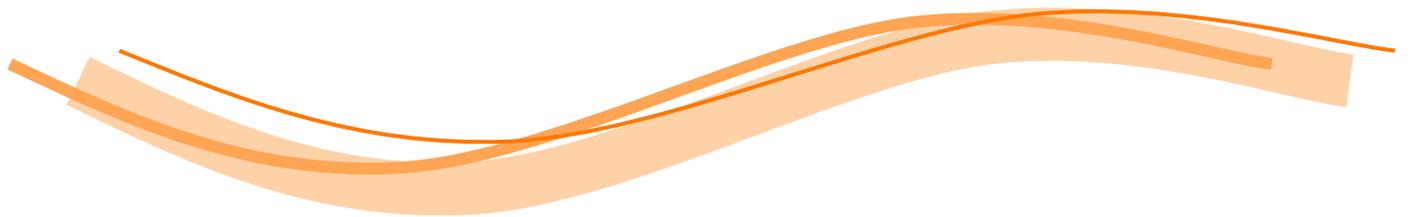




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<p>LAS VEGAS</p>	<p>Las Vegas is a great destination for living it up in style and indulging in 24 hr fun!</p> <p>As well as the Casinos, the over-the-top hotels, the fabulous shopping, shows and entertainment and the buzz of The Strip – you can also use Vegas as your base to explore natural wonders like the awe inspiring Grand Canyon and the sand stone formations of Red Rock Canyon. Man made attractions include a fascinating tour of the Hoover Dam.</p> <p>Visit Chris' Travel Blog to read about his recent trip to Vegas: http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/Blog/tabid/400/EntryId/63/Las-Vegas-NV.aspx</p> <p>Check out the new (Oct 2013) Vegas Sale at Expedia.ca and book your trip to Vegas with savings of up to 50% for one month only.</p>
<p>Expedia's Top Ten 2013</p>	<p>According to a recent survey by Expedia.ca: The top destinations for travel for those celebrating the upcoming long weekend in order of popularity, are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Las Vegas 2. New York 3. San Francisco 4. Orlando 5. Phoenix 6. Toronto 7. Los Angeles 8. Fort Lauderdale 9. Chicago 10. Vancouver <p>- 54 per cent of Canadians said they will 'always' or at least 'sometimes' try to strategically book around long weekends so they can enjoy more time off without using allotted vacation days from their employers. - 64 per cent said that long weekends offer a good opportunity to take a short holiday.</p>
<p>Location</p>	<p>Las Vegas is situated in the far south of the state of Nevada, in Western USA, close to the Arizona and California border.</p>
<p>Geography</p>	<p>The city is in an arid basin surrounded by dry mountains. City elevation is around 620 m above sea level. The Spring Mountains lie to the west. As befits a desert, much of the landscape is rocky and dusty. Within the city, however, there are a great deal of lawns, trees, and other greenery. Due to water resource issues, there is now a movement to encourage xeriscapes instead of lawns.</p>

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Name	In the 1800s, areas of the Las Vegas Valley contained artesian wells that supported extensive green areas or meadows (vegas in Spanish), hence the name Las Vegas.
Population	Las Vegas is the 28th most populous city in the United States with a population of 560,000. The population of the Las Vegas metropolitan area is just under 2 million.
Language	English
Currency	The US Dollar. Currently (Oct 2013) the Canadian dollar is close to parity.
Tipping	<p>Tips are a very important part of certain workers' income, and gratuities are the standard way of showing appreciation for services provided. In hotels, tip bellhops at least \$1 per bag (\$2-\$3 if you have a lot of luggage) and tip the chamber staff \$1 to \$2 per day (more if you've left a disaster area for him or her to clean up). Tip the doorman or concierge only if he or she has provided you with some specific service (for example, calling a cab for you or obtaining difficult-to-get theater tickets). Tip the valet-parking attendant \$1 to \$2 every time you get your car.</p> <p>In restaurants, bars, and nightclubs, tip service staff 15% to 20% of the check, tip bartenders 10% to 15%, tip checkroom attendants \$1 per garment, and tip valet-parking attendants \$1 per vehicle.</p> <p>As for other service personnel, tip cab drivers 15% of the fare; tip skycaps at airports at least \$1 per bag (\$2-\$3 if you have a lot of luggage); and tip hairdressers and barbers 15% to 20%.</p>
Government	Democracy
Documentation	Canadian citizens now need a full passport regardless of how you travel to the US, so remember to apply for one well in advance of your trip; if you have a passport already, don't forget to check the expiry date and renew well ahead of time if necessary.
Time zone	Pacific Standard Time which is 3 hours behind Toronto and Montreal
Health	Although it's not required of travelers, health insurance is highly recommended in the US for Canadian visitors. Most health insurance policies cover you if you get sick away from home - but check your coverage before you leave. Vacationers should note that the United States does not usually offer free or low-cost medical care to its citizens or visitors. Doctors and hospitals are expensive, and in most cases will require advance payment or proof of coverage before they render their services. Medical facilities in the city are excellent.
Safety tips	Las Vegas, first and foremost, is a metropolitan area that has all of the safety issues that any large city must cope with. That said, Las Vegas is also a city unlike any other in that so many of the day-to-day transactions involved with the primary commerce of Las Vegas: gambling. With the huge amounts of cash come additional threats to ones safety. While casinos and hotels have a strong interest in making

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	<p>sure patrons are safe and secure, it is paramount to keep in mind that an individual's safety depends on being aware of his or her environment. Counting your money as you walk down the Strip, for example, is one sure way to attract unwanted attention. Avoid discussing your room number loudly in public; you don't want to advertise where you will be taking that latest jackpot. Try to remember all of the things you would do in your hometown to stay safe, such as avoiding walking to your car alone at night or flashing large amounts of cash in public, and you should be fine. If you are lucky and score a big win, think about taking your winnings in a check rather than as cash; if you must have cash, feel free to request a security escort to your car or room; most casino hotels are more than willing to help their guests feel secure. When you are in public, always be aware of your belongings, particularly when you are playing at the tables or at a slot machine; purse snatchings and pickpocketing are some of the most common crimes.</p>
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CLIMATE	
General climate	<p>Las Vegas' climate is an arid, desert climate, typical of the Mojave Desert in which it lies. The city enjoys abundant sunshine year-round and has about an average of 300 sunshine days a year, with very little rainfall.</p> <p>The summer months of June through September are very hot and mostly dry with average daytime highs of 34°C-40 °C and nighttime lows of 21°C-26 °C; and most days in July and August exceed 38°C but with very low humidity, frequently under 10%.</p> <p>Las Vegas' winters are of short duration and the season is generally mild, with daytime highs near 16°C and nighttime lows around 4 °C. The mountains surrounding Las Vegas accumulate snow during the winter but snow is rare in the Las Vegas Valley itself.</p>
Today's weather	36 Centigrade and sunny all day (as at 12 th October 2013)
Best time to visit	Spring and fall offer the best temperatures, but Las Vegas is truly a year round destination.

