

3-DAY TRAVEL GUIDE

3 Day Vegas Itinerary: The Strip & Hoover Dam

A 3 day Vegas itinerary with the center Strip, AREA15 and evening shows, then a choice between Hoover Dam with Red Rock Canyon or Valley of Fire with the Atomic Museum.



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CENTER STRIP

Day One: Center Strip Day

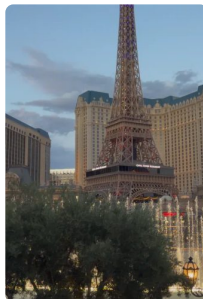
The whole day stays on the center Strip. We kick things off at the Bellagio fountains and the conservatory glasshouse behind them, then crab legs at Bacchanal and the Venetian's canals. We close out with The Wizard of Oz wrapped around the inside of Sphere and a night helicopter ride.



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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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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...

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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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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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Day Two: Shows & Immersive Art

Today pairs the center Strip with the art warehouse just west of it. We start on the High Roller, walk through Madame Tussauds, then give the afternoon to AREA15's surreal rooms. 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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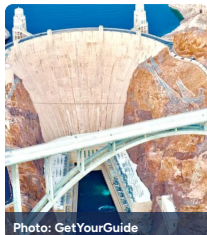
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Day Three: Pick Your Adventure

Today you pick your own adventure. Option A pairs Hoover Dam with Seven Magic Mountains and Red Rock Canyon. Option B gives Valley of Fire the time it deserves, then returns to Las Vegas for 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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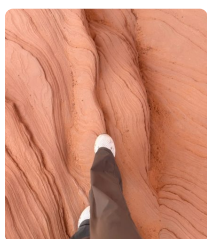
Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area

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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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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