

3-DAY TRAVEL GUIDE

3 Day Vegas Itinerary: The Strip & Downtown Vegas

A 3 day Vegas itinerary with the center Strip and Sphere on day one, AREA15 and evening shows on day two, then the Arts District and Fremont Street downtown.



AT A GLANCE

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Fountains of Bellagio / The Venetian Las Vegas / The Wizard of Oz at Sphere

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Madame Tussauds Las Vegas / AREA15 - Meow Wolf & more! / O by Cirque du Soleil at Bellagio

03*Day Three***Downtown Vegas & the Arts District**

The Mob Museum / Fremont Experience / The Neon Museum

CENTER STRIP

Day One: Center Strip Day

We stay on the center Strip all day. Start at the Bellagio fountains, then crab legs at Bacchanal and the Venetian's canals and shops. We end with The Wizard of Oz filling all of Sphere, dinner at Hell's Kitchen, and a helicopter loop over the neon.

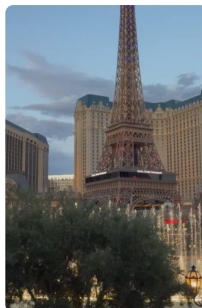


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The Westin Las Vegas Hotel & Spa

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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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 out tender, tacos get...

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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 attraction. We came back...

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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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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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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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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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CENTER STRIP · WEST OF THE STRIP

Day Two: Shows & Immersive Art

Today pairs the center Strip with the weird stuff just west of it. We start 550 feet up on the High Roller, wander through Madame Tussauds, then give the afternoon to AREA15. Evening brings MJ Live and O at the Bellagio before a late open-top bus ride through the lights.



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

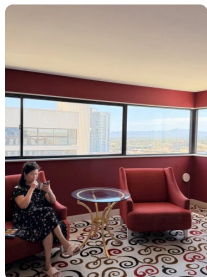
This open-top double-decker loops through Las Vegas after dark, passing the Bellagio fountains, Strip hotels, the Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas sign...

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NORTH STRIP · ARTS DISTRICT · DOWNTOWN VEGAS

Day Three: Downtown Vegas & the Arts District

Downtown day, with one stop at the north end of the Strip. We start at Downtown Grand, ride up the STRAT, then head to the Arts District before visiting the Mob Museum. The rest is Fremont Street: the Golden Nugget, the canopy, SlotZilla and old neon.



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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 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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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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