GETTING AROUND	
Getting There	<p>There are a number of direct air services from both Toronto and Montreal to Las Vegas, including Sunwing who have direct flights from Toronto to Las Vegas on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Check out www.expedia.ca for the best current deals.</p> <p>Las Vegas is served by McCarran International Airport, 5757 Wayne Newton Blvd. (www.mccarran.com), just a few minutes' drive from the southern end of the Strip, where the bulk of casinos and hotels are concentrated. This big, modern airport - even bigger thanks to a \$500-million expansion - is exceptional in that it includes several casino</p>

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	<p>areas with more than 1,000 slot machines.</p> <p>Bell Trans (www.bell-trans.com) runs 20-passenger minibuses daily between the airport and all major Las Vegas hotels and motels (7:45am-midnight). Several other companies run similar ventures - just stand outside on the curb and one will be flagged down for you. Buses from the airport leave about every 10 minutes. When you want to check out of your hotel and head back to the airport, call at least 2 hours in advance to be safe. The cost is \$5 per person each way to Strip- and Convention Center-area hotels, \$6.50 to Downtown or other Off-Strip properties. Other similarly priced shuttles run 24 hours and can be found in the same place.</p>
Distances	<p>Vegas is 460kms from Phoenix, 1200kms from Denver, 670kms from Salt Lake City, 430kms from Los Angeles, and 940kms from San Francisco.</p>
Vegas – The Strip	<p>Exploring The Strip takes time, reasonable temperatures and good walking shoes. Fortunately, the last time I visited we had all three. Spring sunshine illuminated the seven kilometer stretch of Las Vegas Boulevard known as The Strip which is home to all the big name resorts, the entertainments and of course the casinos. From the Burmese themed Mandalay Bay at the southern end to the CN Tower kindred spirit, the Stratosphere at the northern end, The Strip is a pulsating ribbon of erupting volcanoes, dancing fountains and pirate ship attacks.</p> <p>Where else could the Statue of Liberty (New York, New York) look toward a golden pyramid (Luxor) and be over-shadowed by the Eifel Tower (Paris)? Where else could you take your loved one a gondola ride through the Venetian canals being serenaded by a gondolier? (Well, in Venice Italy actually...but you get the gist). By night, the neon burns brightly, brashly and there's a barely contained exuberance about the crowded sidewalks. It's the best people-watching place on Earth!</p>
Monorail	<p>The Las Vegas Monorail (formerly MGM Grand-Bally's Monorail) is a 6.3 km monorail mass transit system located on the Las Vegas Strip. The single fare is \$5. I like it as an effortless and safe way of moving from one end of town to the other.</p>
Motorbiking	<p>Book a Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Rental on Expedia and cruise the Las Vegas Strip on a late-model Harley-Davidson. Your ride comes perfectly equipped for touring, including unlimited mileage and a self-guided map for exploring the scenic back roads.</p>
Helicopters	<p>From the boisterous crowds of scintillating Las Vegas to the utter serenity of the bottom of the Grand Canyon in just 45 minutes...Culture shock doesn't get any more shocking than this!</p> <p>Although the Grand Canyon looks close to Vegas on the map, it's a grueling 12 hours return drive – not including time on the Rim. Maverick Helicopters has the solution: we experienced their “Wind Dancer”</p>

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	<p>tour on my last visit to Vegas which whirls you across the Mojave Desert, over Lake Mead and the Hoover Dam and gently deposits you close to the floor of the Grand Canyon for a few precious, breath-taking minutes of open-mouthed wonder.</p> <p>Joel was our expert pilot and guide in Maverick's uber-cool ECO-star helicopter - air-conditioned, quiet, comfortable and with great wraparound glass windows. He popped the champagne in celebration as we tried to take in the full majesty of this natural wonder of the world. There was no sign of another human being to be seen anywhere as the potent Colorado River – its colour living up to its name – roiled its restless, ruddy waters below us.</p> <p>If you're in Vegas – just do it. And do it with Maverick, as they're the only VIP helicopter company in Vegas, and you want to do something as special as this with the very best in town: www.maverickhelicopters.com</p>
Car Rental	<p>If you are just staying in Vegas, then you probably will have no need for a rental car. However, if you want to see the desert scenery, the mountains, the dams and more, then car rental is both easily available and very good value in Las Vegas. Consider booking this before you travel with Expedia at www.expedia.ca</p>
Buses	<p>There is an efficient and good value bus system operating in Las Vegas which can be a lifesaver in the hotter months.</p> <p>The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) recently launched a service called The Deuce (www.rtcsonthernnevada.com/deuce), a fleet of modern double-decker buses that run the length of the Strip into downtown and near the airport. A one-way ride is \$2 for adults, \$1 for seniors 62 and older and children 6 to 17, and free for those under 6. For a remarkably low \$5, you get an all-day pass that lets you get on and off as many times as you like and also lets you ride all the other RTC buses all day. Exact change is required.</p>
Passes	<p>Las Vegas PowerPass from \$99 per adult with Expedia: Save money with the Las Vegas PowerPass. Get free or discounted admission to many of the most popular attractions in Sin City with the Las Vegas PowerPass. You'll skip the lines, and get a free guide.</p>

