Things to Do in and Around Las Vegas

Public Lands

Las Vegas is surrounded by a sea of federal land and public spaces. Beyond the lights and buzz of the Las Vegas strip, Southern Nevada has a diverse array of public lands from rain islands to endangered habitats, from the oldest trees on earth, to cartoonish red slot canyons and rock formations. These protected locations display both the natural and human history of an often misunderstood space.

Boulder City

40 min. Boulder City features a varied collection of historic sites surrounding historic downtown (408 buildings on the national register of historic places in the Boulder City Historic District). It originated as a federal city constructed for the builders of Hoover Dam and continues to maintain much of the charm of the 1930s. Historic sites include the Boulder City Museum, Boulder Dam Hotel, Boulder Theatre, Railroad Pass Casino, and more.

Hoover Dam

50 min. Established in 1902, the Bureau of Reclamation is best known for the dams, power plants, and canals it constructed in the 17 western states. These water projects led to homesteading and promoted the economic development of the West. No entrance fee, tour prices vary.

Lake Mead National Recreation Area

35 min. 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, NV 89005. Although much of Lake Mead must be experienced by boat, the various campgrounds, marinas, lodges, and other facilities clustered around the lake make it possible for non-boaters to enjoy it as well. Literally millions of people use the park each year, and many of these visitors return again and again to find that special cove, hiking trail or campground, or just to sit on the shore and enjoy solitude of a quality that only nature can supply. The Historic Railroad Tunnel Trail is easily accessible, providing panoramic views of Lake Mead & 5 tunnels from the construction of Hoover Dam. $25 per vehicle

Mt. Charleston

50 min. 2525 Kyle Canyon Road. Desert scenic overlook for tourists during the 1950s to watch Atomic Testing. Hike, drive, and explore nature.

Red Rock National Recreation Area

30 min. Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area presents awe-inspiring views most won’t expect to see near a major metropolitan city. In contrast to the bright lights and hype of the Strip, Red Rock offers desert beauty, towering red cliffs and abundant wildlife. $15 per vehicle

Sloan Canyon National Recreation Area

40 min. Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area’s 48,438 acres provide peace and solitude for those who visit the unique scenic and geologic features and extraordinary cultural resources. The centerpiece of the area is the Sloan Canyon Petroglyph Site, one of the most significant cultural resources in Southern Nevada. Archeologists believe the more than 300 rock art panels with 1,700 individual design elements were created by native cultures from the Archaic to historic era. No fee.

Spring Mountain Ranch

40 min. 6375 Hwy. 159, Blue Diamond, NV 89004. Sprawling and splendid, Spring Mountain Ranch State Park is adjacent to the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area and has been used historically as a working ranch and a luxury retreat by a string of colorful owners, including German actress Vera Krupp and millionaire Howard Hughes. Today visitors can explore some of the oldest buildings in Nevada, a 1860s blacksmith shop, the Sandstone Cabin that was home to the founding family and the ranch house. Hiking trails throughout the park, in addition to tree-shaded picnic sites with tables and grills, make day trips to the park a family favorite. $10 per vehicle

Springs Preserve

15 min. 333 S. Valley View Blvd. at US 95 Preserve open daily from 9am to 5pm Nevada State Museum open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5pm Listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1978, the Springs Preserve is a 180-acre cultural institution designed to commemorate Las Vegas’ dynamic history and to provide a vision for a sustainable future. The Preserve features museums, galleries, outdoor events, colorful botanical gardens and an interpretive trail system through a scenic wetland habitat. $19 General Admission, $17 Student, $10 NV Resident.

Valley of Fire State Park

60 min. Open sunrise-sunset. World-renowned for its 40,000 acres of bright red Aztec sandstone outcrops nestled in gray and tan limestone, Valley of Fire State Park contains ancient, petrified trees and petroglyphs dating back more than 2,000 years. A Visitor Center provides exhibits on the geology, ecology, prehistory and history of the park and nearby region. The park features many short and easy hikes for a variety of skill levels featuring petroglyphs, slot canyons, movie sets, domes, and many other unique rock formations. Make sure to bring water. $10 per vehicle.

Museums

Although opulent casinos and overblown pools have helped put Las Vegas on the map, there is much more to the city, including its collection of Museums. From the Neon Museum to the National Atomic Testing Museum, these venues are part and parcel of the essence of the city and you should make it a point to visit every single one of them.

