

Las Vegas & Grand Canyon Tour

Nov. 1-5, 2010

Tentative

Weather 70-75 day time/evening 60's

Monday, Nov 1

Bellagio-Las Vegas -5Star hotel
Las Vegas

11:00 AM **Lunch-Meadowood Dining Room (included)**

11:30 AM **Depart for Indianapolis Airport**

12:30 PM **Arrival and Check-in**

2:10 PM **Departure Southwest Airlines # 608**

4:35 PM **Arrive in Las Vegas**

Transfer to hotel (included)

Check-in

6:00 PM **Dinner –Mon Ami Gabi @ Paris (charge back)**

Although offering a terrific spot for people watching, you'd better get your looks in early. Once your deliciously simple French food is served you may soon forget your surroundings. Highlighted by classic steak rites and a variety of fruits de mer, the Mon Ami Gabi menu also boasts an extensive wine list. It's the closest thing to dining on the Champs Elysee on this side of the Atlantic.

Bellagio Hotel Tour-to follow

A quick overview of this Tuscan resort opened in 1998, is known for its elegant and distinctive old world look. The grand lobby has a 18 ft ceiling with a Chihuly art chandelier, the Conservatory and Botanical Gardens features seasonal flowers and trees.

Bellagio Fountains @ Fontana Bar
Great view & entertainment from Fontana Bar (Bellagio)

Tuesday, Nov 2

Bellagio-Las Vegas

Breakfast (on your own) or

- 8:00 AM** **Bouchans @ Venetian (charge back)-Van**
- 9:30 AM** **Depart for Liberace Museum-Meet and pickup on front drive**
- 10:00 AM** **Liberace Museum (included) AAA Gem-Van**
 The Liberace Museum was founded April 15, 1979, by the legendary entertainer Liberace. The Museum features "Mr. Showmanship's" dazzling jewelry, rare antiques, unsurpassed wardrobe, unique and historical pianos and his custom car collection. The non-profit Museum supports the mission of The Liberace Foundation for the Performing and Creative Arts which has funded scholarships since 1976. The scholarship program has touched the lives of more than 2,700 students.
 The Liberace Museum is comprised of two buildings: Building One houses the Piano and Car Galleries; Building Two showcases the Costume and Jewelry Collections, a re-creation of Liberace's Palm Springs bedroom, and the Awards Gallery. Also inside the Museum property is the Cabaret at the Liberace Museum. The Cabaret not only serves as a showcase for Liberace's famous mirrored Baldwin nine-foot grand piano as well as home to several afternoon and evening shows by local entertainers
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch –IN & OUT BURGER (on your own)**
 While traveling in the Southwest- the best burger in Las Vegas was In-N-Out Burger. People really love In-N-Out burger and they are correct, In-N-Out Burger is quite amazing, just don't expect to have a beer and don't expect to pay too much.
- Free time or**
 Check-out Forum Shops at Caesars (Roman Great Hall)
 (Every hour on the hour)-features fountain lifelike animatronics characters, lasers, fire and steam/Bellagio Conservatory/ Art Gallery** Charge for Art Gallery- be sure and make reservations/Guggenheim Museum.
- 1:30 PM** **Atomic Testing Museum (included)-Van**
 History of the Nevada Test site is depicted through interactive multi media exhibits, photos memorabilia and other Cold War artifacts including pieces of equipment donated by nuclear laboratories. This museum is affiliated with the Smithsonian Institute.
- 3:00 PM** **Red Rock Canyon (included) Van**
 Drive through 13 mile loop of the red Rock Canyon Area
- 6:00 PM** **Dinner**
- 8:00 PM** **Night of Lights Tour-Van**
 A look of Vegas at night with a stop at Fremont Street for the "Fremont Experience"

Wednesday, Nov 3

Bellagio –Las Vegas

- 10:30 AM** **Depart to Ballys**
 Leisure walk to Ballys (one block)
- 11:00 AM** **Behind the Scene Tour-Julilee (included)**

Meet at Jubilee Theatre (casino area)

Seeing "Jubilee!" on stage at Bally's is one thing, but experiencing the "Jubilee!" All Access Backstage Walking Tour provides a whole different perspective on the show. Since 1981, "Jubilee!" has dazzled visitors from all over the world. One of the Las Vegas Strip's longest-running productions, "Jubilee!" has proved to be more than just a topless show. People also come to see the stunning costumes, remarkable headaddresses and lively dance routines. From a spectacular Samson and Delilah number to a dramatic Titanic scene, "Jubilee!" captures the nostalgia of old Las Vegas shows.