ACCOMMODATION TYPES	<p>If there's one thing Vegas has, it's hotels. Big hotels. And lots of them. You'll find 9 of the 10 largest hotels in the United States - 8 of the top 10 in the world - right here. And you'll find a whole lot of rooms: 140,000 of them. Every 5 minutes, or so it seems, someone is putting up a new giant hotel or adding another 1,000 rooms to an existing one. So finding a place to stay in Vegas should be the least of your worries.</p> <p>Except...when a convention, a fight, or some other big event is happening - and these things are always happening - nearly all of those 140,000 rooms are going to be sold out. Over the course of a regular</p>
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	<p>year, the occupancy rate for hotel rooms in Las Vegas runs at about 90%. A last-minute Vegas vacation can turn into a housing nightmare. If possible, plan in advance so that you can have your choice: Ancient Egypt or Ancient Rome? New York or New Orleans? Strip or Downtown? Luxury or economy? Vegas has all that and way too much more.</p> <p>Hotel prices in Vegas are anything but fixed, so you will notice wild price ranges. The same room can routinely go for anywhere from \$60 to \$250, depending on demand. So go to our friends at www.expedia.ca to see where the best deals are when you want to go.</p> <p>The massive new CityCenter contains not just a 4,000-room megaresort and casino and all that goes with it (shops, restaurants, clubs), but also two 400-room boutique hotels (one being a part of the ultraluxe Mandarin Oriental chain), plus a couple thousand condo units and even more shopping, clubs, and restaurants separate from those belonging to the hotel complex. There are 7,000 rooms total, plus its own people-mover, which is just as well since CityCenter covers more than 60 acres. With a well over \$8 billion price tag, it's the largest privately funded construction project in U.S. history.</p>
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LIFESTYLES	
Kids	<p>Las Vegas may not be the first destination that comes to mind when thinking of a family-friendly vacation, but there are plenty of activities for children in the city. Around 10% of visitors are under 21. Most importantly, look for accommodations with a pool. Many Vegas hotels feature huge video arcades and diversions like roller coasters and other rides. The choices for shows and events have also diversified, and it is easy enough to find entertainment suitable for families.</p> <p>In addition, children under 12 can often stay free in their parents' rooms, and well-priced buffets are ideal for families. Many hotels provide programs for children and teenagers, while babysitters and childcare facilities are also sometimes available. Inquire with your hotel. Visitors under the age of 21 are prohibited from drinking alcohol, loitering in casinos, and the Strip has a curfew. (Hotel security officers keep a keen eye out for anyone underage near any slot machines or table games.) Children under 18 are not allowed to be out after 9 p.m. unless accompanied by an adult.</p> <p>It may also be a good idea to rent a car for your stay. Distances on the Strip can be deceiving, and a lot of walking is required to see everything.</p>

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	<p>Lion Habitat at MGM Grand This three-story wild animal habitat located within the MGM Grand showcases a variety of lions and cubs, including one who is a direct descendant of the famous MGM lion. Guests can walk through the lion habitat, enclosed by a glass wall, for a unique encounter with these big cats.</p> <p>The volcano at the Mirage erupts every top of each hour from 8pm - midnight, spewing smoke and fire 100 feet above the water. Known the world over for its iconic Strip-front feature, The Mirage has joined forces with legendary Grateful Dead drummer Mickey Hart, Indian tabla sensation Zakir Hussain and Fountains of Bellagio design firm WET to create an all-new audio/visual spectacle.</p>
<p>Teens</p>	<p>Let your teens loose atop Stratosphere Tower, where the X-Scream thrill ride tips you over the edge of the tower, with nothing but space between you and the Strip a thousand feet below.</p> <p>Adventuredome Theme Park Circus Circus Hotel, Casino and Theme Park, 2880 Las Vegas Blvd S, Las Vegas NV 89109 Tel. (800) 444-2472 Adventuredome Theme Park has mountains of thrills under the dome including the Canyon Blaster, Sling Shot, Chaos, Inverter, Rim Runner and Lazer Blast.</p> <p>The Roller Coaster New York-New York Hotel & Casino, 3790 Las Vegas Blvd S, Las Vegas NV 89109 Tel. (800) 693-6763 Let the good times roll. The Roller Coaster will lift you up 203 feet, drop you down 144 feet and leave your pulse trying to catch up to 67 mph. Simulating a jet fighter's barrel roll, you'll turn 180 degrees, hang 86 feet in the air, take the famous "heartline" twist and dive, and get your negative g's !. Open daily 10:30am - 12am.</p> <p>Bootleg Canyon Flightlines Experience the ultimate adrenaline rush while soaring through the air at up to 50 mph over 1 1/2 miles of spectacular desert terrain. This aerial zip line includes an 833-foot training line and four different runs, each containing four lines – ranging from 833 feet to 2,552 feet. Tel:702-293-6885</p>
<p>Romance</p>	<p>The Fountains of Bellagio are destined to romance your senses. Take in a complimentary Las Vegas show of water, music and light thoughtfully interwoven to mesmerize its admirers. All for your amusement, the most ambitious, choreographically complex water feature ever conceived amazes against the beautiful backdrop of Las</p>

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	<p>Vegas' lavender sky. Each dynamic performance from the Fountains collection is unique in its expression and interpretation. Fall in love with the stunning nature of this unprecedented aquatic accomplishment while relishing a clever concert of opera, classical and Broadway tunes. http://www.bellagio.com/amenities/fountains-of-bellagio.aspx</p> <p>Eiffel Tower Experience, Paris Las Vegas 3655 Las Vegas Blvd S, Las Vegas NV 89109 Tel. (888) 266-5687 The Eiffel Tower Experience, which features a panoramic, bird's-eye view of the Las Vegas Strip from 460 feet above ground, is open from 9:30am to 12:30am, seven days a week.</p>
<p>Honeymoons & Weddings</p>	<p>From formal black-tie affairs to renewing vows in front of a rhinestone-studded Elvis impersonator, more than 122,000 couples obtain marriage licenses each year in Las Vegas, making it the marriage capital of the world.</p> <p>Neither blood tests nor waiting periods are required if you want to tie the knot. The legal age is 18 for both men and women (proof of age is required) and licensing fees are \$60. Civil ceremonies can be performed at the Marriage Commissioner's Office at 309 S. 3rd St. Chapel fees vary depending on the services provided.</p> <p>For marriage license information call the Clark County Marriage License Bureau (702) 671-0600, 201 Clark Avenue (located on the northwest corner of Clark Avenue and Third Street). Marriage License Bureau hours are 8 a.m. to midnight, including holidays.</p> <p>You can get married in Vegas even if you're not a U.S. resident. Most countries require a certified copy of your marriage certificate (\$10) and an apostille from the Nevada Secretary of State (\$20). Contact home country's Consulate office located in the U.S., to inquire if additional certifications are required.</p> <p>You can book your Las Vegas wedding online with Expedia!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Forever from \$501 per couple <p>Whether you're celebrating a grand affair or an intimate event, this luxurious 5 Star 5 Diamond Casino Resort is the perfect setting for your special day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Storybook Wedding Chapel from \$210 per couple <p>Make your storybook wedding dreams come true. Add a touch of Vegas glitz and glamour and have Elvis perform the ceremony for \$348!</p>
<p>Travellers with Special Needs</p>	<p>Hotels</p> <p>Las Vegas has more accessible guest rooms than any other city in the country. Hotels offer rooms with roll-in showers, transfer showers, and tubs with built-in or portable seats. For swimming pools, many Las Vegas hotels have lifts to assist you getting in and out. You may also find a beach entrance. Take time to talk to the reservation operator</p>

