

# Las Vegas Attractions

*Suggested by the Oughtred Society*



Bellagio Fountain, and Conservatory & Botanical Gardens. This definitely is not your usual fountain. It is spectacular and deserves its No. 1 place on our list of things to see and do in Las Vegas. Fountain performs weekdays 3:00 pm to midnight. Weekends 12 noon till midnight. Its lake covers 8 acres and is more than 3 blocks long. The 1200 fountain heads are choreographed to opera, classical and Broadway tunes. They dance, they wave, they pop, they send water as high as a 24 story building. Each performance is different. This is generally acknowledged as Las Vegas' leading attraction. Best viewed at night. Free.



After seeing the fountain take a stroll through the Conservatory & Botanical Gardens in the Bellagio, featuring elegant, elaborate arrangements of plants and flowers in a bright, airy atrium. Free.



Also take a look at the Bellagio lobby ceiling, which has 2000 glass blossoms by renowned glass sculptor Dale Chihuly.  
<http://www.bellagio.com/attractions/fiori-di-como.aspx>



Forum Shops at Caesar's palace provide a pleasurable walking experience past fountains and statues (some are animated). Don't miss the Fall of Atlantis show, every hour on the hour.



The Grand Canal Shoppes at the Venetian are a wonder, with the canal running through the middle (with gondolas and gondoliers). It is known for its "streetmosphere", entertainers, and fun. Free.



Fremont Street Experience. Downtown Las Vegas. Features a huge barrel canopy over 5 blocks of Fremont Street animated by 12.5 million LED lights. Vendor booths, music, continuous light show, famous vintage hotels. Free. Best viewed at night.

P3 Studio at the Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas. One of the most extensive art collections in the country. Third floor. Free.



Wildlife Habitat at Flamingo Las Vegas. A flock of Chilean flamingos is on view at this complimentary exhibit, which also features an array of swans, ducks, fish, and turtles who live among the foliage and waterfalls. The Habitat is located next to the pool area. Free.



Cirque du Soleil. Great shows. Several different shows at different hotels. Ticket prices vary.

Stratosphere Tower. Rotating restaurant atop the 1149 foot tower is a delightful place to relax for lunch or dinner and see the Las Vegas panorama from above.

Auto Collection at the Quad. The Auto Collection at the Quad Resort and Casino is the auto enthusiast's dream. Featuring 300 classic cars that span more than a century, all are available for purchase. 10-6 daily. Adults \$11.95, seniors \$8.00.

Penske Wynn Ferrari Maserati. Displays of fine autos. At the Wynn Las Vegas. Mon.-Sat. 10-9. Sun. 10-6. \$10.



Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health. Near downtown Las Vegas. World famous architecture. Free.

While Las Vegas is well known for its poker sharks, very few visitors know that Mandalay Bay's aquarium, [Shark Reef](http://www.sharkreef.com), is one of the few in the world that allows SCUBA certified guests to get in the tank and swim with actual sharks, such as the fierce Sand Tiger. In the same vein, several resorts worldwide let you swim with dolphins, but only the Mirage offers a [Dolphin Trainer For The Day](#) program – and even Dolphin Yoga! <http://www.sharkreef.com>

Cars are a huge attraction in Las Vegas, and at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway you can take the wheel of a 600HP NASCAR stock car or a \$265,000 Lamborghini Gallardo LP 570-4 Superleggera. If you don't want to drive yourself, ride shotgun around the oval with an instructor from The [Richard Petty Driving Experience](#) on high-speed "hot laps."

Richard Petty Driving Experience. [http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\\_Review-g45963-d553012-Reviews-Richard\\_Petty\\_Driving\\_Experience-Las\\_Vegas\\_Nevada.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g45963-d553012-Reviews-Richard_Petty_Driving_Experience-Las_Vegas_Nevada.html)

Or try the city's newest just launched offering and [drive three neo-classic American muscle cars](#) on the open road, through 30 miles of pavement in Red Rock Canyon, including a new Dodge Challenger SRT8, the Corvette Z06 and the ridiculously overpowered 662-horsepower Shelby GT 500.

For a much different kind of "driving," only in Sin City can you take the controls of a bulldozer or excavator at [Dig This Vegas](#), the city's heavy equipment experience.

The Neon Museum. <http://www.neonmuseum.org/about/the-collection>

Pinball Museum. <http://www.pinballmuseum.org/>

The Strip Bus Pass.

<http://www.tripadvisor.com/Travel-g45963-c5528/Las-Vegas:Nevada:The.Duce.Bus.html>

Nevada Visitors Guide, print and pdf version. <http://travelnevada.com/subscribe/visitors-guide/>

Air War Games at Nellis Air Force Base. Some are scheduled starting on March 3. See the schedule at the bottom of this link.

<http://www.dreamlandresort.com/info/flags.html>

Valley of Fire Reviews.

[http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/North\\_America/United\\_States\\_of\\_America/Nevada/Las\\_Vegas-836630/Off\\_the\\_Beaten\\_Path-Las\\_Vegas-Valley\\_of\\_Fire\\_State\\_Park-BR-1.html](http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/North_America/United_States_of_America/Nevada/Las_Vegas-836630/Off_the_Beaten_Path-Las_Vegas-Valley_of_Fire_State_Park-BR-1.html)

Helicopter Ride, Las Vegas at Night.

<http://govegas.about.com/od/attractions/fr/Maverick-Helicopters-Las-Vegas.htm>

CSI Crime Scene Experience. AT the MGM Grand.

<http://govegas.about.com/od/attractions/fr/csiexperience.htm>

Hoover Dam. 40 minutes from Las Vegas. 35 minute tours inside the dam are \$11.00 once you arrive. 9:15 – 5:15 daily. Hoover Dam Reviews:

[http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/North\\_America/United\\_States\\_of\\_America/Nevada/Las\\_Vegas-836630/Off\\_the\\_Beaten\\_Path-Las\\_Vegas-Hoover\\_DamLake\\_Mead-BR-1.html](http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/North_America/United_States_of_America/Nevada/Las_Vegas-836630/Off_the_Beaten_Path-Las_Vegas-Hoover_DamLake_Mead-BR-1.html)

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. Only 17 miles from Las Vegas.

[http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo/blm\\_programs/blm\\_special\\_areas/red\\_rock\\_nca.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo/blm_programs/blm_special_areas/red_rock_nca.html)