



# Fountains at Bellagio

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

A visual water symphony choreographed to music provides an unforgettable welcome to the Bellagio Hotel Casino . The water jets span more than 1000 feet and can shoot up to 250 feet in the air while seeming to dance to choreographed lights and romantic classical music. It is a spectacular sight and one worth taking the time to view while strolling along the boulevard. Be sure to bring a camera as this is one of Vegas' best attractions; not to mention, it is also free! Every 30 minutes until 7p, after which shows are every 15 minutes.

# Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area



- Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, located just a few miles west of Las Vegas, is named for the deep red 3,000-foot-high sandstone cliffs that are perched above the dusty wastelands of this part of the Mojave Desert. The view from any part of the park is breathtaking: mostly nature fills the view, but from some points you can make out the entire Las Vegas Strip in the distance! If the temperature is extremely hot, climbing/hiking/bicycling throughout the park is not recommended; instead, opt to drive around the park (expect to pay a small fee for motorized vehicles) along a 13-mile paved loop. A visitor's center provides information on area history, geology, flora and fauna (visitors may encounter burros, big horn sheep or desert tortoises). You can also pick up a map of the park with detailed hiking routes (beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels). Rangers offer guided tours at no charge -- see website for schedules. It's open daily at 6a.



[www.redrockcanyonlv.org/](http://www.redrockcanyonlv.org/)



Fremont Street  
Experience  
[www.vegaseperience.com/](http://www.vegaseperience.com/)

Encompassing Fremont Street in the center of downtown Las Vegas is a light and musical show like none other in the world. A permanent canopy has been constructed to cover the casino-lined street with two million lights and a state-of-the-art sound system. This USD70 million attraction provides shows in the evening hours and is a popular area for filming motion picture scenes. There is no charge for entrance except for their New Year's Eve Street Bash . The special shows projected on the canopy ceiling last for approximately seven minutes. Open 24 hrs, light shows start at dusk and continue every hour on the hour

# Gondola Rides at the Venetian

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



**O solo mio! You will be the recipient of a vocal performance as your personal gondolier trained by masters in Venice, Italy takes you on a trip you will never forget. These crafts navigate the canals that run through the Grand Canal Shoppes located at the Venetian Hotel Casino . Reservations are required if you want a singing gondolier to take you on your journey.**

# Bonnie Springs Ranch Old Nevada



**Give your family a taste of the West!**  
A short drive from the city, this ranch is a miniature replica of the old days, when much of the country was a cowboy's domain. Built in 1843, as a wagon stop, this pretty, almost desert-like foothill town, with its wooden boards, tumbleweeds, stagecoaches and saloons will transport most locals back into history. A weekend here will be filled with activities, such as horseback riding, miniature train rides, wild animal spotting, a "posse" ...

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

# Secret Garden & Dolphin Habitat

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



Secret Garden & Dolphin Habitat is a tropical paradise dedicated to the wild things. You will find many exotic animal breeds housed here, from elephants, panthers and leopards to Siegfried and Roy's rare and enchanting white tigers. This exhibit is presented in an effort to spotlight the need to protect vanishing breeds. Along with the land-based residents, visitors are invited to visit the intriguing Dolphin Habitat. You will thoroughly enjoy watching the antics of these amazing creatures...

# Shark Reef

[www.mandalaybay.com/entertainment/sharkreef.aspx](http://www.mandalaybay.com/entertainment/sharkreef.aspx)

This truly amazing state-of-the art aquarium has sharks, alligators, monitor lizards and other amazing creatures living in more than 1,000,000 gallons of salt water at the Mandalay Bay Resort . You will enjoy a beautiful display of blue sharks, stingrays, sea turtles, eels and a remarkable jellyfish display with black lights. Tickets are USD15.95 for adults; USD10.95 for children 12 years and above and free for children younger than 4. This is a must-see exhibit for the whole family.



## Yucca Mountain Science Center

Nevada has fought hard to keep nuclear waste from crossing over the state line and this official Department of Energy office, has every bit of information there about nuclear energy. Yucca Mountain, the potential dumping ground for nuclear waste, is located on the Nevada Test Site and is off-limits to the public, but this office of the same name encourages public education on what happens in the Nevada desert and what it means to the rest of the United States.

Admission and information are free, thanks to your tax dollars.