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	<p>about your specific requirements, or if you need additional details, ask for the hotel's ADA Coordinator.</p> <p>Showrooms, Lounges and Restaurants Most of the larger hotels have assistive listening devices for the hearing-impaired available at the showroom or lounge entrance. Wheelchair seating is also available in most restaurants, lounges and showrooms, but call ahead for details.</p> <p>Gaming All hotels have accessible slot machines and many have sit-down table games and room for wheelchair users. Gaming personnel are generally trained in assisting vision and hearing-impaired persons to play the table games. If you need a sign language interpreter for the gaming schools offered at many of the casinos, please ask in advance. Most bingo rooms have Braille cards and large-print cards. A few larger rooms have electronic bingo for blind players or those with hand dexterity problems.</p>
Seniors	<p>Depending upon what you are looking for in Vegas, this can be a wonderful destination for Seniors. With more flexibility in when to travel, Seniors are best placed to pick up the widely varying bargains that Vegas offers in certain weeks of the year.</p>

UNIQUES	
Surprising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nearly 40 million people visit Las Vegas each year. - Over 60,000 pounds of shrimp are consumed in Vegas on an average day!
History	<p>Southern Paiute inhabited area long before the arrival of the first Europeans. Here's a timeline of important events in the history of the city since Europeans arrived:</p> <p>1776 - Spanish Explorers came through southern Nevada.</p> <p>1829 - The Spanish Scout Rafael Riviera becomes first European in the Las Vegas Valley.</p> <p>1844 - John C. Fremont Arrives.</p> <p>1855 - Mormons arrive in Las Vegas and establish a fort.</p> <p>1855 - First Post Office established and is named Bringhurst after Mission President William Bringhurst.</p>

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- 1857 - Mormons abandon their fort.
- 1864 - Nevada is admitted to the Union by President Lincoln.
- 1865 - Octavius Decatur Gass takes over the old Mormon Fort and Establishes Las Vegas Rancho.
- 1880 - Archibald and Helen Stewart acquire Las Vegas Rancho from Octavius Decatur Gass for \$5000
- 1903 - Helen J. Stewart Sells Las Vegas Rancho to Montana Senator William A. Clark for \$55,000
- 1905 - Town of Las Vegas established with the opening of the Salt Lake, San Pedro & Los Angeles Railroad.
- 1905 - First Train Arrives in Las Vegas
- 1907 - First Telephone wires installed in Las Vegas
- 1909 - First Theatre, the Isis, opens
- 1910 - State of Nevada bans Gambling
- 1911 - The City of Las Vegas is incorporated.
- 1912 - The Majestic Theater Opens
- 1914 - First Movie Filmed - The Hazards of Helen
- 1920 - First Airplane Lands in Las Vegas - Randall Henderson and his Jenny
- 1923 - First Rodeo held in Las Vegas
- 1927 - First golf course built
- 1926 - First commercial airline flight, Western Air Express
- 1931 - Hoover Dam construction begins in Black Canyon.
- 1931 - Gambling legalized in Nevada.
- 1931 - First Gaming License Issued to Las Vegas resident Mayme Stocker

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- 1933 - Historic Downtown US Post-Office and Federal Courthouse Opens
- 1935 - Hoover Dam dedicated by President Franklin Roosevelt.
- 1934 - First Helldorado Days Parade Held
- 1940 - Clark County population 16,414 (Las Vegas - 8,422).
- 1941 - El Rancho Vegas opens on the Strip. El Cortez Hotel opens in downtown Las Vegas. El Rancho destroyed by fire 19 years later.
- 1942 - Last Frontier Hotel opens.
- 1944 - Liberace makes his Las Vegas debut
- 1946 - Bugsy Siegel opens Flamingo Hotel. State levies first gaming taxes.
- 1948 - Thunderbird Hotel and Casino opens
- 1948 - Clark County buys Alamo Air Field and opens first Airport - Later called McCarran International Airport
- 1950 - Clark County population 48,289. (Las Vegas - 24,624.)
- 1950 - Desert Inn Hotel and Casino opens
- 1951 - Vegas Vic is erected on Fremont Street
- 1951 - First Atomic Test detonated at the NTS
- 1951 - Senator Estes Kefauver begins hearings on organized crime - first televised senate hearings - a publicity bonanza for Las Vegas
- 1952 - The Sahara Hotel and Casino opens and is followed by most of the now-familiar big names
- 1960 - Clark County population 127,016. (Las Vegas - 64,405.)
- 1964 - The Beatles arrive in Las Vegas and performed two sold out shows at the Las Vegas Convention Center
- 1966 - Howard Hughes arrives to live at Desert Inn. Hughes made his

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	<p>first impact in Las Vegas in the early 1940's when he bought up the land that is now Summerlin to build an aircraft factory</p> <p>1970 - Clark County population 273,288. (Las Vegas - 125,787.)</p> <p>1973 - The MGM Grand Hotel and Casino opens – world’s largest hotel</p> <p>1975 - Nevada gaming revenues first reach \$1 billion mark.</p> <p>1980 - Clark County population hits 463,087 (Las Vegas - 164,674) as Las Vegas celebrates 75th birthday.</p> <p>2005 - The destination's tagline, "What Happens Here, Stays Here" firmly cements itself into the American lexicon.</p>
Books	Frommer’s Las Vegas is compact yet comprehensive and highly recommended.
1000 Places to See Before You Die	<p>There are six listed for Las Vegas:</p> <p>Bellagio, Wynn Las Vegas, Caesar’s Palace and The Mirage: the most grand, delirious and most wonderfully archetypal Las Vegas casino resorts</p> <p>Cirque du Soleil: for their awesome shows</p> <p>Las Vegas Dining: the best money can buy!</p> <p>Las Vegas Culture: from highbrow to lowbrow</p> <p>The Las Vegas Strip: where megawatt crass marries nouveau class</p> <p>Hoover Dam, Lake Mead and Lake Las Vegas: man-made water wonders in the desert</p>
Must Sees	<p>The shows in Las Vegas have no equal in the world and you are bound to find several that achieve the ‘wow’ factor for you.</p> <p>Outside the city, but with the city as your base, the wonders of Red Rock Canyon, the Valley of fire and the Grand Canyon beckon...</p>

SPORTS ACTIVITIES	
Golf	<p>Vegas has been a favored golf destination since the early '50s and '60s, with championship-caliber 18-hole courses right on the Strip. Mild weather, clear blue skies, spectacular views of the Strip and the surrounding mountains make Las Vegas the ideal choice for a golfing holiday. With more than 60 courses in the Vegas area catering to every skill level and budget, there's no shortage of options.</p> <p>With moderate daytime temperatures, fall, winter and spring are the high seasons for golf in Las Vegas. Early-morning or late-evening play will help you beat the heat of summer, when you can also enjoy lower green fees. Here’s a few suggestions:</p>