The National Atomic Testing Museum

7 min. 755 E Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas. Open M-Sa 10-5, Su 12-5. Smithsonian affiliate museum offers exhibits and artifacts exploring the history and impact of atomic testing by the United States and the various uses of the Nevada Test Site. $22 General Admission, $18 Student, $18 NV Resident

Burlesque Hall of Fame

10 min. 1027 South Main Street, Las Vegas, NV. The Burlesque Hall of Fame is the world’s premier organization dedicated to preserving the living legacy of burlesque as an art form and cultural phenomenon. With a collection of several thousand costumes, stage props, photographs, and personal effects documenting the careers and lives of burlesque dancers, comics, and producers over nearly a century, the museum is a growing testament to the power and social impact of the art of the tease. $15 General Admission, $10 Student, $12 NV Resident

Clark County Museum

35 min. 1830 S. Boulder Highway, Henderson, NV 89002-8502. The Clark County Museum is a function of Clark County Parks and Recreation, which is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies. The museum is a 30-acre site that features a modern exhibit hall with a timeline exhibit about southern Nevada from historic to modern times and a collection of restored historic buildings that depict daily life from different decades in Las Vegas, Boulder City, Henderson and Goldfield. $2 Admission

Las Vegas Natural History Museum

15 min. 900 N Las Vegas Blvd. Las Vegas. Open Daily 9-4. Natural world & historical artifacts explored through interactive exhibits, dioramas & classes. Features collections from...
the Pacific Ocean to Africa and from prehistoric times to today. $12 General Admission $10 student.

**Marjorie Barrick Museum**

On Campus 4505 S. Maryland Pkwy M-F 9-5 Sa 12-5. Presents fine art exhibitions and programs for educational outreach. Featuring contemporary works with artists tied to the region and a large number of cultural artifacts ranging from Paiute weavings to ceramics from diverse cultures of ancient Mesoamerica. Located inside a historic nursery on the UNLV campus. Free.

**The Mob Museum**

15 min. 300 Stewart Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89101. The Museum presents a bold and authentic view of organized crime’s impact on Las Vegas history, as well as its unique imprint on America and the world. The real stories and actual events of Mob history are revealed through interactive and engaging exhibits to tell the story about the role of organized crime in the U.S. $30 General Admission $17 NV Resident.

**Nevada State Museum**

20 min. 309 S Valley View Blvd. Open Th-M 10-6 Las Vegas, NV. Located in Springs Preserve, the Nevada State Museum features permanent exhibits ranging from Nevada’s natural history through old Las Vegas with neon signs, slot machines and showgirl costumes and headpieces. Also includes a rotating gallery of Nevada art work and a research library. $9 General Admission, $17 Student, $10 NV Resident.

**Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park**

20 min. 500 E Washington Ave, Las Vegas, NV. Tu-Sa 8-4:30 Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort, the first permanent, non-native settlement in the Las Vegas Valley, features the historic remains of an adobe fort built by Mormon missionaries along a spring-fed creek in 1855. The creek, the only free-flowing water for miles around, provided irrigation for fields and orchards and the 150 square foot outpost served as a waystation for travelers. Today the park is located in what is now Downtown Las Vegas. In addition to the fort, which contains a multitude of historic artifacts, a Visitor Center contains exhibits and photos that illustrate the history of the site. $3 General Admission.

**The State Railroad Museum & The Nevada Southern Railway**

35 min 601 Yucca St, Boulder City, NV. M-F 9- 2 Sa-Su 9-3. This outdoor museum, run by the Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs has includes four operational diesel locomotives, 3 display steam locomotives and a vast array of rolling stock and equipment. Offers 35 min rides on the historic Southern Nevada railway in either open air cars or Pullman coaches. $10 Ride schedule: Sa-Su 10:00, 11:30, 1:00, 2:30.

**Graduate Student on a Budget Zone (free things)**

While Las Vegas may be known for its ritzy restaurants and high rollers, there are many activities around the city that can be enjoyed by someone on a limited budget. These exciting and unexpected locations can provide a full Las Vegas experience without the premium price.

**Bellagio Botanical Gardens**

15 min. 3600 S Las Vegas Blvd, This area of the Bellagio features seasonal displays of exotic plants and rare flowers depicting intricate and whimsical scenes.

**Bellagio Fountains**

15 min. 3600 S Las Vegas Blvd, Soaring, iconic fountains featuring dramatic aquatic shows choreographed with music & lights.

