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## A visit to Las Vegas

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Las Vegas is the capital of glitter with the many shining neon signs, the impressive shows and the fabulous hotels. The activities go on 24/7, regardless of whether you come here to go to the casinos, get married in one of the many wedding chapels, or just to soak up the atmosphere.

The entertainment offered by the hotels centres on the main street Las Vegas Boulevard, also known as The Strip. A string of hotels line the street and a visit of these as well as trying their extravagant buffets, malls and special attractions is part of any visit to the largest city in the state of Nevada.

Las Vegas is a large city, and it also offers museums and sights beyond The Strip, and if the hustle and bustle becomes too much there is relaxation to be found in the impressive nature in the area, notably Grand Canyon which isn't very far away.

Have a great trip!

## Historical outline

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After the Spanish established missions in the Los Angeles region, they sought an access through the present Nevada. The first European here was Rafael Riviera who saw a large grass-covered valley and named the region Las Vegas, meaning "The Meadows".

In 1844 the explorer John Fremont writes about Las Vegas, thus spreading the knowledge of the area beyond the few passing Spanish and the native population. In 1855, 11 years later, this leads to the founding of a Mormon fort in Las Vegas, though it is abandoned after only two years.

During the last half of the 19th Century the area saw some spread-out settlements as Nevada developed, mainly due to the many opportunities for mining. Gold, silver and minerals had been discovered, leading to increasing immigration. During this period, cheap allotments were created for new arrivals, and that attracted a lot of farmers to Las Vegas.

The construction of the railway between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City shortly after 1900 had a great impact on the regional development. It would pass through Las Vegas, and the place became an important station due to its access to water.

In connection with the railway, land was put on sale in 1905 in an area that would create a real town. That was the founding of the city of Las Vegas, and within the first decades the population reached a few thousands.

Las Vegas and Nevada were - like so many other places - haunted by illegal gambling, and here the issue was resolved by legalising it and creating licenses for six initial establishments. Immigration and divorce regulations were also eased considerably. Divorce could be granted after only six weeks of residency which caused a demand for many

temporary stays in the city and formed the basis of the hotel and entertainment industry we see today.

In 1930 the population had reached 5,165, and the 1930's Depression did not slow things down. In 1931, construction of the immense Hoover Dam began nearby and the large project formed the basis of even further growth in the city, and the population slowly but steadily increased.

By 1940 the population of Las Vegas was around 8,000, and then the population exploded. After a large construction boom and an expansion of the old city limits, the population rose to around 48,000 in 1950.

From a slow start in the 1940's one hotel after the other cropped up through the next decades. The hotels focused on accessible popular entertainment in their large casinos, and besides that, many of the larger hotels offered daily shows where among others Elvis Presley performed in 1969.

In 1970 the city had a population of 270,000, and by the turn of the next decade the number had risen to 467,000, but the development wouldn't end there. During the 1980's the city aimed for a further increase, and during the period 1985-95 the annual growth was at seven percent and a hitherto unseen construction boom hit the city. Large hotels and attractions such as the Monorail rose up. The city grew beyond 1,000,000 inhabitants, and unique hotels cropped up everywhere.

Nevada's privileged position with a virtual monopoly on legalised gambling was broken when the Native Americans were allowed to run casinos in the reservations, which could potentially divert the flow of tourists to the city, causing loss of revenue and employment.

The answer to this challenge was to change Las Vegas from a centre of gambling to a centre of experiences. Large hotel complexes unlike anything else in the world were based on themes like Paris,

Venice and ancient Egypt. Eiffel towers, sphinxes and Roman halls were built, as well as a series of attractions for both children and adults. Las Vegas now offered much more than gambling, and tourists arrived in unprecedented numbers.

The constant and massive influx of tourists also brought on a more general urban development, including art museums, universities and large cooperations, and Las Vegas is now the fastest-growing city in the USA. The greater Las Vegas area is home to up to 2,000,000 people, and in less than a

hundred years the city has grown to become the absolute centre of the State of Nevada and so much more than the green meadows that Rafael Riviera passed on his way to Los Angeles a few hundred years ago.

Today the city is a modern metropolis, world-famous for its 24-hour tourist attractions along The Strip, and with all the bright lights and glittering hotels, the city offers an experience that is unparalleled in the world. Las Vegas creates dreams and offers entertainment in true US-style.

## Tour 1: Las Vegas

### 1. The Strip/Las Vegas Boulevard



#### Las Vegas Boulevard

The Strip is the main street of Las Vegas. This is the site of all the vast, glittering and fashionable hotels with neon lights of all colours. The hotels compete to out-do each other in entertainment, attractions and creativity, and a trip down The Strip after darkness is the city's main attraction that brings out the star quality of Las Vegas and transports the visitor to a fantasy world with a cornucopia of impressions.