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	<p>Casablanca Golf Club Mesquite Public & Resort The Cal Olsen-designed CasaBlanca Golf Club lies etched into the wetlands of the Mesquite Valley.</p> <p>Mojave Resort Golf Club Laughlin Public & Resort For a unique desert golf experience, this championship course offers rolling terrain, forgiving fairways, water hazards and natural sand dunes.</p> <p>Aliante Golf Club Northeast/North Las Vegas Public & Resort Aliante is a challenging course stretching more than 7,000 yards from the back tees. A meandering arroya comes into play on 14 holes.</p> <p>And here's a very special course: Bear's Best - Las Vegas Jack Nicklaus' playing career speaks volumes. He's also been designing golf courses for over 30 years. He has course designs on six of the seven continents. In short, he knows a few things about the game. Mr. Nicklaus had one thing in mind with the concept for Bear's Best - Las Vegas. Take 18 signature holes that he's designed from throughout the region and put them together to create a golfing experience like none other. The par 72 (rating/slope:74.0/147), 7,194 yard layout features four sets of tees, allowing all levels of players an enjoyable and memorable golf experience. Another unique feature is the installment of the full-color GPS system that will enhance your golf experience as well as give you accurate yardages to the pin. The system also provides a video introduction by Mr. Nicklaus on each hole along with an animated fly-over of the hole design. Bear's Best - Las Vegas has replica holes for Nicklaus designs from courses such as PGA West Private Course in La Quinta, California, Las Campanas in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Bear Creek Country Club in Murrietta, California, Old Works Golf Club in Anaconda, Montana, Desert Mountain (Chiricahua and Geronimo Courses) in Scottsdale, Arizona, La Paloma in Tucson, Arizona and Castle Pines in Castle Pines, Colorado. From Mexico, you'll recognize holes from Palmilla Golf Course, El Dorado Resort and Cabo Del Sol just to name a few. Jack Nicklaus. The greatest name in golf. A legend in his own time. Now, you can experience his legacy in 18 holes of the best golf you'll ever play.</p>
<p>Fishing</p>	<p>Nearby Lake Mead offers superlative bass fishing. Check out http://www.fishvegas.com for more information.</p>

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<p>Racing</p>	<p>Richard Petty Driving Experience Get in on a hands-on, high-speed, real-life adventure that puts you right out there on the track behind the wheel or riding shotgun in a NASCAR Winston Cup stock car just like the ones that helped make Richard Petty “The King.” Las Vegas Motor Speedway Tel: 1-800-BE-PETTY</p>
<p>Horse riding</p>	<p>Try Expedia’s Horseback Riding Tour. Catch a glimpse of the Wild West once enjoyed by pioneers, cowboys, and early explorers on this 5 1/2-hour horseback tour. Marvel at the Wild West’s rugged beauty by horseback on this riding tour. River washes, mountain views, and desert trails carved out by wild mustangs are just some of the sights awaiting you. For those without riding experience, seasoned cowhands help select a horse based on your weight, height, and riding level and then guide you across the serene landscape.</p> <p>The Maverick Breakfast Ride After a rise-and-shine pick-up at your hotel, arrive at the ranch just in time to enjoy an authentic Western-style breakfast. Revel in the surrounding peace and tranquility with majestic views of nearby mountains. Ranch hands then pack the horses and prepare for departure. After your trail ride, visit a cowboy town and a petting zoo.</p> <p>The Ol’ Spanish Trail Lunch Ride The Ol’ Spanish Trail adventure begins with a pick-up from your hotel and a short ride to the ranch. Ride on the same dusty trails that were once frequented by some of the most infamous outlaws of the American West. The Ol’ Spanish Trail, which once stretched from Santa Fe to Pueblo de Los Angeles, reached its heyday in the mid 1800’s. After your ride, you return to the ranch and feast on an authentic cowboy lunch. Once lunch is done, your guide takes your tour to a cowboy town and petting zoo.</p> <p>The Wild Wild West Sunset Dinner Ride This tour begins with an afternoon pick-up at your hotel and a short drive to the ranch. After arriving, saddle up with a great horse, great company, and a grand adventure in the most majestic country on earth. Venturing into Nevada’s desert wilderness, enjoy the wildlife sightings of jackrabbits, hear a coyote, and watch a spectacular sunset. After your trail ride, return to the ranch and learn how to herd and pen cattle.</p>
<p>Hiking</p>	<p>Seize the opportunity to experience the beauty of Red Rock Canyon with a guided hike from "Hike This" and Neil Sobelson. Neil runs a truly professional guided hike through Red Rock Canyon. You can book your hike in advance through the "Hike This" website at http://www.hikethislasvegas.com</p>

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	There are also a number of hikes here that you can undertake independently if you rent a car and take sensible precautions. On my last trip we hiked to a small waterfall at the head of a canyon that was an easy but spectacular hike through the desert landscape.
Cycling	Escape Adventures-Mountain Bike & Hiking 8221 W Charleston STE 101, Las Vegas NV 89117 Tel. (800) 596-2953 Escape Adventures is a bike tour company offering mountain and road tours of Red Rock Canyon.
Ballooning	Las Vegas Balloon Rides 5025 Allen Lane, No Las Vegas NV 89031 Tel. (702) 248-7609 Take a balloon ride with their commercially licensed pilots above the scenic Las Vegas Valley. They have sunrise and sunset flights daily.

CULTURE	There's a sense of unreality about Las Vegas. First of all, it shouldn't be here at all of course. This is the Mojave Desert after all. At best, a few roadhouses clustered around the local spring perhaps. Which is all it was for most of its history. In 1940 there were still only 8,000 people here; now there are nearly 2,000,000 in the metropolitan area of the city. And what a city! Glitz, glamour, neon, gourmet dining, lavish shows, luxury resorts...and gambling, of course. Visitors are encouraged to step out of their every day personas and indulge their alter ego. In the words of the song: "Don't dream it – be it".
New Shows	Shania Twain , international superstar and the world's best-selling female country artist of all time, confirmed her widely speculated return to the stage and vocal spotlight with a two-year residency at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Michael Jackson ONE by Cirque du Soleil. Michael Jackson ONE is a state-of-the-art visual and audio experience creating a theatrical evocation of Michael's creative genius. Zarkana , the surreal acrobatic spectacle by Cirque du Soleil, is at ARIA Resort & Casino.
Arts	Las Vegas' premier exhibition venue, Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art presents exhibitions of paintings, sculptures and works on paper by the world's most influential artists. Rotating museum-caliber exhibitions, which have featured renowned artists ranging from Picasso to Warhol, offer visitors a rare opportunity to view legendary works of art carefully selected from prestigious international collections. Open daily. http://www.bellagio.com/amenities/gallery-of-fine-art.aspx The \$485 million Smith Center for the Performing Arts which opened in 2012 is located downtown in Symphony Park. The centre is good for Broadway shows and other major touring attractions as well as