**Ethel M Chocolates and Botanical Cactus Garden**

25 min. 2 Cactus Garden Dr, Henderson NV. Open 8am-8pm. Combination chocolate factory and botanical cactus garden offers two self-guided tours with chocolate sampling and over 300 species of cacti.

**Fall of Atlantis at Caesar’s Palace Forum Shops**

10 min. 3500 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas. Inside Caesars Palace Forum Shops a collection of statues regularly comes to life in fa free show with lighting and special effects.

**Flamingo Wildlife Habitat**

10 min. 3555 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas. Chilean flamingos, koi fish, and other exotic animals are displayed in this 15 acre habitat located in the historic Flamingo Hotel.

**Fremont Street Experience**

15 min. Fremont St, Las Vegas, NV. 24 hour covered mall featuring a huge LED canopy, casinos & restaurant access & entertainment.

**Pinball Hall of Fame**

10 min. 3356 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas. Free shows 8pm-10pm as the volcano rumbles to life spewing flames and water rockets.

**The Park at the Strip**

15 min. 3782 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas. A three acre area between the Monte Carlo and New York- New York meant as a place to gather and take a break from the strip. The landscaping was designed with drought-tolerant plants reflective of the Mojave Desert. Public seating, shade, Wi-Fi, and public music performances.

**Welcome to Las Vegas Sign**

15 min. 5200 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas. Iconic 1950s neon sign & popular photo spot welcoming guests on the southern end of the Las Vegas Strip.

**Local Beer**

- Banger Brewing $$: 450 Fremont St., Ste. 135 Las Vegas, NV 89101
- Tenaya Creek Brewery $: 831 W Bonanza Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89106
- Hop Nuts Brewing $:1120 S Main St., Ste. 150 Las Vegas, NV 89104
- Crafthaus Brewery $: 7350 Eastgate Rd., Ste. 110, Henderson, NV 89011
- Lovelady$: 20 S Water St, Henderson, NV 89015
- Bad Beat Brewing $: 7380 Eastgate Rd., Ste. 110 Henderson, NV 89011
- Sin City Brewing$: Main Location: 3663 Las Vegas Blvd, S, Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino, Las Vegas, NV 89109
- Atomic Liquors $$: 917 Fremont St Las Vegas, NV 89101
Dining Guide
($ less than $10, $10-25, $$ 25+, V= Vegetarian)

Coffee Shops of UNLV
- **Book n Beans $**
  Located conveniently in Lied Library, offers a variety of beverages and light fare.
- **Rebel Grounds $$-$**
  Best coffee shop on campus, located in the Hospitality Building kitty-corner from Lied Library. Offers drinks, smoothies, sandwiches, and pastries.
- **Starbucks $**
  In the Student Building a short walk east of Lied Library
- **Pete's Coffee $**
  4700 S Maryland Pkwy #115 Chain coffee shop located across Maryland Pkwy from the Student Union
- **Dice and Beans Board Game Café $**
  4632 S Maryland Pkwy Suite #12, Strong Coffee, Tasty Blended Drinks, and a Large Selection of Board Games
- **Dunkin' $**
  4503 Paradise Rd #110 Chain known for donuts and coffee

Near UNLV Campus/Hotel
Locations within walking distance of Campus or the Embassy Suites
- **Student Union Building $**
  Food Court includes Starbucks, Subway, Sushi Burrito, Panda Express, Jamba Juice, and Shake & Steak.
- **Hofbrauhaus $$**
  4510 Paradise Rd. Las Vegas, NV. German food & beer garden.
- **Cugino's Italian Deli & Pizzeria $$**
  4550 S Maryland Pkwy #20, Las Vegas. Low-key market & eatery specializes in Italian products & prepared foods; delivery available.
- **Gangnam Asian BBQ $$**
  - **Mr. Sandwich $**
    4626 S Maryland Pkwy C, Las Vegas. Vietnamese restaurant featuring Pho, Vietnamese Sandwiches and Boba Teas
  - **Chipotle $**
    4530 S Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV. Fast-food chain offering Mexican fare, including design-your-own burritos, tacos & bowls.
  - **In-n-Out Burger $**
    4705 S Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas. If you grew up in California you probably remember the magic moment when you discovered this regional chain’s superior never-frozen, never pre-cooked hamburgers topped with fresh produce & fresh fries
  - **Ferraro’s Italian Restaurant & Wine Bar $$$**
    Family-run mainstay offering homemade pastas & signature osso buco, plus a late-night happy hour
  - **Dog Haus Biergarten $$$**
    Creative hot dogs, burgers, sausages & fries served in a counter-serve setting.
  - **Tacos and Beer $$**
  - **Bahama Breeze $$**
    375 Hughes Center Dr. Las Vegas, NV. Laid back chain eatery featuring Caribbean entrees & tropical cocktails amid beachy decor
  - **Gordon Biersch $$**
    3987 Paradise Rd, Las Vegas, NV. Chain hangout for house-brewed, German-style beer & a pub menu served in a casual setting.
  - **Mint Indian Bistro $$ V**
    Wide range of Indian cooking, with vegan & gluten-free options, plus lunch buffet & rare-beers list.