### 2. Bellagio



#### 3600 Las Vegas Boulevard South

[www.bellagio.com](http://www.bellagio.com)

The Bellagio is built with European elegance throughout the immense hotel and was inspired by the town of Bellagio by Lake Como in Italy. The Via Bellagio shopping arcade as well as the Spa Bellagio wellness facilities give the visitor a chance to relax and enjoy, and behind the lobby there's also a botanical garden, and in the Gallery of Fine Arts you will find changing exhibitions with world-class works of art.

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Facing The Strip, the artificial lake is home to the famous water-ballet that dances to various pieces of music, mainly opera and classical pieces.

The Bellagio opened with 3,026 rooms in 1998 and now contains 3,993 rooms.

### 3. Caesar's Palace



**3570 Las Vegas Boulevard South**

**[www.caesars.com](http://www.caesars.com)**

Caesar's Palace is one of the classic hotels of the city and among the oldest existing establishments. It was built as a modern version of a Roman palace, and especially the incredible shopping arcade The Forum Shops is an experience.

The Forum Shops is an Italian-inspired shopping arcade with a beautifully painted sky vault. A stroll down the arcade offers many exquisite details, exclusive stores and fine places to eat. Also note the fountain show, The Fountain of Atlantis.

Caesar's Palace opened with 700 rooms in 1966 and now boasts 3,349.

### 4. Mirage



**3400 Las Vegas Boulevard South**

**[www.themirage.com](http://www.themirage.com)**

The Mirage hotel is just that - a tropical mirage in the desert, complete with a volcano that erupts every 30 minutes in the area facing The Strip.

Inside there is a large aquarium with more than 80,000 litres, filled with tropical fish from among others the Pacific Ocean, and next to it you will find a tropical rain forest with waterfalls, 100 plant species, orchids, and 20-metre trees. Finally, the hotel also offers the possibility of experiencing dolphins and Siberian white tigers in the beautifully designed Secret Garden & Dolphin Habitat.

The Mirage has 3,044 rooms and opened in 1989.

## 5. The Venetian (3355 Las Vegas Boulevard South)



### 3355 Las Vegas Boulevard South

The Venetian recreates the romantic mood from Venice. Outside the hotel, the canal passes under a replica of the Rialto Bridge, and next to it is the characteristic tower of San Marco.

When you enter the lobby, you feel transported to the Sistine Chapel with the beautiful frescos on the vaulted ceiling. The hotel's shopping arcade is inspired by Venice's Canal Grande, and of course there are also gondolas in Las Vegas. The hotel also houses the Madame Tussaud Interactive Wax Attraction, an affiliate of the famous wax museum.

The Venetian opened in 1999 with 4,049 rooms.

### 5a. Guggenheim Hermitage Museum [www.guggenheimlasvegas.org](http://www.guggenheimlasvegas.org)

The Las Vegas Guggenheim hosts remarkable changing exhibitions where works from the world's largest museum, the St. Petersburg Hermitage, mix with pieces from the Guggenheim museums in Berlin, Bilbao, New York, and Venice.

The world-wide Guggenheim collections and in particular the Hermitage collection is an eternal source of exhibition themes, e.g. treasures of the Russian Tsars or European paintings from various artists and periods.

The exciting and different exhibition space at The Venetian was created by the architect Rem Koolhaas, who has gained renown through his many cultural building projects throughout the world.

## 6. Treasure Island



### 3300 Las Vegas Boulevard South

[www.treasureisland.com](http://www.treasureisland.com)

The hotel has a large show on The Strip, The Sirens of Treasure Island, that displays a 17th century meeting between 17th Century pirates and luring sirens, and the show is packed with special effects. Inside the hotel, further spectacular shows are also staged.

Treasure Island opened in 1993 with 2,885 rooms.

## 7. Stratosphere



2000 Las Vegas Boulevard South  
[www.stratospherehotel.com](http://www.stratospherehotel.com)

The Stratosphere hotel is the most easily recognisable in Las Vegas with its 350 metre Stratosphere Tower. The tower is the highest observation tower in the country and the tallest building West of Mississippi. At the summit, there is an observation deck, a rotating restaurant and some unique rollercoasters and other exhilarating rides! At 329 metres you find The Big Shot, a ride that shoots you up into the air, and between 264 metres and 277 metres you can find The High Roller, Insanity the Ride, and Xscream, none of which are easily forgotten.

At the Stratosphere Casino you can see the classic Viva Las Vegas show as well as other shows portraying American superstars throughout the times.

The Stratosphere opened in 1996 with 2,450 rooms.

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## 8. Las Vegas Natural History Museum

**900 Las Vegas Boulevard North**

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The Las Vegas Natural History Museum conveys natural history in an exciting manner. You can revisit prehistoric times in the dinosaur gallery with the 10 metres long Tyrannosaurus Rex, and the museum in the desert also displays a large aquarium with sharks and rays. The collection also houses models of large sharks, as well as both models and preserved animals from all continents, including displays of the savannah, the Arctics and Nevada's own nature. There are also numerous terrariums with animals such as snakes and tarantulas.