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	<p>orchestra, opera, and dance performances. http://www.thesmithcenter.com</p>
Theatre	<p>In 2006, The Venetian debuted Phantom - The Las Vegas Spectacular. The show is permanently housed in a \$40 million theatre. The 95-minute production includes never-before-seen special effects, a jaw-dropping reproduction of the Parisian opera house where the story takes place, and all the beloved songs from the original Andrew Lloyd Webber production.</p> <p>Jersey Boys, the Tony award-winning Broadway musical at Paris Las Vegas, takes visitors behind the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. The show features golden greats such as "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," and many more.</p>
Music	<p>Superstar Headliners</p> <p>Celine Dion has returned to Las Vegas to begin a three-year residency at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace. The show features 31 musicians, including a full orchestra and band.</p> <p>World-renowned singer, songwriter and performer Elton John performs at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace with an all-new show, The Million Dollar Piano. Elton is in the beginning of a three-year residency at The Colosseum and his second as a Caesars Palace headliner. He is accompanied by his band, which includes Davey Johnstone on guitar, Bob Birch on bass, John Mahon on percussion, Nigel Olsson on drums and Kim Bullard on keyboards, with a special appearance by percussionist Ray Cooper.</p> <p>Garth Brooks, the best selling solo artist of all time, performs his one-man show at Wynn Las Vegas in the intimate Encore Theatre. Guests will be treated to a lifetime of his greatest hits and a unique experience for every performance.</p> <p>Donny & Marie bring their distinctive talents and undeniable talents to Flamingo Las Vegas. These icons of music and television dazzle and delight audiences of all ages.</p> <p>The Bad Boys of Magic can be seen at the Rio. The Penn & Teller show is an edgy mix of comedy and magic involving knives, guns, fire, a gorilla and a showgirl. While Penn & Teller supposedly reveal the secrets to their tricks, they still manage to leave audiences startled.</p>
Comedy	<p>Mainstream comedians such as George Wallace, Dennis Miller, Rita Rudner, Ray Romano, Jerry Seinfeld, Drew Carey, Jay Mohr and Kevin</p>

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	<p>James, as well as comedy legends such as Steve Lawrence, Eydie Gormé, Harvey Korman and Tim Conway and the Smothers Brothers have headlined many hotel showrooms and were once regulars on the Las Vegas Strip.</p> <p>The Laugh Factory and the New Tropicana Las Vegas are launching a multi-venue comedy experience at the Strip property. Fun World Media has partnered with Laugh Factory to build this new comedy empire and the first stage of the rollout will be opening Laugh Factory Las Vegas, a comedy showroom starring the hottest comedians in the business. The venue is set to open in 2012.</p> <p>Brad Garrett's Comedy Club, home to comedy on the Las Vegas Strip, opened a brand-new venue at MGM Grand in March 2012. It presents a never-ending lineup of the finest comedians, from established stand-up stars to the hottest young comics in the business, along with Brad Garrett performing live.</p> <p>Defending the Caveman, the Broadway smash hit about the differences between the sexes, announced its new home at The Improv at Harrah's Las Vegas. Originally opened at the San Francisco Improv in 1991, the Las Vegas home allows the show to return to its improv roots. Comedian Kevin Burke stars in the Las Vegas run of Defending the Caveman. Burke was recently named Las Vegas Entertainer of the Year for his work in Defending the Caveman and has performed the show for more than four years in Las Vegas.</p> <p>Comedy clubs host well-known and rising-star comedians in an intimate atmosphere. A sampling of such clubs includes: Improv at Harrah's Riviera Comedy Club at the Riviera Brad Garrett's Comedy Club at MGM Grand</p>
<p>Films</p>	<p>There are a remarkable number of films and television series set in Las Vegas. Here are just a few:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ocean's Eleven (the remake) -- It's our modern-day Rat Pack actors. Who can deny George Clooney and Brad Pitt? - Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas -- It epitomizes the surreal journey of coming to Las Vegas, and it captures the hyper-reality very well. - Ocean's Eleven (the original) -- It's timeless actors and classic Vegas, platinum swagger that can never be replicated. - Viva Las Vegas -- This was the first movie to put Las Vegas on the

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	<p>map, with the King of rock 'n' roll, no less, exemplifying what Vegas was all about, in its true glory days.</p> <p>- Casino -- It was one of the first movies that took us inside the world of the casino, not just on the floor, but also behind the scenes. It was the look of the mob era in Vegas, how it really was.</p> <p>- Leaving Las Vegas -- The concept of an alcoholic going to Vegas because they never close the bars was a genius dramatic idea. And the way that director Mike Figgis shot Nick Cage, with Luxor in the background, with the red lights of Bally's blinking, the seedy hotel, it all just felt like the dark, surreal side of Vegas.</p>
<p>Museums</p>	<p>Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition. On a calm, April evening in 1912, the Titanic struck an iceberg and slowly sank into the North Atlantic's freezing waters. This exhibition—including hundreds recovered artifacts—chronicles the tragic tale of "the ship of dreams."</p> <p>Bodies: The Exhibition The leg bone's connected to the thigh bone ... 21 real human bodies show how we are put together, from the muscular and skeletal systems to internal organs and more.</p> <p>Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay Descend into the watery realm of nature's most fearsome predator: the shark. Wander through the sunken passages of an ancient temple, but stay on your toes—there's a shark around every corner!</p> <p>Madame Tussaud's Interactive Wax Museum From Meet and mingle with the likenesses of George Clooney, Ben Affleck, Britney Spears, Shaquille O'Neal, Princess Diana, and J. Lo—just to name a few.</p> <p>Las Vegas Natural History Museum Journey through time from dinosaur age to present-day wildlife. Investigate ecosystems and explore human relationships with the environment. 900 Las Vegas Blvd. N. 702-384-3466 www.lvnhm.org</p> <p>Liberace Museum A rotating collection of Liberace's famous wardrobe and costumes, custom automobiles, pianos, and the world's largest rhinestone. 1775 E. Tropicana Ave. 702-798-5595 www.liberace.org</p>
<p>Festivals</p>	<p>There are special events throughout the year in Las Vegas...</p> <p>The world's top riders are getting ready for the Professional Bull</p>

