

# Vegas Trip Checklist

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- Before Vegas Trip
  - Check around for good deals and compare a few prices to save on your Las Vegas vacation.
  - Use online services and bundle offers; air, hotel, car, shows, etc.
  - Visit Vegas mid week - Las Vegas hotels are much cheaper then.
  - If you are a non-smoker you should stay in one of the newer or freshly remodeled hotels.
  - If you have trouble walking or are a senior citizen, request rooms near the hotel's elevators.
  - Plan to check-in on a weekday and not a weekend.
  - Decide how much money you'll spend on gambling.
  - If you're strapped for cash, don't go to Vegas.
  - Travel light - anything you forget in Vegas.
  - Bring a jacket if you visit Vegas in the winter.
  - Pick up some re-wetting drops, especially if you wear contacts.
  - Bring sunscreen - it is a must in Las Vegas.
- In Vegas
  - Get some cash before approaching the taxi staging area.
  - Take taxi to reach downtown Las Vegas.
  - If you arrive early and can't check-in in your hotel yet, drop your bags off with the bellman and go visiting the city.
  - Make sure your hotel room has an in-room safe.
  - Pay extra special attention as they walk across the strip.
  - Watch for pickpockets at the Bellagio Fountains and other busy areas.
  - Avoid the people who will come up to you and ask if you are going to be there over night or want free tickets to a show.
  - If you like Las Vegas buffets try going during the lunch time - it's cheaper.
  - Go for frequent buffets and casino food courts - it's cheaper than restaurants.
  - Before entering a restaurant make sure you know how much it will cost.
  - Order wine by bottle, it will save you some money.
  - Take advantage of all the free stuff.

- Gambling
  - Have a plan on gambling loses and gambling wins .
  - Consider seating in on one of the free gaming lessons offered by the casinos.
  - If lessons aren't available, spend a couple of bucks on the crib card that supplies the basics.
  - Sign up for the players card at every casino you enter.
  - Always use a slot card when gambling.
  - Avoid the 5-cent slots.
  - Do not gamble for comps.
  - If your winnings become too heavy to lug around, be sure to make use of the hotel safe.
- Tips
  - Tip good service and you'll receive good service.
  - Drink water to prevent dehydration and nose bleeds.
  - Too much alcohol and too much sun never mix.
  - Don't complain how expensive things are.
  - Dress appropriately for the occasion.
  - Get gel insoles if you plan on partying all night at the clubs.