

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS AND TIPS For KIWANIAN VISITING LAS VEGAS

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WELCOME

Las Vegas is a city of glitter and glamour - the only one of its kind in the world. Las Vegas is essentially the gift of Hoover Dam, 30 miles away which has created miles long mead lake which supplies all the water. In 1972 it had a population of 200,000. In 2010, its population is two million. The main street of Las Vegas Boulevard, is popularly called `The Strip`. City buses ply all day between the strip and the downtown. Believe it or not there is a very active Kiwanis club called the strip club, meeting over breakfast! Parking of a car in Las Vegas is not a problem as most hotels of Las Vegas provide free valet parking.

ACCOMODATION & AIR TRAVEL

If you have not made arrangements through the KI website, you can call the Hotel and get the rates. If you are senior ask for senior's discount. Half price deals or room upgrades are not uncommon in Las Vegas. Go on line to priceline.com, hotels.com, Travelocity for best deals.

L.V. is the 5th busiest airport in the U.S.. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday flights are most economical days to fly. Many Canadians drive to border airports and fly onwards to L.V. and save as much as 40% on air travel.

WHAT TO SEE

One trip is not enough to see Las Vegas, but here are some suggestions.

THE STRIP

Circus Circus : See the adventure dome
Imperial palace: Auto collection
Venetian: Madame Toussaud`s museum
Gondola rides in the grand canal, indoors!
City Center is the latest addition to the strip
Visit the water show there at Hotel Aria
Bellagio: Great outdoor water show, Flower Show indoors, awesome chocolate shop,
Dining in restaurants

Evenings
Mirage gallery, ticket counter inside
Treasure Island: Free out door show
Next door.

15 minutes ride from strip:
Freemont street experience. Show using 2 Million light bulbs. Free

TOURS

Car rentals are the best way to see Las Vegas and vicinity. Bargains as low as \$15.00/day , unlimited mileage, are available in low season. Visit hotwire.com. Many bus companies Offer tour service. L.V. is at the center of largest # of National and State Parks in the U.S..

Death Valley, below sea level, very hot desolate, 1.5 Hr Drive.

Valley of the Fire. See weird and brilliant desert colors. (7)

Hoover Dam (7)

Grand Canyon 1 of 7 wonders of the world. Often includes brief stop at Hoover dam(11)

A helicopter ride to the Grand Canyon can be a grand treat. Land at the river level and be served a Champagne breakfast.

(Numerals are estimated return trip by bus tour in hours)

SHOWS, ATTRACTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT

There are 5 kinds of shows in L.V.: Acrobatics, musical, magic, variety and comedy. Search on line and buy before you arrive in Las Vegas. Lasvegas.com and tix4less.com are the best sites.

Cirque de Soleil has 4 acrobatic shows:

Ka in MGM, O in Bellagio, Mystere in Treasure Island, and Zumanity in New York NewYork.

Magic shows: Lance Burton in Monte Carlo, Penn and Teller in Rio.

Variety: Folies Bergere, Jubilee at Bally's

Comedy Clubs: Hurrahs and Riviera

Mixed: Magic/Water/Acrobatics: La Rieve at Steve Wynn's most recent, glamorous and best rated Hotel . See Ferrari dealership at the joining Wynn's .

(Exotic cars e.g. Vipers, Porsches ; Harleydavidson.com for 24 hour rental)

Canadian/N.Y. Flavour: Comedy/Musical act by Gordie Brown (Ottawan!) at the golden Nugget, downtown. Duelling Pianos with 2 blond girlsfrom Albany, N.Y. at Harrah`s is fun !

GAMBLING

Black Jack: Before sitting down at the black jack table buy the card that tells you how to play!

Card is on sale in many shopping centers and drug stores. If you win \$1,000 or more , the Casino operator will deduct U.S. Tax on the spot!

SHOPPING

U.S. dollars are at historic lows, which is great for the foreign shoppers.

If you win big you can shop at the City Center shops. If you have any money left you may want to go to the Fashion Show Mall right on the

Strip, across from the Trump Towers.

It has high to medium end shops e.g. Exclusive jewellery shops, Nieman Marcus, Nordstrom -----Macy's , Gap, etc.. Stores e.g. Macy's department store offer amazing bargains, especially on the weekends and a 5 day passport to the foreign visitors for additional 11% discount!!

Fry's down couple of miles on L.V. Blvd. offer the largest selection of computers, entertainment equipment and accessories under one roof. A must for the computer enthusiasts.

Have a great trip!!

These pages are not intended to substitute for LV , KI guide or your good judgement. These pages were created with the help of Dr. N.Bhargava (a L.V. local!), Kiwanian Guy Bourbonniere, Ultra Bhargava and yours truly for the Kiwanians to get a feel for the city from different perspectives. Please verify the details and estimates before you take decisions and visit on line sites.