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	<p>Riders World Finals at the Thomas & Mack Center, and Las Vegas is ready, too. The PBR's signature event in November is always surrounded by great music, parties and after parties, and another reason why in Las Vegas, you don't just see great sports - you always experience Overtime Guaranteed!</p> <p>New Year in Las Vegas Make no mistake: Sin City really knows how to let its hair down. Come to one of Las Vegas' outrageously showy New Year bashes and you'll see people partying as if the end of the world was nigh.</p>
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<p>ATTRACTIONS</p>	<p>Top-Rated Attractions in Las Vegas, as rated by Expedia:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grand Canyon Tours 2. Little Chapel of the Flowers 3. Terry Fator and His Cast of Thousands 4. Jersey Boys 5. Bellagio Fountains 6. Graceland Wedding Chapel 7. Larry G. Jones - Man of 1002 Voices 8. Carrot Top 9. Mystery Adventures 10. Donny and Marie
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<p>Tours (Prices are from Expedia.ca)</p>	<p>Mini Hoover Dam Tour from \$54 After a scenic bus ride, spend two hours exploring this feat of modern engineering and discover why it's considered a wonder of the industrial world.</p> <p>Grand Canyon South Rim from \$110 Covering more than 1.2 million acres (.49 million hectares) of the Colorado Plateau, the Grand Canyon opens your eyes to the Southwest's vast, rugged beauty and geological splendors.</p> <p>Colorado River and Hoover Dam Tour from \$139 Enjoy a top to bottom Hoover Dam tour including a 45 minute float trip on the Colorado River at the base of the dam.</p> <p>Western Territory Grand Canyon Tour from \$245 Join the eagles as you soar through the desert air high above one of the wonders of the world, the Grand Canyon. Fly over one of the United States' most famous and breathtaking national parks.</p> <p>Visionary Air Tour from \$195 Grab some bird's-eye views of Southwest landmarks like Lake Mead, the Hoover Dam, the Colorado River, and the West Rim of the Grand Canyon. This scenic airplane</p>
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	flight—perfect for adventure seekers with limited time—includes complimentary hotel transfers.
Wildlife	<p>Flamingo Wildlife Habitat Flamingo Las Vegas 3555 Las Vegas Blvd S, Las Vegas NV 89109 Tel. (702) 733-3111 / (800) 221-7299 Appropriately enough, the Flamingo resort is home to a flock of live Chilean Flamingos.</p> <p>Southern Nevada Zoological-Botanical Park 1775 N Rancho Dr, Las Vegas NV 89106 Tel. (702) 648-5955 Southern Nevada Zoological Botanical Park is open daily 9am- 5pm. Admission. Exotic and native wildlife, botanical displays, unique desert ecotours</p>
Parks	<p>Grand Canyon National Park is a must-see on any Las Vegas trip if time allows.</p> <p>Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area PO BOX HCR33 BOX 5500, Las Vegas NV 89124 Tel. (702) 515-5367 Located just 25 kms west of Las Vegas via Charleston Blvd., the Visitor Center, hours varies with season. A 197,000 acre area provides a 13 mile scenic loop drive, and over 30 miles of hiking trails. Picnic areas, cycling, hiking, climbing and horseback riding are available throughout the NCA. The visitor center contains historical and geological exhibits, a cactus garden and a bookstore. Red Rock Canyon National Conservation area is open daily from 6am - dusk; fee area. Activity schedules for naturalist-guided walking tours, programs and talks are available at the visitor centre.</p> <p>Lured by the beauty of the Mojave Desert scenery, I rented a car on my most recent trip to Vegas with my family and toured two fabulous attractions close to Las Vegas. Red Rock Canyon features a 20km scenic loop road from which many hiking trails lead up into the side canyons. We picnicked and hiked the short trail to Lost Creek where a shimmering waterfall cascades to the canyon floor at this time of year.</p> <p>The Valley of Fire State Park is possibly even more gorgeous than Red Rock Canyon. One hundred and fifty million year old brilliant red sandstone formations stand out vividly against the blue desert sky and their cave-riddled, knobby formations are huge fun to scamper up for views over the desert.</p> <p>Death Valley National Park PO BOX 579, Death Valley CA 92328 Tel. (760) 786-3200 Located 220 kms northwest of Las Vegas. Death Valley National Park is</p>

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	<p>transected from east to west by California Highway 190. On the east in Nevada, U.S. Route 95 parallels the park from north to south with connecting highways at Scotty's Junction (State Route 267), Beatty (State Route 374), and Lathrop Wells (State Route 373). Furnace Creek Visitor Center & Museum 8am - 5pm. Scotty's Castle & The Gas House Museum - Winter hours 8:30am - 5:30pm; Summer hours 9am -4:30pm.</p> <p>Great Basin National Park 100 Great Basin NP, Baker NV 89311 Tel. (775) 234-7331 From the sagebrush at its alluvial base to the 13,063-foot summit of Wheeler Peak, Great Basin National Park includes streams, lakes, alpine plants, abundant wildlife, a variety of forest types including groves of ancient bristlecone pines, and numerous limestone caverns, including beautiful Lehman Caves. Located in east-central Nevada near U.S. Highway 6 & 50 approximately 450 kms North of Las Vegas. Open year round.</p>
<p>Gardens</p>	<p>Bellagio Conservatory & Botanical Gardens Beauty abounds inside these breathtaking Conservatory & Botanical Gardens. The attention to detail is astounding. The passionate display of nature in all its awe-evoking glory - quite simply, sensational! Let your imagination wander as you assume a leisurely stroll amongst rare natural finds selected distinctively for Bellagio from all over the world. Admire the essence of every season recreated with exceptionally gorgeous plants, flowers and trees thoughtfully arranged to inspire full splendor. Specially designed lighting spotlights every flower to accentuate its best features. To ensure the Conservatory & Botanical Gardens maintains magnificence 365 days a year, 140 expert horticulturists theatrically arrange gazebos, bridges, ponds, and water features uniquely for each season. http://www.bellagio.com/amenities/botanical-garden.aspx</p>
<p>Historical Sites</p>	<p>OK...so this is one thing that Vegas really doesn't have! It only celebrated its 100th birthday in 2005 and there are no sites remaining from this era anyway. Concentrate on the modernity and leave your history guides at home.</p>
<p>Hoover Dam</p>	<p>No Hoover Dam, no Las Vegas - the explosive growth not only Vegas, but of much of the US Southwest was made possible by the construction of the Hoover Dam across the Black Canyon of the Colorado River in the 1930's. Drive over the crest (nearly 400 meters), peer over the depth (221 meters) and explore the inside tunnels and turbines on a tour...All hugely impressive. Then tour just a little of Lake Mead's 885 km shoreline for a road trip at its scenic best.</p>

