table — counters, buffets and bars

Las Vegas offers every kind of meal, from celebrity chefs to quick counters. Singles are welcome at the bar of nearly every restaurant.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Resort buffets
THE STRIP · $$$
Large spreads with solo-friendly seating. Prices vary widely.

Egg & I
DOWNTOWN · $
A classic breakfast diner.

Fremont East cafés
DOWNTOWN · $
Independent coffee shops and lunch counters.

Chinatown restaurants
SPRING MOUNTAIN · $$
Dim sum and noodles west of the Strip.

DINNER & LATE

Resort bar counters
THE STRIP · $$
The easiest solo dinner is at a restaurant bar.

Downtown steakhouses
DOWNTOWN · $$$
Old-school Vegas dining.

Arts District restaurants
ARTS DISTRICT · $$
Independent spots with a local feel.

Late-night diners
VARIOUS · $
Casino diners are open all hours.

05 GETTING AROUND

Getting around Las Vegas

The Strip is walkable but long. Mix walking with the monorail, the Deuce bus, or rideshare.

Deuce bus	about $6 for 2 hours	Runs the length of the Strip to Downtown. Check current fares.
Monorail	about 3.9 miles	Runs on the east side of the Strip. Check current fares.
Harry Reid Airport	LAS	Close to the Strip; rideshare or taxi takes about 15 minutes.
Rideshare	varies	Useful between resorts and for late nights.
Walking	free	The Strip is about 4 miles long. Allow time.

Walk between neighboring resorts, ride between distant ones, and use indoor pathways in the heat.

06 BACKUP PLANS

Escaping the heat

Summer can top 100°F, so plan indoor options.

THE STRIP
Resort conservatories
Indoor gardens and seasonal displays, free to walk through.

THE STRIP
Sphere
An immersive venue with shows and exhibits. Check the schedule.

DOWNTOWN
The Mob Museum
Indoor history in a former courthouse.

DOWNTOWN
The Neon Museum
Evening tours are cooler and show the signs lit.

THE STRIP
Shows and matinees
Air-conditioned entertainment.

THE STRIP
Aquariums and galleries
Resorts have art and animal exhibits.

07 NEIGHBORHOODS

Know your neighborhoods

THE STRIP
The Strip
Big resorts, lights, and shows.

OLD VEGAS
Downtown
Fremont Street and the Mob Museum.

MURALS
Arts District
Galleries, breweries, and vintage shops.

LOCAL FOOD
Chinatown
Restaurants and shops along Spring Mountain Road.

FREMONT EAST
Fremont East
Bars and independent restaurants.

DESERT QUIET
Red Rock
A scenic canyon outside the city.

08 GOOD TO KNOW

What nobody tells you

- The Strip is about four miles long. Distances between resorts are larger than they look.
- Drink water often. The desert air is dry and the sun is strong.
- Casinos are open 24 hours. You must be 21 to gamble or drink.
- Rideshare pickup spots are often in garages, a long walk from the lobby. Allow extra time.
- Tip dealers, bartenders, and servers. Carry small bills.
- Resort fees are common. Check the total price before you book.

WHEN TO GO

Mar–May	Best overall	Warm days and cool evenings.
Jun–Aug	Hot season	Often over 100°F; plan for evenings and indoor days.
Sep–Nov	Second best	Mild, sunny, and comfortable.
Dec–Feb	Off-season	Cool days, cold nights; fewer crowds.

09 SOLO TRAVELER SAFETY

Is Las Vegas safe?

Safe in the main tourist areas, with the usual big-city awareness. The Strip and Fremont Street are heavily patrolled. The main risks are the heat, pickpockets in crowds, and walking in unfamiliar areas late at night.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AT A GLANCE

The Strip (resorts)	●●●●○
Fremont Street	●●●●○
Arts District	●●●●○
Fremont East	●●●●○
Downtown side streets at night	●●●○○
Areas away from the Strip at night	●●○○○

COMMON SCAMS

Street promoters on the Strip hand out cards and invite you to clubs or shows. Decline politely and keep walking. Be wary of drink offers from strangers.

HEALTH & MEDICAL

For emergencies call 911. Heat illness is a real risk. Drink water, wear sunscreen, and take breaks indoors.

SOLO TRAVELERS

Share your plans with someone back home, keep your phone charged, and use rideshare at night. Stay in busy, well-lit areas.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Police, fire & ambulance	911
Non-emergency (city)	311
Las Vegas Metro Police non-emergency	702-828-3111
Poison control	1-800-222-1222

10 PLANNING CALENDAR

Las Vegas, month by month

A year-round look at the events that shape the city. Exact dates shift annually.

JAN CONSUMER ELECTRONICS SHOW

- Huge tech convention. Hotels fill and prices rise.

MAR–APR SPRING

- Pleasant weather, pool season opens, and the desert blooms.

JUN–AUG SUMMER HEAT

- Very hot; pool parties and evening shows dominate.

OCT FALL

- Comfortable weather and a busy event calendar.

NOV FORMULA 1

- A major race in November fills the Strip with fans.

DEC 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

- Fireworks over the Strip and crowds along the boulevard.

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Every Stop, Mapped

Scan the code to open the free interactive Las Vegas map — every stop in this guide, filterable by day, food, and transport.

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