[www.ocrwm.doe.gov/contact/ymsc.shtml](http://www.ocrwm.doe.gov/contact/ymsc.shtml)

## Sun Buggy Fun Rentals

Described by *Rolling Stone* as the "Best Near-Death Experience" in Las Vegas, these "u-drive" buggy tours are a truly out-of-the-ordinary experience. Sun Buggy will pick you up at your hotel, treat you to a crash-course training session, then set you loose on the dunes. Choose from single seaters, tandems or even four-person buggies. Cruise around for a couple hours, or opt for a day trip or even an overnight excursion. In need of a chaperone? Guides are available...

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

# Lion Habitat @ The MGM Grand Hotel & Casino

[www.mgmgrand.com/entertainment](http://www.mgmgrand.com/entertainment)



**This is a wonderful spot at the MGM Grand to spend an hour or two gazing at the lions and cubs in their multi-level, state-of-the-art showcase and natural habitat. These pampered cats are housed off-site and rotated every few hours, so you get to see a variety of the 30 or so MGM lions. Admission is free, but you will have a "photo opportunity" for pictures of you with the lions. There's also a gift shop, with lots of fun toys, stuffed animals and clothing. A portion of the proceeds goes to organizations dedicated to the preservation of lions.**

# SPEED - The Ride

[www.saharavegas.com/NASCAR/SPEED-facts/](http://www.saharavegas.com/NASCAR/SPEED-facts/)

**Speed is the name of the game at this exciting attraction, located at the Sahara Hotel on the Strip. Thrill-seekers will delight in zooming from zero to 50mph, then looping 360 degrees while reaching speeds of 70 miles per hour. The final thrill comes when the course is repeated; this time, it goes in reverse! All-day passes are available.**



# Grand Voyager Expedition

This combination airplane-helicopter-boat tour offers an exhilarating way to experience the majesty of the Grand Canyon. Fly by Vista Liner airplane round-trip from Las Vegas to the Grand Canyon West Rim Airport. Then enjoy an exhilarating Papillon helicopter descent of 4000ft from the rim to the canyon floor to board your pontoon boat for a short cruise along the Colorado River. Following your helicopter ascent to the Canyon Rim, you will be transported by Motor coach to Guano Point, a breathtaking overlook where a light meal is provided, so you can snack and snap photos of the sheer rugged cliffs. This tour lasts 5.5 hours.

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



# Eiffel Tower

Is it Paris, or Las Vegas?  
Paris Las Vegas, of course.  
Ride to the peak of the 50-story replica of the Eiffel Tower in the glass elevators. At the observation deck on top, you will behold a breathtaking view of the Las Vegas Strip from 540 feet up. The 11th-floor Eiffel Tower Restaurant is formal dining at its finest; reservations are necessary. Tickets available at the Tower.



[www.harrahs.com/casinos/paris-las-vegas](http://www.harrahs.com/casinos/paris-las-vegas)

# Inner Grand Canyon Jeep Tour - South Rim

Do you like to explore off the beaten path? Are you interested in the story behind the scenery? This Jeep Tour brings you where few people will ever have a chance to go and see - the inner trails and caverns of the Grand Canyon. After exploring, you'll get the chance refresh yourself by wading in the great Colorado River. You'll be in close contact with one of the seven natural wonders of the world. While on the river coast, the tour will take a short break for a leisurely lunch. Please call or check website for more information.

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



# Flamingo Hilton Wildlife Habitat

Located on a newly opened 15-acre park area behind the Flamingo Las Vegas, this animal habitat features some animals not normally found in the Nevada desert. Surrounded by waterfalls and breathtaking flora, you will find ponds filled with catfish, Japanese koi (giant goldfish) and turtles that swim freely. For bird-lovers, penguins, flamingos (naturally), swans and other rare birds make this park their home. Everyone in the family will have an enjoyable time especially the kids. Admission is free.

[www.caesars.com/Flamingo/LasVegas](http://www.caesars.com/Flamingo/LasVegas)

# Magic Motion Rides

Combining 70-milimeter film, five-channel Dolby stereo sound and specially designed seats that move in sync with the on-screen action, this is almost as good as the real thing (not to mention, much safer). These realistic rides offer 'trips' such as 'Runaway Train', 'Space Race' and 'Devil's Mine Ride'. This fun place is located inside the Excalibur Hotel Casino

[www.excalibur.com/entertainment/midway](http://www.excalibur.com/entertainment/midway)

# Vegas Indoor Skydiving

Vegas Indoor Skydiving, is an indoor skydiving facility located in the heart of The Strip in Las Vegas. The individual experience's a sky dive through simulation. The chamber has trampoline floor and padded walls. This is done with the help of a vertical tunnel that shoots up air that supports the weight of an average individual, the result is the feeling of a free-fall from a plane. As the sky dive begins, individuals can experiences a free-fall from a plane without any plane or parachute.

