Interesting Things to Do in the Las Vegas Metro Area

Option #1: Las Vegas 3-Hour Open-Top Sightseeing Night Tour



See Las Vegas from a new perspective... at night and top of a double deck tour bus. For more details:

Phone: (855) 644-8235

Take in the dazzling lights of the Las Vegas Strip at night

- See the erupting Mirage Volcano
- Enjoy a walking tour of lively Fremont Street
- Snap a picture of the iconic Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas sign
- Check out the dancing Bellagio Fountain

Explore the Las Vegas strip by night on an open-top double-decker bus. On your 3-hour tour, listen to commentary from your guide, see the Las Vegas Strip's dazzling lights, walk on Fremont St., and check out the city's best-known sights and attractions.

Option #2: The Las Vegas "High Roller"



One of Las Vegas's newest and most popular attractions... Be sure to take your camera.

Prices: start at \$19.95 Day
\$29.95 Night

Located on East Tropicana near the Strip.

THE WORLD'S TALLEST OBSERVSATION WHEEL.... Measuring 520 feet in diameter, the High Roller eclipses both the London Eye and Singapore Flyer. Facing north and south parallel to Las Vegas Boulevard, the wheel takes 30 minutes to complete one full revolution and features 28 glass-enclosed cabins with broad views of Las Vegas and the Strip. Each spherical cabin can hold up to 40 people, with benches on either side of the cabin and plenty of floor space in between—but we imagine you'll want to stand and admire the view.

Option #3: The National Mob Museum



LOCATION: 300 Stewart Ave

<u>TICKETS</u>: Non-locals get a discount of \$4 off general admission, regularly \$23.95, with advanced online purchase.

Phone: (702) 229-2734

The Mob Museum, officially the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, is a history museum located in downtown Las Vegas, Nevada. Opened on February 14th, 2012, the Mob Museum is dedicated to featuring the artifacts, stories, and history of organized crime in the United States, as well as the actions and initiatives by law enforcement to prevent such crimes. The Museum is housed in the former Las Vegas Post Office and Courthouse. The self-guided tour commences on the third floor, where visitors can watch a concise, but very educational film about the history of Organized Crime (beginning around the time of the passing of Prohibition).

Option #4: The National Atomic Testing Museum



LOCATION: 755 E. Flamingo Rd.

TICKETS: General Admission: \$22.00

Phone: (702) 794-5151

The National Atomic Testing Museum documents the history of nuclear testing at the Nevada Test Site (NTS) in the desert north of Las Vegas. The museum operates as an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. The museum covers the period from the first test at NTS on January 27, 1951, to the present. Among its exhibits covering American nuclear history is a "Ground Zero Theater" which simulates the experience of observing an atmospheric nuclear test. Other exhibits include Geiger counters, radio badges and radiation testing devices, Native American artifacts from around the test area, pop culture memorabilia related to the atomic age, equipment used in testing the devices. Other displays focus on important figures at the facility, videos and interactive exhibits about radiation. In 2012 the museum added an exhibit about Area 51.

Option #5: The Spring Preserve and Nevada State Museum





<u>Las Vegas Springs Preserve</u>: consists of 180 acres dedicated to nature walks and displays and is owned and operated by the Las Vegas Valley Water District. The Preserve is located approximately three miles west of downtown Las Vegas, Nevada. The Preserve is built around the original water source for Las Vegas, the Las Vegas Springs. The Springs Preserve includes colorful desert botanical gardens, museum galleries, outdoor concert and event venues, an indoor theater, historic photo gallery and a series of walking trails that meander through a wetland habitat.

Nevada State Museum: The Nevada State Museum is a unique part of the overall Springs Preserve experience. Through expansive historic collections, the museum works to advance the understanding of the history, prehistory and natural history of Nevada, emphasizing Southern Nevada and its relationship with surrounding areas. Housed in a beautiful, 70,000-square-foot building, the facility features a 13,000-square-foot exhibit gallery that stands as the museum centerpiece, allowing visitors to:

- Stand face-to-face with Nevada's state fossil, an Ichthyosaur Shonisaurus popularis
- Step inside a stalactite cave
- Watch holographic figures tell the tale of Nevada's miners
- See historic Las Vegas glitz and glamour

LOCATION: 333 S. Valley View Blvd

TICKETS: General Admission: \$18.95*

Military ID: \$8.95*

Phone: (702) 794-5151

Option #6: Ethel M Chocolate Factory and Botanical Cactus Garden



LOCATION: 2 Cactus Drive, Henderson, NV

TICKETS: Not required. Self- guided tour

Phone: (702) 435-2655

Ethel M Botanical Cactus Gardens is a 3-acre botanical garden located at the Ethel M Chocolate Factory. The gardens, and the factory itself, are open to the public with no admission charge. The Botanical Cactus Gardens also include a "Living Machine", their name for a demonstration waste water treatment facility. Using bacteria, algae, protozoa, snails and fish, the facility recycles 100 percent of the chocolate factory's waste water without the use of any chemicals. The water is recycled for use in providing water for the gardens. The ponds from the waste water facility attract many of the birds that inhabit the gardens. Throughout the year the Botanical Cactus Gardens are host to several community events including the annual cactus garden lighting. The cactus garden holiday lights show is hosted in November and December and is free to the general public.

Option #7: Seven Magic Mountains



Seven Magic Mountains Sculpture adds a 'Splash of Color' to Desert near Las Vegas. A new, larger-than-life public art instillation by Swiss born artist, Ugo Rondinone, is adding some vibrant color to the otherwise drab desert near Las Vegas. His "Seven Magic Mountains" has been five years and more than \$3 million in the making. The Day-Glo colors; brilliant pinks, deep blues and bright greens, eye-searing yellow-orange, Silver State silver, black and white, offer vivid contrast with the muted greens and browns of the Jean dry lake bed.. "The seed was to do a continuation of land art," which has been created at Jean Lake since the 1960s, Rondinone explains, "In the past, land art has been camouflaging art," he says, designed to fit into the terrain. But "by giving a layer of color, we are bringing together the pop art

movement and land art." In addition to the setting's link with previous land art projects, the "Seven Magic Mountains" location — 10 miles south of the Las Vegas Boulevard-St. Rose Parkway intersection — is adjacent to where the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad placed its final spike in 1905, setting the stage for the founding of Las Vegas. The artwork was <u>five years in the making</u> and cost \$3.5 million (privately funded. the mountains will be on display for two years. After that, somebody's going to end up with some pretty epic Day-Glo paperweights

Tour and travel time est: 1.5 - 2hrs.