12:00 PM Leisure stroll through Paris Hotel-Walking

Lunch (on your own) at Food Courts, Bellagio, or Paris

Afternoon Free time/or

1:30 PM Tour Wynn Hotel and Venetian Hotels-Walking

Outstanding and elegant Las Vegas Showcase hotels as the Bellagio. Venetian-full sized replicas of Venices most famous Landmarks including Ca D'Oro (Palace of Gold), St Mark's Square, Campanile Tower, Bridge of Sights, Doge's Palace with lady Justice and Rialto Bridge. Wynn/Encore a beautiful and elegant 5star hotel

3:30 PM Return to hotel

5:30 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Juilee-Show (included)

The Jubilee! showgirls are everything you expect to see in a Vegas production show. Bob Mackie (think Cher's elaborate outfits) and Peter Menefee are the show's original costume designers. There are 1,000 different costumes in the show made with 8,000 miles of sequins. The rhinestones used on the costumes are silver-plated Swarovski crystals and the headpieces can weigh up to 35

Thursday, Nov 4

Bellagio

Grand Canyon Tour

7:30 AM Depart for Day Trip (or stay in Las Vegas)-Chartered /Group Bus Tour

Tour to the Grand Canyon's South Rim National Park. Your journey will begin with pick up first stop at the magnificent Hoover Dam and Lake Mead scenic overlook for an amazing photo opportunity! Travel through the Southwest Desert and stop in Kingman, Arizona for refreshments and a short break. View rugged desert wilderness en route to America's most spectacular natural wonder, the Grand Canyon, where you will spend the next 3 hours. Upon arrival, you will enjoy a delicious lunch in Tusayan, Arizona. You will be taken into the National Park to the South Rim's scenic overlooks and many other attractions in the Historic Village District and also stop at the new state-of-the-art Visitor's Information Center. Your guide will make multiple stops along the "Rim" of the Grand Canyon for a variety of viewing, photo opportunities, and souvenir shopping. View the cliffs and slopes of this tremendous natural wonder, a classic

example of erosion unequalled on earth! See the Grand Canyon at its deepest and widest, 277 miles long, 18 miles wide and 1 mile deep at Bright Angel and Mather Points. Visit the Indian Hopi House Art Museum, the historic Train Station, Look-Out Studio and Kolb Studio. Upon your return you will again make a brief stop in Kingman, Arizona for refreshments and a short break before returning to fabulous Las Vegas.

Breakfast (included)

Lunch (included)

Dinner- (on your own)

8:30 PM Arrive-Las Vegas

Friday, Nov 5

Bellagio

8:00 AM Luggage out

8:00 AM **Breakfast- Bellagio Buffet (included)**
Meet outside the Buffet-voted Best Buffet

9:00 AM Depart for airport

11:00 PM **Depart for Indianapolis Southwest (non stop) #453**

5:35 PM **Arrive in Indianapolis and meet MW bus**

6:45 PM **Arrive in Bloomington**

Price: \$1,350 per double occupancy/ \$1750 single/ additional @ insurance \$75.00/ outside guest \$75.00 Includes 4 nights at the Bellagio, airport transfers (both Indianapolis and Las Vegas), day trip to Grand Canyon, Jubilee, Behind the Scene Tour, Liberace Museum, Atomic Testing Museum, Red Rock Canyon Drive, Vegas at Night Tour and all as described in the itinerary.

Suggested itinerary (for those who want to explore)

When you visit Las Vegas, you certainly won't be lacking in things to do. But the sheer enormity of the city and its laundry list of sights, attractions, restaurants, shows, recreation, and other activities could leave even the most intrepid traveler feeling a little overwhelmed.