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

# Zion National Park Tour

The true majesty of Zion National Park is unveiled in spectacular fashion on Pink Jeep Tours, where you explore a region that the Virgin River has sculpted into a profound landscape masterpiece. This river was responsible for slowly paring through layers of ageless rock to produce Zion Canyon. Here, Mother Nature's artistry is evident everywhere you look. High plateaus, striking towers, temples, mesas, and the earth's tallest-known sheer sandstone walls surround you with their awe-inspiring beauty. You'll encounter breathtaking features at picturesque places like the Court of the Patriarchs, Angel's Landing, The Great White Throne, Temple of Sinawava, and Weeping Rock. Zion National Park is truly a photographer's paradise, where the vistas are stunning from every point on the compass. Tours last 9-10 hours.

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

# Desert Fox Hummer Tours

**If you're a thrill seeker, take a ride through Red Rock Canyon Desert Area or Valley of Fire Desert Area in an all-terrain Hummer. This off-road experience will show you the desert as you have never seen it before! There is a two-person minimum for both tours, and when air tours are cancelled due to weather, the Hummer keeps going. Closed only on Christmas, Desert Fox offers two tours daily, departing at 9a and 2p.**

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

# Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park



**Before Bugsy Siegel made it to town, the Mormon Church created this tiny settlement in 1855. It boasts the oldest European-American building in Nevada. The site was purchased by the State of Nevada in 1990 and restored as a state park. Tours are now available that outline the harsh life that the first settlers endured. The place was one a rest stop for those heading to California to seek their fortune during the gold rush. This section is also a part of the Cultural Corridor that lies close to the University area. No credit cards are accepted.**

**[www.parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm](http://www.parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm)**



# Adventure Photo Tours

The luxury tour is the Grand Canyon tour; 12-hours of exploring the West Rim in addition to lunch. If you happen to lose or forget your camera, this company has Nikons and film available. Hotel pick-up and drop-off included. Adventure Photo Tours are conducted in air-conditioned seven-passenger Ford Explorers, with snacks and water provided. The Red Rock Vistas Tour is four-hours in duration and introduces the bright red landscapes of the Nevada desert.

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

# The Arts Factory

This downtown area began its formation around the wildly popular First Friday arts festivals held, naturally, the first Friday of each month. Each month this area is growing in rich culture and art as well as some great food and funky fun. The Arts Factory, located on Charleston Boulevard, houses the galleries of painters and graphic designers, photographers and architects. Casa Don Juan is across the street and, in addition to the great traditional Mexican offerings, they are also home to some of the best live music and tequila around. The Funk House, located at Casino Center is home to a unique, eclectic antique collection with neighboring dealers to round out the area. The future of this area is unknown, but now it is an exciting adventure blooming

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

# Gilcrease Nature Sanctuary & Orchards



There are two main parts of this Gilcrease property. First, the animal sanctuary, which is home to birds and other wild animals needing care and shelter. The Wild Wing project to rehabilitate injured birds cares for exotic and domestic birds. The Gilcrease Orchards allows people to pick their own apples, apricots, pears and other fruit, depending on the season. Call the recorded line to hear which fruit are ripe and the hours available for picking.



[www.naturesanctuarygilcrease.org](http://www.naturesanctuarygilcrease.org)

# Cowboy Trail Rides, Inc.



**Dudes welcome! Real cowboy guides will take you through the beautiful terrain of the Red Rock Canyon . One-and two-hour excursions will take you to see the location of your choice. For a special treat, take the Sunset BBQ Ride. You will see the lights of the city and enjoy a deluxe western dinner back at camp. Kids aged six and older are welcome. Transportation to and from the camp is available.**

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



# Springs Preserve

[www.springspreserve.org](http://www.springspreserve.org)

**Springs Preserve, located about three miles west of downtown Las Vegas, is a natural park and cultural center devoted to commemorating the history of Las Vegas and promoting sustainability. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, its 180 acres of land are filled with desert botanical gardens, museum galleries, outdoor concerts and events, an indoor theater, a historic photo gallery, wildlife exhibitions, and plenty of walking trails. Lectures and classes are offered on topics such as cooking, arts & crafts, bird watching, cultural studies, archeology, and sustainability. Dining options on the premises include the Springs Preserve Cafe by Wolfgang Puck. Concerts, performances, and events are not included in the admission price. Check the website for further details**