## 9. Nevada State Museum & Historical Society

**700 Twin Lakes Drive**

This state museum depicts the history of Nevada's nature and culture. Besides the temporary exhibitions there are also three permanent displays on the region's history, on the plants and wildlife in the area as well as on the geological history of the region.

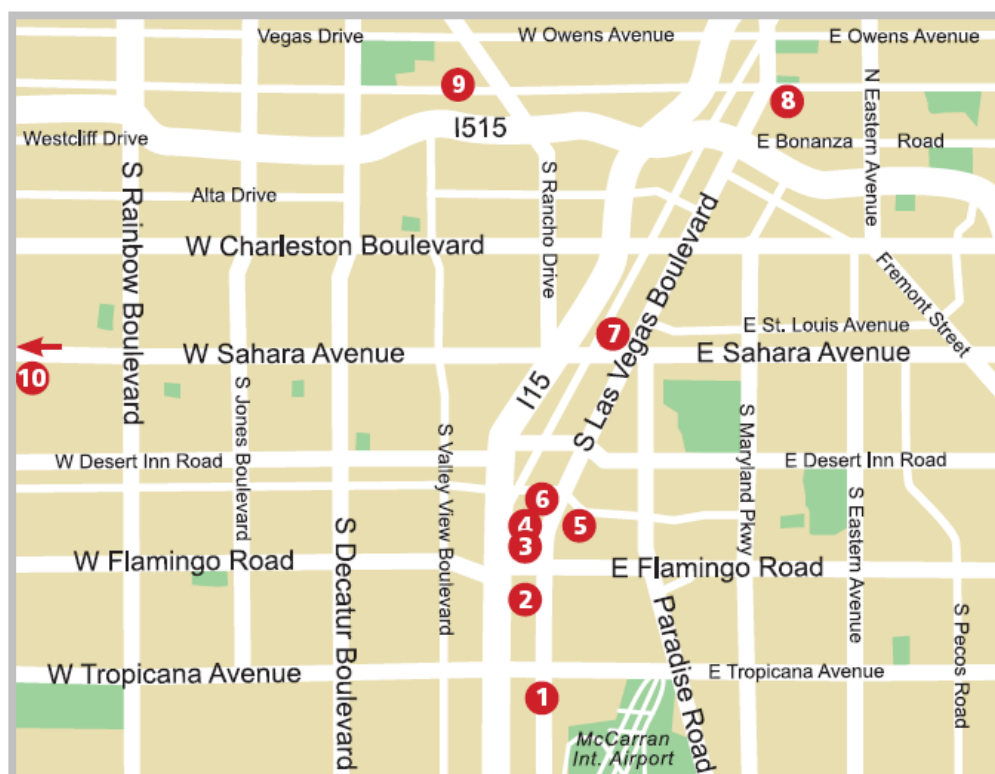
## 10. Las Vegas Art Museum

**9600 West Sahara Avenue**

**[www.lasvegasartmuseum.org](http://www.lasvegasartmuseum.org)**

The Las Vegas Art Museum was founded in 1950 as the Las Vegas Art League. The present museum building dates from 1997, and since 2002 the museum has been cooperating with the Smithsonian Museum.

The Art Museum hosts temporary exhibitions that focus on themes, art forms and periods, and there are also performances such as opera.



## Tour 2: Las Vegas

### 11. Mandalay Bay



**3950 Las Vegas Boulevard South**  
**[www.mandalaybay.com](http://www.mandalaybay.com)**

The large and elegant Mandalay Bay Hotel houses a large aquarium, Shark's Reef, where you can cross the reef in a glass tunnel, giving you the impression of diving in the sea. The aquarium is the setting for a submerged temple and other spectacular set-pieces. The hotel also offers a tropical beach, the Mandalay Beach.

The Mandalay Bay opened in 1999 with 3,309 rooms and has since been extended to 4,341 rooms.

### 12. Luxor



**3900 Las Vegas Boulevard South**  
**[www.luxor.com](http://www.luxor.com)**

The 106-metres tall, black Luxor pyramid is located on the Strip and guarded by an impressive sphinx. The Luxor offers a journey back to ancient Egypt, including a recreation of Tutankhamun's tomb and copies of the spectacular treasures of the Valley of Kings. A beam of light rises from the peak of the pyramid and can be seen from anywhere in Las Vegas.

The Luxor opened in 1993 with 2,526 rooms and now has 4,408.

### 13. Excalibur



**3850 Las Vegas Boulevard South**  
**[www.excalibur.com](http://www.excalibur.com)**

The Excalibur is a wonderfully colourful sight, recreating a Medieval castle and hosting a show about the court of King Arthur at the centre. The experience begins as soon as you enter the castle through the drawbridge at the main entrance.

The Excalibur opened in 1990 with 4.008 rooms.

#### 14. New York New York



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The Empire State Building, the Chrysler Building and a 46-metre replica of The Statue of Liberty all rise in the centre of Las Vegas. The Manhattan Express rollercoaster circuits the entire skyline with speeds up to 100 kilometres per hour.