The Strip
Located minutes away from the hotel, offers a wide array of dining options
- **Luke’s Lobster $$**
  3200 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV. Seafood counter serving Maine-style lobster rolls plus clam chowder & microbrews.
- **Yard Bird Southern Table and Bar V $**, The Venetian
  Traditional Southern eatery for themed decor, chicken & waffles, grits, plus craft cocktails.
- **Hash house A Go Go $$**
  LINQ. Hip chain serving creative, market-fresh American brunch & dinner fare, plus signature Bloody Marys; large portions.
- **Holsteins Elite Burgers $$**
  Cosmopolitan. Holsteins offers craft burgers, draft beers, & alcohol-infused milkshakes
- **Secret Pizza $**
  Cosmopolitan. Hidden Pizza Shop on the second floor of the Cosmo
- **Peppermill Fireside Lounge $$**
  2985 S, Las Vegas Blvd. Las Vegas, NV. Neon-lit lounge, fruity cocktails, American food
- **Taco Bell Cantina $**
  3717 S Las Vegas Blvd. Ste. 140-A, Las Vegas, NV. A new Las Vegas experience features Taco Bell’s quirky creations amid neon & music; includes alcoholic slushies.
- **Gordon Ramsay Pub & Grill $$**
  3570 Las Vegas Blvd. Las Vegas, NV. In Caesars. Celebrity chef's English pub, with classic fare & lots of imports on tap in a traditional backdrop
- **Tacos El Gordo $**
  3049 S Las Vegas Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89109. No-frills Mexican counter-serve joint featuring Tijuana tacos, mulas, loaded fries & more.

Downtown
Downtown Las Vegas offers the glamour of vintage Las Vegas, but with a modern twist. You'll find a handful of bars, lounges & other one-of-a-kind spots.
- **Container Park $-$V**
  https://downtowncontainerpark.com/dine/
  Restaurants include: Big Ern’s BBQ, Bin 702-Wine, salads, cheeses, paninis, Cheffini’s hot dog, Pinches Tacos, Simply Pure—Vegan. A
local’s hangout, Container Park offers an offbeat shopping center built from shipping containers, galleries, courtyard, & playground.

- **Triple 7 Restaurant Micro Brewery $**

200 N Main St, Las Vegas, NV. Airy, industrial brewpub at Main Street Station offering diverse comfort-food menu, including sushi.

- **LeThai $ V**

523 Fremont St. Las Vegas, NV. Buzzy, intimate Thai eatery specializing in noodles & curries also hosts DJ's on an outdoor patio

- **Pizza Rock $ V**

201 N Third Street, Las Vegas, NV. Gourmet pies, craft cocktails & beer, plus games in an edgy, brick-walled space with DJ nights.

- **The Kitchen at Atomic $ $ V**

927 Fremont St. Las Vegas, NV. Refurbished auto shop next to longtime Las Vegas bar, creative, seasonally inspired pub fare.

- **Eat $$**

707 E Carson Ave. Las Vegas, NV. Comfort foods that can satisfy the simplest to the most sophisticated of palates.

- **Siegel's 1941 $$**

600 E. Fremont St. Las Vegas, NV. Named after Bugsy Siegel, this clubby throwback eatery & bar offers steaks & other American fare.

- **VegeNation $ V**

616 Carson Ave #120 Las Vegas, NV. Global, plant-based menu of veggie burgers to African yam stew in a casual, leafy storefront.

- **Carson Kitchen $$ V**

124 S 6th St., Las Vegas, NV. Gourmet burgers, flatbreads & other small plates in sleek digs with a rooftop patio for live music.

