

4-DAY TRAVEL GUIDE

4 Day Vegas Itinerary: The Strip, Downtown Vegas, Hoover Dam

A 4 day Vegas itinerary covering the Strip and downtown, then a choice between Hoover Dam with Red Rock Canyon or Valley of Fire with Chinatown.



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The Westin Las Vegas Hotel & Spa / Fountains of Bellagio / Bacchanal Buffet

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Downtown Vegas (don't miss First Fridays) / The Mob Museum / Golden Nugget

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Hoover Dam & Desert Parks

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Valley of Fire & Atomic History

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Day One: Center Strip Day

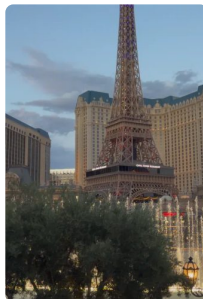
Today we stick to the center Strip. We start with the Bellagio fountains and the conservatory glasshouse, then crab legs at Bacchanal before the Venetian's canals and shops. Evening is O at the Bellagio, dinner at Hell's Kitchen, and an open-top bus ride through the lights.



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The Westin Las Vegas Hotel & Spa

It's an 826-room hotel just east of the Strip with no casino floor at all, which is honestly why I loved it. I booked last minute on a packed weekend and still...

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Fountains of Bellagio

The fountains in front of the Bellagio are a free show on an 8.5-acre lake, driven by more than 1,200 nozzles and nearly 4,800 lights sunk under the water. You can watch from the sidewalk or the bridges over the Boulevard, and...



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Bellagio Conservatory & Botanical Gardens

It's a 14,000-square-foot glasshouse off the Bellagio lobby, free to walk into, and five times a year the whole thing gets torn out and rebuilt around a new theme. The props are huge, and everything...



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Bacchanal Buffet

It's the buffet at Caesars Palace, and the crab legs are the reason to go. So fresh and juicy, and there's butter ON TAP - we basically made it a mission to eat as many as we could. The prime rib came...

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The Venetian Las Vegas

It's a whole chunk of Venice dropped on the Strip - a Rialto Bridge out front, canals inside, gondolas drifting past the shops. We walked the place end to end, and honestly the hotel itself is the...

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Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian Resort Las...

This is the shopping stretch inside the Venetian, where the walkways follow a canal past cafe terraces and bridges to a copy of St Mark's Square. We walked it as part of exploring the whole hotel, and...



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O by Cirque du Soleil at Bellagio

Cirque du Soleil's aquatic show at the Bellagio, staged in and above a 1.5-million-gallon pool whose stage rises and sinks mid-scene. Acrobats sprint across...

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Gordon Ramsay Hell's Kitchen

It's Gordon Ramsay's restaurant at the front of Caesars Palace, built to run like the show - the pitchfork from the set stands right at the door. You eat with the...

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Day One: Center Strip Day

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Las Vegas: Sightseeing Night Tour by Open-Top...

This open-top double-decker loops through Las Vegas after dark, passing the Bellagio fountains, Strip hotels, the Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas sign...

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Day Two: Sightseeing & Shows

Today bounces between the Strip and AREA15. Start with the wax figures at Madame Tussauds, then hand the middle of the day over to AREA15's surreal warehouse. Then it's back to the Strip for the High Roller, The Wizard of Oz at Sphere and MJ Live before a night helicopter flight.



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Madame Tussauds Las Vegas

A wax museum tucked into the front of the Venetian, right off the Shoppes, with more than 75 figures from music, film and sport. Nothing sits behind rope, so...

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AREA15 - Meow Wolf & more!

Ten minutes west of the Strip, a giant warehouse hides a district of surreal art you can wander for free, plus more than forty ticketed experiences built around it...

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High Roller at the LINQ

The High Roller rises 550 feet above the LINQ Promenade, with air-conditioned pods and wide views across the Strip. The wheel turns slowly enough to take in the skyline from every angle, and the top gives you the clearest...

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The Wizard of Oz at Sphere

It's the 1939 movie blown up until it wraps the entire inside of the Sphere. I'd never seen the original, and starting here was unreal. You feel the wind in the tornado, the seats shake, apples drop from the sky, and a few...