<p>OTHER ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>For a wide selection of the current shows in Vegas, see the Expedia section below.</p>
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<p>Shopping</p>	<p>Vegas has become a global shopping destination. Las Vegas Boulevard South is more than just a playground - it's one of the world's great shopping streets. Huge outlet malls vie with exclusive boutiques in exquisite casino resorts. On the Strip, shoppers will find everything from haute couture to traditional Vegas souvenirs - dice clocks and playing cards.</p> <p>The Fashion Show Mall put Las Vegas on the retail map. Since then many major Strip resorts have opened spectacular shopping areas featuring some of the world's best brands and most exclusive designers, while a number of outlet malls have proven popular with shoppers.</p> <p>Go shopping in Vegas the easy way by booking Expedia's Shop & Shuttle: Fashion Outlets of Las Vegas From \$25 per traveller It's only fitting that Vegas—hub of all things stylish—should have an accompanying centre of high-fashion discount shopping. With this shopping tour of the Fashion Outlets of Las Vegas, you'll receive coupons offering savings of up to 75% at more than 100 designer outlets.</p>
<p>Markets</p>	<p>Fremont Street Experience 425 Fremont St, Las Vegas NV 89101 Tel. (702) 678-5600 Located in Downtown Las Vegas, the Fremont Street Experience offers free nightly shows featuring 12.5 million lights and 550,000 watts of amazing sound. Enjoy free concerts and special events throughout the year. Times are 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, 11pm, 12am. Take a walk through the Neon Museum, which hosts some of the old hotel's neon signs, located at the east end of the Fremont Street Experience.</p>
<p>Nightlife</p>	<p>Start with a Cirque du Soleil production like ELVIS, inside the ARIA Resort at the heart of MGM Mirage's new CityCenter complex. This exciting show pays tribute to Elvis' music and life, fusing dance and acrobatics, live music and iconic tracks, nostalgia and modernity, high technology and raw emotion. It's all part of the excitement surrounding the new CityCenter and features upscale resorts such as ARIA, Vdara and Mandarin Oriental.</p> <p>Studio 54 has gained a reputation as a notorious epicenter of pop culture and style. Get your groove on as the DJs spin the hottest songs, from today's cutting-edge sounds to the music of the original Studio 54. The eclectic music—from European-influenced vocal house to more progressive beats later in the evening—encourages mingling, movement, and dancing.</p> <p>You can book a Bachelor or Bachelorette Party Package with Expedia: It's guys' night or girls' night out like never before...Make the most of your bachelor or bachelorette party with VIP treatment—plus no</p>

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	cover charge and lots of extras—at 10+ hot Vegas nightclubs.
Casinos	<p>Casinos are almost synonymous with Las Vegas...</p> <p>Any time is the right time to pull up to a blackjack table, roulette wheel or craps table here. Casinos are open 24 hours a day. If there's a game to be played, you can play it in Las Vegas.</p> <p>If table games aren't your style, many casinos offer sports betting, which can be just as fun. Sit back and relax in huge sports books and watch the sports action live on big screens.</p> <p>Slot machines, once a diversion for the companions of "serious" table-players, are bigger than ever, and the playing never stops.</p> <p>Many casinos offer gaming lessons for those who would like to learn a little more before hitting the floor. It never hurts to know the rules.</p> <p>Most Vegas casinos offer these games:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Blackjack, Baccarat, Bingo, Caribbean Poker, Craps, Keno, Pai Gow Poker, Poker Rooms, Roulette, Slots, Video Poker. <p><i>Note: You must be 21 years old to gamble in a casino in Vegas. Most casinos will let you walk through on the way to your destination (restaurants, shops, shows) if you are younger than 21, but you may not stop or sit down. The Bellagio has the strictest policy: no one younger than 18 is allowed inside the hotel unless the minor is a registered guest. And that includes babies in strollers!</i></p>

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Food	<p>Once known for its all-you-can-eat buffets, huge coffee-shop breakfasts and classic red-velvet-and-leather-booth steak joints, Vegas has enjoyed a culinary renaissance of late. As talented chefs continue to flock to Vegas, the city reinforces its reputation as the world's premier dining destination. Vegas dining hot-spots:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wolfgang Puck's Spago in the Forum Shops at Caesars Palace helped put Vegas on the culinary map in 1992. • For celebrity-spotting and Japanese fusion, Nobu in the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino is the place to be seen. • Try Hugo's Cellar in the Four Queens basement for a traditional Vegas classic - steak and potatoes - just steps from the Fremont Street Experience outside. • Go straight to the source for another Vegas classic, the \$1.99 shrimp cocktail at the Golden Gate. • Mix, high above THE HOTEL at Mandalay Bay, offers fine dining and a spectacular view.

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Restaurants	<p>Here are some restaurant names that you can pre-book with Expedia here in Canada before you go:</p> <p>Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville 2-Course Pre-Fixe Menu from \$31 A change in latitude is sure to change any attitude! Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville is a mecca for "Parrotheads" and anyone else who wants to have a good time in the ultimate tropical setting.</p> <p>Dining at Hard Rock Cafe From \$25 Celebrating nearly 40 years and over 125 restaurants worldwide, Hard Rock Cafe is the Ambassador of Rock! Experience the phenomena with a 2-course, Gold Menu Dinner, priority seating, and more.</p> <p>Planet Hollywood Las Vegas from \$36 Dine among the stars at Planet Hollywood, surrounded by unbelievable movie memorabilia and great food. A nightly DJ and new menu are sure to make this Vegas Strip location feel like Hollywood.</p>
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Websites	www.lasvegas.com www.expedia.ca

CURRENT DEALS	<p>Check out the Vegas Sale at Expedia.ca (Oct 2013) and book your trip to Vegas with Canada's Sin City experts – see below in the Expedia section for full details of how to save up to 50%.</p>
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PERSONAL EXPERIENCES	<p>Multiple trips to Las Vegas, most recently in March 2011 – see my Travel Blog which includes Vegas, the Grand Canyon with Maverick Helicopters, Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, and Red Rock Canyon: http://christalkstravel.blogspot.com/2011_03_01_archive.html</p> <p>Also see the Travel Show Las Vegas board on the Show's Pinterest site: http://pinterest.com/TravelShow/las-vegas</p>
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EXPEDIA	<p>Expedia.ca is Canada's largest online travel provider. Design "Your Trip, Your Way" by choosing from over 130 airlines, 145,000 hotels and countless options for car rentals, destination activities, pre-packaged vacations and more. Plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Save an average of \$300 when you book flight and hotel together to destinations worldwide - Benefit from All-In-Pricing on flights and vacation packages, which shows you the true price of your trip upfront including all taxes and fees
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<p>Expedia Las Vegas Deals (Oct 2013)</p>	<p>Expedia has some great deals on Las Vegas hotels if you can leave right away...Check out these prices (current Oct 2013) which are per room per night for stays over the next few weeks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stratosphere Tower Casino & Resort Hotel - \$25 - Flamingo Las Vegas - \$23 - Treasure Island Hotel and Casino - \$54 - Riviera Hotel And Casino - \$20 - Excalibur Hotel Casino - \$30 - Plaza Hotel and Casino Las Vegas - \$28 - Circus Circus - \$26 - Luxor - \$39

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