- **Viva Las Arapas $ V**

1616 S. Las Vegas Blvd #120 Las Vegas, NV. Counter-serve strip-mall outfit featuring wood-fired chicken & other Venezuelan dishes

- **Cornish Pasty $$ V**

10 E Charleston Blvd. Las Vegas, NV. In the Arts District, offers a variety of pastys, a large vegetarian selection, & traditional pub fare.

### Local Favorites

Whether the southeast (Henderson), on the historic Westside or near UNLV, these off the beaten path locations are worth the drive.

- **Rollin Smoke Barbeque $$**

3185 S. Highland Dr. Las Vegas, NV. Homey counter-serve spot dispensing ribs, brisket & other classic barbecue dishes, plus many sides

- **Weiss’ Deli $$**

2744 N Green Valley Pkwy, Henderson, NV. Casual spot for breakfast & deli items such as meatloaf sandwiches & matzo-ball soup

- **Herbs and Rye $$$**

3713 W. Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV. Classic American & Italian fare plus handcrafted cocktails; dim, moody restaurant & lounge.

- **Poncho’s Vegan Tacos $**

4865 S Pecos Rd Ste. 5 Las Vegas, NV. Small bites, quick service, vegetable based menu.

- **Lola’s: A Louisiana Kitchen $$**

241 W. Charleston Blvd., Ste. 101 Las Vegas, NV. Quaint eatery serves Cajun-Creole specialities for in an airy space with a patio.

- **Los Tacos $**

1710 E Charleston Blvd. Las Vegas, NV. Located in the same parking lot as one of the many Tacos El Gordo, this shop offers large quality tacos & delicious aguas frescas at affordable prices. Alternative location at 4001 W Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89102

- **Thai St Cafe $ V**

3137 Industrial Rd. Las Vegas, NV. Serving spicy curries, noodles & other traditional dishes.

- **Hot N Juicy Crawfish $$**

4810 W Spring Mountain Rd. Las Vegas. Casual, hands-on joint for Cajun crawfish, shrimp & lobster with a choice of seasonings & spices.

### Buffet Zone

A selection of some of the iconic Las Vegas buffets. When at a buffet, when you see something you want, you chews it.

- **Garden Court Buffet $$ V**

Located in Main Street Station, 200 N Main St. Las Vegas, NV. Downtown option with rotisserie chicken, Hawaiian fare & more in an airy room with Victorian decor.

- **Le Village Buffet $$$**


- **Carnival World Buffet $$$ V**

Located in the Rio Hotel & Casino, 3700 W Flamingo Rd. Las Vegas, NV. Upscale option with 300+ dishes, wide variety of seafood.

- **Bacchanal Buffet $$$$ V**

Located in Caesars Palace, 3750 S Las Vegas Blvd. Luxe, modern Caesars Palace buffet offering 9 show kitchens, 500 daily dishes & pool complex views.

- **Wicked Spoon $$$ V**

Located in Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, 3708 S Las Vegas Blvd, NV. High end buffet featuring small plates & refined fare.

### Chinatown

Forget it, Jake. It's Chinatown.

- **Hwaro Korean BBQ $$**

5030 Spring Mountain Rd. Las Vegas, NV. All you can eat Korean BBQ.

- **District One Kitchen and Bar $$**

3400 S Jones Blvd #8, Las Vegas. Vietnamese & Asian fusion dishes

- **Hobak Korean BBQ $$**

808 Spring Mountain Rd, Las Vegas. Traditional Korean BBQ & cocktails in a funky, modern interior.

- **Tang Tang Tang (Tang3) $$**

6000 Spring Mountain Rd. Korean restaurant, serves various kinds of traditional soup.

- **Raku $$**

5030 W Spring Mountain Rd. Cozy room packs foodies for creative Japanese small plates
Travel and Weather

About the Hotel:

Embassy Suites

4315 University Center Dr, (Swenson) Las Vegas, NV 89119 Phone: (702) 795-2800
The Embassy Suites, a non-smoking, non-gambling hotel, is located a short walk from Lied Library where the majority of conference activities will take place. The SOHA room rate is $175/night. Unlike most hotels in Las Vegas, there is no resort fee. Complimentary internet is available in guest rooms for conference at. Parking with unlimited in and out privileges is available for $17/overnight or $5 for day use. Shuttle service will be provided for evening session and every 30 min to the strip (drop off at Miracle Mile Shops) and every 60 min to the airport; though pick-up is not available.

To reserve a room, call (702) 795-2800 and ask for the SOHA room block.