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Michael Jackson tribute concert at MJ Live

It's a Michael Jackson tribute concert with a live band, dancers, costumes, and all the biggest hits. We paid about \$50 and sat near the front, close enough to...

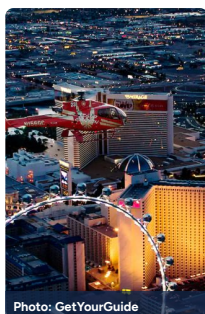
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Night Helicopter Flight over Las Vegas Strip

This narrated night flight lifts above the Strip for views of the Bellagio fountains, High Roller, Sphere, Allegiant Stadium and the casino skyline. The city looks...

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NORTH STRIP · ARTS DISTRICT · DOWNTOWN VEGAS

Day Three: Downtown Vegas & the Arts District

Today we head from the north end of the Strip into downtown. We ride up the STRAT first, then stop in the Arts District before the Mob Museum's old courthouse. We finish on Fremont Street with the Golden Nugget, the canopy, SlotZilla and old neon.



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The STRAT Tower Observation Deck and...

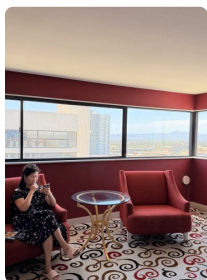
It's the tallest tower at the north end of the Strip, and the ride up is half the fun - the elevator climbs faster than the ones...

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Downtown Vegas (don't miss First Fridays)

Downtown Vegas is the city's original core, stretching from the Fremont casino blocks into Fremont East and the Arts District. We went at night,...



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Downtown Grand Hotel & Casino

It's a hotel and casino on Third Street, about a minute from Fremont and calmer than the Strip. We got a grand...

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The Mob Museum

It's three floors of organized-crime history inside the actual 1933 courthouse and post office downtown. You start at the top and wind down through...

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Golden Nugget

One of the oldest casinos still running in Vegas, open on Fremont Street since 1946. If you're staying, ask about the renovated Rush Tower rooms - big,...

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Fremont Experience

The original downtown casino strip, closed to cars and roofed by a curved 1,375-foot canopy that turns into one enormous light show after dark. Old...

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SlotZilla Fremont

The zipline that launches out of a twelve-story slot machine at the end of Fremont Street. You pick your flight: seated from 77 feet for three blocks,...

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The Neon Museum

Two blocks off Fremont Street sits a gravel lot holding about 250 old Vegas signs, pulled off casinos and motels as they closed. Some are restored and...

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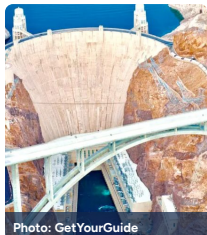
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Day Four: Pick Your Adventure

Today you pick your own adventure. Option A pairs Hoover Dam with Seven Magic Mountains and Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. Option B spends the morning at Valley of Fire, then returns for Chinatown and the Atomic Museum.

OPTION A

Hoover Dam & Desert Parks



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Hoover Dam

It's a 726-foot wall of concrete jammed into Black Canyon about 45 minutes southeast of the city, holding the...

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Seven Magic Mountains

Seven towers of boulders, each one over thirty feet tall and painted fluorescent, stand in open desert about 25 minutes...

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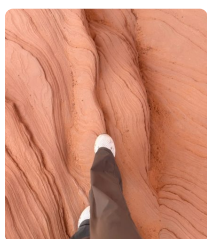
Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area

Seventeen miles west of the Strip, the casinos drop away and you're under...

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OPTION B

Valley of Fire & Atomic History



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Valley of Fire State Park

About 50 miles northeast of Vegas, 40,000 acres of Jurassic sandstone turn a red so bright the park's name stops...

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Las Vegas Chinatown on Spring Mountain Road

Just west of the Strip, Spring Mountain Road runs three miles of back-to-back plazas stuffed with Korean barbecue, pho, ramen, Thai food and Chinese...

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National Atomic Testing Museum

A short drive east of the Strip, it lays out the whole story of nuclear testing at the Nevada Test Site, 65 miles northwest of the city. The galleries...

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