The New York New York opened in 1997 with 2.033 rooms.

#### 15. MGM Grand



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The vast MGM Grand opened as the world's largest hotel at the time and impresses because of its spectacular dimensions. MGM is short for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, the Hollywood studio. The MGM hallmark, the lion, stands in front of the hotel, and there is also the Lion Habitat with real lions.

The hotel also houses the Grand Garden Arena that seats an impressive 17,000 people for large shows, boxing matches, and other activities.

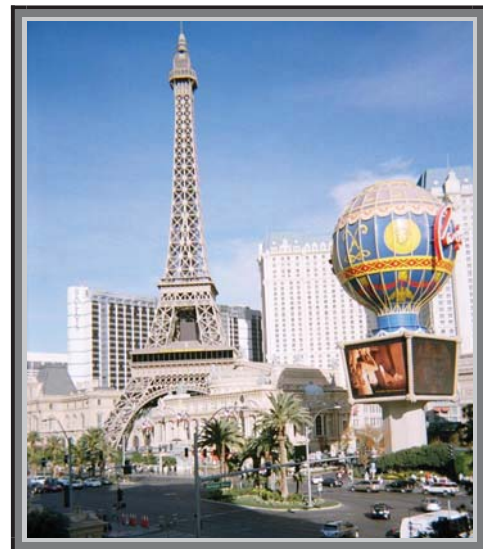
The MGM Grand opened in 1993 with 5.005 rooms.

## 16. Las Vegas Monorail



Las Vegas has several monorails, and they are both an entertaining means of transport as well as a shortcut between several of the large hotels. The monorails were built along the Strip in 1995, and the four lines will take you from Mandalay Bay via Luxor to Excalibur, from Bellagio to Monte Carlo (by New York New York), from Mirage to Treasure Island and finally from MGM Grand via Paris and Imperial Palace to the last stops at Las Vegas Hilton and Sahara.

## 17. Paris



**3655 Las Vegas Boulevard South**

**[www.paris-lv.com](http://www.paris-lv.com)**

A half-size copy of the Eiffel Tower, the facade of the Louvre, a two-thirds copy of the Arc of Triumph, the beautiful Opéra de Paris and the Paris City Hall are some of the landmarks that can be found in the beautiful complex that forms the Paris Hotel.

In the Eiffel Tower you can dine at the 11th-floor restaurant or take a lift all the way to the observation deck at the top where there is a fantastic view of the complex, The Strip, and the Bellagio hotel across the street.

The Paris opened in 1999 with 2.916 rooms.

## 18. Imperial Palace

**3535 Las Vegas Boulevard South**

**[www.imperialpalace.com](http://www.imperialpalace.com)**

The Imperial Palace is inspired by the Chinese and Japanese Imperial palaces. The hotel houses a large and interesting car museum with a collection of more than 800 vintage, special and classic cars, making it one of the most comprehensive historical car displays in the world. The collection includes one of Adolf Hitler's Mercedes, Mussolini's Alfa Romeo and Al Capones V16 Cadillac.

The Imperial Palace opened in 1979 with 2.700 rooms.

### 19. Las Vegas Hilton Hotel



**3000 South Paradise Road**

**[www.lvhilton.com](http://www.lvhilton.com)**

The large Hilton hotel is especially worth visiting if you appreciate science fiction and Star Trek. Here you will have the chance to be beamed up into the Starship Enterprise, be invaded by Borgs, and much more in Star Trek: The Experience.

The Las Vegas Hilton opened in 1969 with 3.174 rooms.

### 20. Atomic Testing Museum

**755 East Flamingo Road**

**[www.atomictestingmuseum.org](http://www.atomictestingmuseum.org)**

The State of Nevada was the home of the USA land based nuclear testing program, and the museum provides an impression of the scale and history of the nuclear testing as well as information on nuclear technology in general.

Visitors get a close look on the nuclear blasts through films and educational displays. The museum also deals with future perspectives on nuclear technology.

### 21. Liberace Museum

**1775 East Tropicana Avenue**

**[www.liberace.org](http://www.liberace.org)**

The museum of the large and colourful piano entertainer Liberace was founded in 1979. He was called Mr. Showmanship, and his grand self-staging has become legendary timeless.

The displays include Liberace's extravagant jewelry, rare antiques, grand outfits, spectacular pianos and special cars.

This unique collection is impressive, as is Liberace's taste and biography. His time in Vegas during the period 1949-60 is especially documented.