The following itineraries are designed to help narrow the big list down a little while maximizing your time. This way you can spend less energy planning and more simply having fun. Each has a theme, but you can always mix and match to create your perfect Las Vegas getaway.

Instead of a step-by-step tour, the itineraries are broken down by morning, afternoon, and nighttime activities with multiple suggestions for each, again allowing you to customize your vacation in a way that makes sense for you.

The itineraries outlined here are for adults

If You Have 1 Day -- Spend most of the day **casino-hopping**. These are buildings like no other (thank goodness). Each grandiose interior tops the last. You'll want to see Wynn Las Vegas, no longer the newest thing going thanks to The Venetian's Palazzo annex, but the latter is less of a destination in and of itself. But also be sure to see The Venetian, Bellagio, The Mirage, Treasure Island, Paris Las Vegas, Caesars Palace (including The Forum Shops and the talking statues), New York-New York, MGM Grand, and the exteriors of Excalibur and Luxor. Then at night, take a drive (if you can) down **the Strip**. As amazing as all this is during the day, you just can't believe it at night. Aside from just the Strip itself, there are Bellagio's **water fountains**, which "perform" to various musical numbers, the dreadful (and even though it's free, still not worth the money) sexy **sirens vs. pirate battle** at Treasure Island, and the newly refurbished **volcano explosion** next door at The Mirage. Eat at a buffet and have a drink at the top of the Stratosphere, goggling at the view from the tallest building west of the Mississippi. Oh, and maybe you should gamble a little, too.

If You Have 2 Days -- Do more of the above, as you may not have covered it all. Then do something really Vegas-y and visit the **Liberace Museum**. The **Dolphin Habitat** at The Mirage is also worth a look, in that it's unexpectedly not Las Vegas. At night, take in a show. We think *KÀ*, *O*, and *Mystère*, productions from the avant-garde **Cirque du Soleil**, are the finest in Vegas, but there are plenty to choose from, including a selection of Broadway babies, such as *Phantom*, and divas galore, including Cher and Bette Midler. Though buffets are still the most Vegas-appropriate food experience, genuine haute cuisine by celebrity chefs has invaded the town and you should take advantage of it. **Bartolotta**, **Fleur de Lys**, **Bouchon**, and **Picasso** are our top choices (not to mention **Joël Robuchon** and **L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon** at the MGM Grand, if you can afford the supreme pleasure), but you can't go wrong with **Alex**, **Alizé**, or **Aureole**, plus there are branches of **Olives**, **Pinot Brasserie**, and the **Border Grill**. Be sure to leave some time to go Downtown to check out the much more affordable casinos in the classic Glitter Gulch and to visit the **Fremont Street Experience** light show.

If You Have 3 Days -- By now you've spent 2 days gambling and gawking. So take a break and drive out to **Red Rock Canyon**. The panoramic 13-mile scenic loop drive is best seen early in the morning, when there's little traffic. If you're so inclined, spend some time hiking here. If you want to spend the entire day out, bring lunch from nearby **Red Rock Resort**, and then do a stop at nearby **Bonnie Springs Ranch**, where you can enjoy a guided trail ride into the desert wilderness or enjoy the silliness at **Old Nevada**.

If You Have 4 Days or More -- Plan a tour to **Hoover Dam**. Leave early in the morning, returning to Las Vegas after lunch via **Valley of Fire State Park**, stopping at the **Lost City Museum** in Overton en route. Alternatively, you can rest up by spending the day by the hotel pool or going to the hotel spa. At night, presumably refreshed and purged of toxins, hit the casinos and/or catch another show. Even if you aren't a big fan of magic, **Lance Burton** is a wonderful show for a reasonable (by current Vegas standards) price, or there is the arty weirdness of the **Blue Man Group** at The Venetian, or *Jubilee!*, if your trip won't be complete without a topless revue. You can also feast at dinner, because you certainly haven't tried all there is. There is some great work being done by restaurants not associated with brand-name chefs, such as Rosemary's, Alizé, and Andre's.

As you plan any additional days, consider excursions to other nearby attractions such as **Lake Mead** and the **Grand Canyon**. Inquire about interesting possibilities at your hotel's tour desk.