GETTING TO AND AROUND LAS VEGAS

AIR TRAVEL

McCarran International Airport - LAS

Opened to commercial flights in 1948, McCarran is the primary commercial airport serving the Las Vegas Valley. It’s right in the center of things, located just off Las Vegas Boulevard (aka the Las Vegas Strip) and about five miles south of downtown. You’ll know you’re in Vegas right when you step off the plane and see people playing the slots as they wait for their flights! If you would prefer another way to pass the time, check out the Aviation Museum. The main exhibit is located above baggage claim at Terminal 1. https://www.mccarran.com/Museum

Make sure to note which terminal you fly into and out of, Terminal 1 (T1) or Terminal 3 (T3); these are two separate buildings, each with their own parking garage, baggage claim, and ticketing/check-in area.

Getting From McCarran Airport to the Embassy Suites University Center

Lyft and Uber are authorized to provide ridesharing services at McCarran. You can arrange for pick-up using the app on your smartphone or mobile device (see more details below) and go to the designated Ride Share Pick-Up locations to meet your ride. Traditional taxi service is also available; taxis will be queued up outside doors 1-4 on the baggage claim level of Terminal 1 and on Level Zero outside Terminal 3. https://www.mccarran.com/Transportation/

Several group shuttle providers are also available and can be very economical. Visit https://www.airportshuttles.com/ to compare prices and book.

Use an RTC (Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada) bus if you prefer public transit. The Route 108 – Paradise bus departs from Level Zero of Terminal 1 every 30 minutes and will take you to the hotel in about 10 to 15 minutes. You’ll get off the bus at the Swenson after Harmon stop (number 2722), and the Embassy Suites is a five minute walk north. More information on route 108 can be found here: https://rtcs. rtcnv.com/routespdf/1219/108.pdf

BUS TRAVEL

Greyhound and Megabus both provide service to downtown Las Vegas, a few miles north of the conference hotel. Vegas’s Greyhound station is located at 200 S. Main Street, and you can catch a local bus or order a Lyft/Uber to the hotel. Megabus drops passengers off and picks them up from the South Strip Transfer Terminal, located just off the Strip, and you can then order a ride or catch a local bus – try the Strip and Downtown Express Northbound, which leaves every 30 minutes.

GETTING AROUND LAS VEGAS

Las Vegas, like many cities in the western US, is not as easily-walkable as some cities you might be used to! The price paid for big skies and beautiful desert landscapes is that the city is quite spread out. If you won’t have a car yourself, locals recommend using Lyft and Uber to get around the city, particularly to get to downtown Las Vegas (which is a much less touristy neighborhood than the Strip) or further afield.

Lyft and Uber

These popular ride-sharing apps are generally less expensive than taxis and easier to order! Consider joining with other attendees heading to the same neighborhoods you are, and book larger vehicles for group meal events like Out to Lunch and Dine Arounds.

How do they work?

With both Lyft (www.lyft.com) and Uber (www.uber.com), the rider (you) downloads that company’s app to your mobile device and creates an account. You select the kind of car you want, enter the address where you want to be picked up, enter your destination, and you’ll receive an estimated price for the trip with an ETA for pickup, along with the driver’s name and the make and model of their car. You request the ride and meet the car at the designated pickup location, at which point they’ll greet you by name. At the end of the trip, payment is processed via the app, and you can tip through the app as well! Don’t forget to rate your driver; five star reviews are de rigueur unless your experience is a bad one.

Which is better, Lyft or Uber?

Both are available in Las Vegas, they operate essentially the same way, and many drivers actually work for both companies. NCPH staff prefers Lyft because you’ll pay less in surge pricing when you travel at popular times, the drivers make a higher cut, and Uber’s reputation has taken a hit over the last year, but this is a matter of personal preference. If no drivers are currently available in one app, try the other.

WEATHER

Spring in Las Vegas is often very beautiful, and late March might be the perfect time to visit, so expect a treat if you’re coming from cooler, damper climates! Temperatures for the third last week of March range from an average low of 51°F to an average daily high of 74°F. March is one of the wettest months of the year in Las Vegas, but they receive an average of just .59 inches of precipitation on average for the whole month, so you’ll probably be safe leaving your umbrella in your room. However, consider the warmth and sun if you’re signed up for a tour or going exploring on your own, and don’t forget your sunscreen and a bottle of water. Sunrise will be 6:30 am, and sunset at about 7:00 pm.