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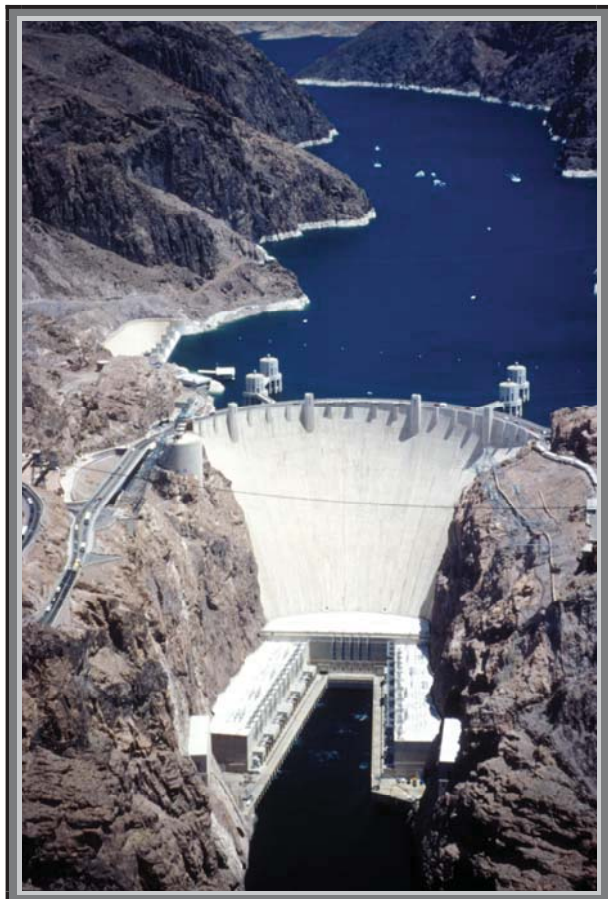
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### 22. Hoover Dam



48 km SE

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The large Hoover Dam was constructed between 1931 and 36 both to generate electricity, not least for the booming development in Las Vegas, and to form a reservoir to stabilise the regions water supply and prevent the common flooding caused by heavy downpours in the Rocky Mountains.

The Hoover Dam was named after the former American President, Herbert Hoover, and it is an engineering feat with a height of 221 metres and a thickness that goes from 200 metres at the foundations to 15 metres at the top. Behind the dam

you find Lake Mead with a length of 185 kilometres and a enormous supply of fresh water.

For the construction of the dam, four tunnels were blasted through the rock sides, allowing the Colorado River to continue its flow. Loose parts of the rock were blasted away, and the dam was then constructed from the bottom of the canyon. The style is typical for the Art Deco era.

You can walk or drive across the dam that connects the states of Arizona and Nevada. The top offers beautiful and dizzying views in both directions, and the visitor centre displays a movie about the construction process and offers guided tours that take you to the bottom of the dam where the powerful turbines are located.

### 23. Goldfield

**Goldfield, 250 km NW**

[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

Mining has formed the basis for a significant part of the development of the State of Nevada. Migrants travelling towards California settled in Nevada in ample measure and founded small towns such as Goldfield.

Gold and silver was discovered in the Goldfield area in 1902, and the gold rush soon inundated the place. Over the course of few years, the city grew to a population of 25,000 and became the largest city in Nevada with several saloons, banks, a courthouse, a railroad and the finest hotel on the stretch between Kansas City and San Francisco.

The gold rush lasted briefly, though, and already by 1911 the precious metals became scarce, and people moved from Goldfield which soon became a veritable ghost city, even though the place was never entirely abandoned.

The atmosphere in Goldfield gives the sensation of stepping into the lost age of the Wild West. There is access to both saloons and the stately Goldfield Hotel from 1908.

If you want to see more mining towns, you can drive up to Tonopah North of Goldfield or to Pioche in the Eastern part of Nevada.

A third option is Rhyolite near Beatty between Las Vegas and Goldfield. Rhyolite is a genuine ghost city with abandoned houses and ruins of past glory. From 1904 to 1907 6,000 people moved here, and during the town's heyday there were 45 saloons, 3 railway tracks, several hotels, and even an opera house! The sights today include the ruins of the 3-storey Cook Bank Building, the Las Vegas & Tonopah Railroad Depot and one of Nevada's famous houses built of bottles.

## 24. Nevada Test Site

**100 km NW**

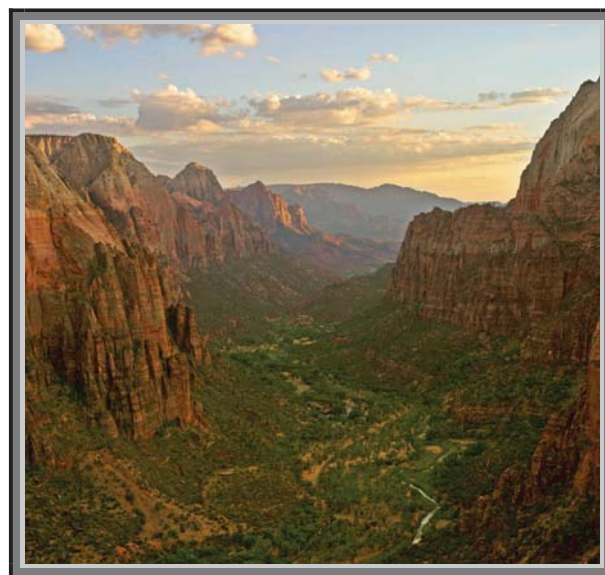
**[www.nv.doe.gov/nts](http://www.nv.doe.gov/nts)**

The Nevada Test Site is a large, desolate tract of land that was established as a testing ground for American nuclear bombs in 1951. The area is usually closed to the public, but occasionally guided tours are arranged, normally departing from the Atomic Testing Museum in Las Vegas.

The area includes Frenchman Flat, the site of the first bomb testing in 1951, as well as News Nob where the press and invited guests could witness the tests.

Please note that the guided tours include certain safety procedures and restrictions.

## 25. Zion National Park



**Zion National Park, 250 km NE**

**[www.nps.gov/zion](http://www.nps.gov/zion)**

The Zion National Park is located in the magnificent nature of the State of Utah, and it offers both beautiful scenery and fascinating geological phenomena. The visitors' centre is located at the Southern Southern entry and provides information about the park as well as bus tours into the Zion Canyon, an 11-kilometre dead-end road to the North North through some of the most beautiful areas of Zion.

The park is dotted with religiously inspired names such as Angel's Landing and Cathedral Mountain, invented by Christians who found the area to be so beautiful that it was almost heavenly.

The trip through Zion Canyon and the area towards the Eastern entry to the park both provide steep cliffs, colourful gorges, eroded landscapes, and high waterfalls.

## 26. Bryce Canyon National Park



**Bryce Canyon National Park, 350 km NE**  
[www.nps.gov/brca](http://www.nps.gov/brca)

The relatively small Bryce National Park is a marvel of countless pillars of rock. The visitors' centre at the entrance to the park offers good information on the best vantage points, hiking trails etc., but you can also choose to drive around the perimeter of the park.

The landscape is dramatic, surreal, and almost Gothic in its shapes. At dawn and sunset this is further emphasised by the light that is reflected off the many red tones in the artfully eroded rock formations.

## 27. Grand Canyon



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The Grand Canyon is definitely one of the world's natural wonders. The Colorado River's erosion of the ground through millions of years has created the breathtaking canyon and made it an unforgettable and unique sight.

The Grand Canyon is 446 kilometres long, and the width varies from 6 to 29 metres. It is 1,600 metres deep at the lowest point, and the winding Colorado River continues to dig itself deeper. The canyon seems almost artistic in its mix of shapes and colours, and the sunlight plays on the predominately red hues of the rock, creating a vision that is hard to take your eyes off.

The Grand Canyon is best viewed from the Southsouth, and here roads lead to several viewing stations, including Desert View which is one of the best places to get a sense of the area's proportions. The Grand Canyon Village is a centre of sorts with various sources of information as well as facilities.

## 28. Barringer Meteor Crater



**Winslow (I-40 exit 233), 400 km SØ**

**[www.meteorcrater.com](http://www.meteorcrater.com)**

Southeast of the Grand Canyon you can see a meteor crater. The crater has a diameter of 1,200 metres and is 170 metres deep. The ridge surrounding the crater is 45 meters high and bears testimony to the huge force of the meteors impact when it hit the Earth.

The meteor struck approximately 50,000 years ago and is thought to have been composed of nickel and iron and had a diameter of 50 metres. The impact is thought to have destroyed all life within a 4-kilometre radius, and a shock wave would have swept everything away within a 20-kilometre distance.



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Lied Discovery Children's Museum (Las Vegas Boulevard North 833):

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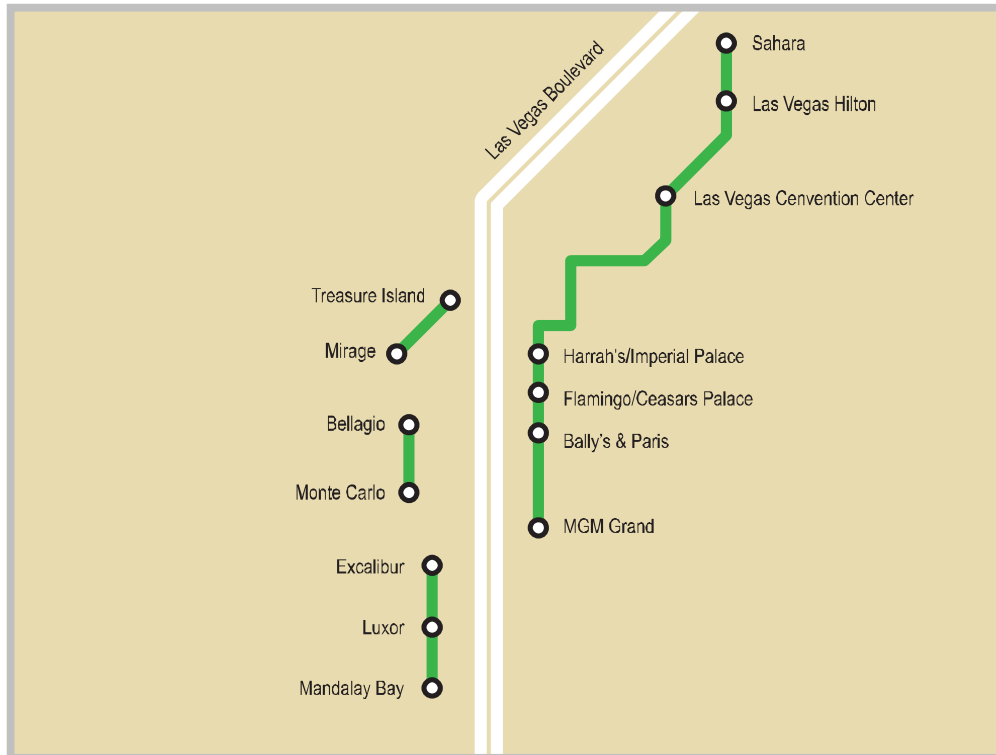
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## Facts about USA



### Political

Official name	United States of America
Capital	Washington
Government	Federal republic
Head of State	President George W. Bush
Deputy Head of State	Vice President Richard B. Cheney
National day	July 4
Date of independence	July 4, 1776 from Great Britain
Primary religion	Christianity
Language	English
Area	9,631,420 km <sup>2</sup>
Population (2000)	281,421,000

### Borders on

North	Canada, The Arctic Sea
South	Mexico, Gulf of Mexico
East	The Atlantic Ocean
West	The Pacific Ocean, Bering's Sea, Bering's Strait

### Highest Mountains

Mount McKinley	6,194 meters
Mount Saint Elias	5,489 meters
Mount Foraker	5,304 meters
Mount Bona	5,045 meters
Mount Blackburn	4,996 meters
Mount Sanford	4,949 meters
Mount Fairweather	4,671 meters
Mount Hubbard	4,557 meters
Mount Bear	4,520 meters
Mount Hunter	4,442 meters

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**Largest islands**

Hawaii	10,414 km <sup>2</sup>
Kodiak Island	9,293 km <sup>2</sup>
Prince of Wales Island	6,675 km <sup>2</sup>
Chichagof Island	5,388 km <sup>2</sup>
St. Lawrence Island	5,135 km <sup>2</sup>
Admiralty Island	4,362 km <sup>2</sup>
Nunivak Island	4,209 km <sup>2</sup>
Unimak	4,119 km <sup>2</sup>
Baranof Island	4,065 km <sup>2</sup>
Long Island	3.629 km <sup>2</sup>

**Largest lakes**

Lake Superior*	82,414 km <sup>2</sup>
Lake Huron*	59,596 km <sup>2</sup>
Lake Michigan	58,016 km <sup>2</sup>
Lake Erie*	25,745 km <sup>2</sup>
Lake Ontario*	18,529 km <sup>2</sup>
Great Salt Lake	4,400 km <sup>2</sup>
Lake of the Woods*	4,390 km <sup>2</sup>
Lake Okeechobee	1,890 km <sup>2</sup>
Lake Pontchartrain	1,630 km <sup>2</sup>
Champlainsee*	1, 130 km <sup>2</sup>

\* partly in Canada

**Longest rivers\***

Missouri	4,023 km
Mississippi	3,765 km
Yukon River	3,185 km
Rio Grande	3,034 km
St. Lawrence River	3,058 km
Arkansas River	2,364 km
Colorado	2,333 km

Red River	2,189 km
Snake River	1,965 km
Columbia River	1,857 km
Ohio River	1,579 km

\* Some of the rivers run through other countries as well as the USA

### Largest cities (2006)

New York-Jersey City	18,818,000
Los Angeles	12,950,000
Chicago	9,506,000
Dallas-Fort Worth	6,004,000
Philadelphia -Wilmington	5,827,000
Houston	5,540,000
Miami-Fort Lauderdale	5,464,000
Washington-Arlington	5,290,000
Atlanta	5,138,000
Detroit	4,469,000

### Administrative regions

State	Capital	Area
Alabama	Montgomery	135,293 km <sup>2</sup>
Alaska	Juneau	1,717,854 km <sup>2</sup>
Arizona	Phoenix	295,276 km <sup>2</sup>
Arkansas	Little Rock	137,732 km <sup>2</sup>
California	Sacramento	411,912 km <sup>2</sup>
Colorado	Denver	269,837 km <sup>2</sup>
Connecticut	Hartford	14,371 km <sup>2</sup>
Delaware	Dover	6,452 km <sup>2</sup>
District of Columbia*	Washington	159 km <sup>2</sup>
Florida	Tallahassee	170,451 km <sup>2</sup>
Georgia	Atlanta	154,077 km <sup>2</sup>
Hawaii	Honolulu	16,377 km <sup>2</sup>
Idaho	Boise	216,632 km <sup>2</sup>
Illinois	Springfield	149,998 km <sup>2</sup>

Indiana	Indianapolis	94,321 km <sup>2</sup>
Iowa	Des Moines	145,743 km <sup>2</sup>
Kansas	Topeka	213,283 km <sup>2</sup>
Kentucky	Frankfort	104,749 km <sup>2</sup>
Louisiana	Baton Rouge	134,382 km <sup>2</sup>
Maine	Augusta	86,542 km <sup>2</sup>
Maryland	Annapolis	32,160 km <sup>2</sup>
Massachusetts	Boston	27,360 km <sup>2</sup>
Michigan	Lansing	250,941 km <sup>2</sup>
Minnesota	Saint Paul	225,362 km <sup>2</sup>
Mississippi	Jackson	125,546 km <sup>2</sup>
Missouri	Jefferson City	180,693 km <sup>2</sup>
Montana	Helena	381,156 km <sup>2</sup>
Nebraska	Lincoln	200,520 km <sup>2</sup>
Nevada	Carson City	286,367 km <sup>2</sup>
New Hampshire	Concord	24,239 km <sup>2</sup>
New Jersey	Trenton	22,608 km <sup>2</sup>
New Mexico	Santa Fe	315,194 km <sup>2</sup>
New York	Albany	141,205 km <sup>2</sup>
North Carolina	Raleigh	139,509 km <sup>2</sup>
North Dakota	Bismarck	183,272 km <sup>2</sup>
Ohio	Columbus	116,096 km <sup>2</sup>
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	181,196 km <sup>2</sup>
Oregon	Salem	255,026 km <sup>2</sup>
Pennsylvania	Harrisburg	119,283 km <sup>2</sup>
Rhode Island	Providence	4,005 km <sup>2</sup>
South Carolina	Columbia	82,965 km <sup>2</sup>
South Dakota	Pierre	199,905 km <sup>2</sup>
Tennessee	Nashville	109,247 km <sup>2</sup>
Texas	Austin	696,241 km <sup>2</sup>
Utah	Salt Lake City	220,080 km <sup>2</sup>
Vermont	Montpelier	24,923 km <sup>2</sup>
Virginia	Richmond	110,862 km <sup>2</sup>
Washington	Olympia	184,824 km <sup>2</sup>

West Virginia	Charleston	62,809 km <sup>2</sup>
Wisconsin	Madison	140,662 km <sup>2</sup>
Wyoming	Cheyenne	253,554 km <sup>2</sup>
American Samoa**	Pago Pago	199 km <sup>2</sup>
Guam**	Hagåtña	541 km <sup>2</sup>
Northern Mariana Islands**	Saipan	477 km <sup>2</sup>
Puerto Rico**	San Juan	9.104 km <sup>2</sup>
US Virgin Islands**	Charlotte Amalie	346 km <sup>2</sup>

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\*\* Overseas territories

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\* President of the Confederate States of America (The Southern States)

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## Holidays

January 1	New Years Day
Third Monday in January	Martin Luther King Day
January 20 every 4 years	Presidential inauguration
Third Monday in February	Washington's birthday
Last Monday in May	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
First Monday in September	Labour Day
Second Monday in October	Columbus Day
November 11	Veterans Day
Fourth Thursday in November	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Christmas Day

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Climate – New York	Mean temperature °C	Precipitation millimetres
January	-0.2	84
February	0.8	79
March	5.7	99
April	11.3	93
May	17.0	106
June	22.0	85
July	24.8	105
August	24.1	104
September	20.1	91
October	14.1	84
November	8.6	107
December	2.5	92

**Source:** WorldClimate ([www.worldclimate.com](http://www.worldclimate.com))

Climate – Miami	Mean temperature °C	Precipitation millimetres
January	6.9	53
February	9.1	45
March	11.9	46
April	16.1	19
May	20.8	10
June	26.2	9
July	28.4	65
August	27.1	77
September	24.3	40
October	18.3	33
November	11.7	35
December	7.6	59

**Source:** WorldClimate ([www.worldclimate.com](http://www.worldclimate.com))

Climate – Denver	Mean temperature °C	Precipitation millimetres
January	-1.2	14
February	0.7	16
March	3.8	34
April	9.0	45
May	14.0	63
June	19.3	43
July	23.0	47
August	21.8	38
September	16.8	28
October	10.7	26
November	3.8	23
December	-0.5	15

**Source:** WorldClimate ([www.worldclimate.com](http://www.worldclimate.com))

Climate – Los Angeles	Mean temperature °C	Precipitation millimetres
January	13.5	67
February	14.1	59
March	14.8	46
April	16.0	22
May	17.4	3
June	19.5	1
July	22.0	0
August	22.4	3
September	21.6	5
October	19.5	8
November	17.0	40
December	14.4	40

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January	4.5	141
February	6.3	107
March	7.5	94
April	9.5	64
May	12.8	42
June	16.0	38
July	18.4	20
August	18.6	27
September	15.8	47
October	11.5	89
November	7.3	149
December	4.7	149

**Source:** WorldClimate ([www.worldclimate.com](http://www.worldclimate.com))

A man wearing a wide-brimmed hat, a tropical print shirt, and shorts stands on a brick-paved platform next to a silver train car. He is looking towards the right. The background is a clear blue sky.

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