

## Budget Travel

For those looking to make the most of their travel budget while visiting the “Entertainment Capital of the World,” there are several options for the value-conscious visitor. Here are just a few:

**New York-New York** offers a variety of exhilarating nightlife venues – all under one roof, for one low price. With the purchase of the new \$25 Value Passport, guests can party all night at a variety of venues, without breaking the bank. Deals offered with the Passport include one premium specialty cocktail at Centre Bar; a pint of beer at Pour 24; a ride on The Roller Coaster at New York-New York; a pint or cocktail at Nine Fine Irishmen; admission and a brew at The Bar at Times Square; and VIP line pass admission into ROK Vegas. The Value Passport is available at the New York-New York Box Office.

**Cabo Wabo** at **Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino** now offers bachelorette party specials. The bride-to-be and her closest friends can party the night away at Sammy Hagar’s Vegas cantina with an all-inclusive VIP experience starting at just \$25 per person. Parties will enjoy delicious food, cocktails and high-energy entertainment including rock band karaoke and live entertainment.

Every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to midnight, **Begin at Blush at Wynn Las Vegas** features eclectic music ranging from Sinatra to Kaskade and an exclusive specialty drink menu. It also marks the introduction of Las Vegas’ first *Nightlife Starter Kit*. A Blush exclusive, it eases guests into the evening with a 200ML bottle of tequila, a 375ML bottle of vodka, Red Bull and Fiji water. Smaller format VIP bottle service is also available. There is no minimum or maximum number of guests or table reservations required for bottle service. Open seating is available on a first come basis.

**Café Nikki**, part of Nikki Beach Las Vegas at **Tropicana Las Vegas**, launched its sizzling new South Beach Happy Hour concept from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily. The South Beach Happy Hour invokes an inviting beach getaway complete with lush landscaping just feet from the sprawling Café Nikki patio. Exotic drinks and delectable tapas-style dishes complement the music courtesy of world-class DJs. Café Nikki features breakfast, lunch and dinner including unique signature dishes from Nikki Beach locations across the globe, as well as twists on traditional favourites

Free attractions line the Las Vegas Strip and they’re not hard to find. **The Mirage’s volcano** erupts in a lagoon filled with waterfalls and palm trees every 15 minutes from dusk to midnight. The Mirage has joined forces with legendary Grateful Dead drummer Mickey Hart, Indian music sensation Zakir Hussein, and the Fountains of Bellagio design firm WET to create an all-new audio/visual spectacle for its famous **volcano** attraction.

WET forges a primal volcanic environment of sound, light, music and heat with choreographed FireShooters, which send massive fireballs more than 12 feet into the air. The volcano attraction features a state-of-the-art sound system with music and sound specially created by Hart and Hussein.

Next door, nightly passers-by can catch the **“Sirens of TI” at Treasure Island**. The revamped version showcases the popular pyrotechnic war as male renegade pirates battle "sexy sirens" of Sirens' Cove. Performances run every 90 minutes beginning at 7 p.m.

Meanwhile, the world-famous **Fountains at Bellagio** thrill visitors with more than 1,000 water-emitting devices choreographed to music by artists such as Frank Sinatra, Elton John, Whitney Houston and Andrea Bocelli.

At **The Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino**, the newly reinvented **“Show in the Sky”** features dancers in costume fashions on floats suspended above the crowd. Three different performances include sexy and seductive “scenes” coordinated to today’s top music hits.

Downtown's famous, casino-lined street is now the **Fremont Street Experience**, a 175,700-square-foot pedestrian area covered by a continuous canopy studded with more than 14 million lights. Each evening on the hour, this canopy comes alive with spectacular light-and-sound shows.

From Las Vegas Hilton to Luxor to JW Marriott, most major resorts offer **free lounge entertainment** that is available practically around the clock.

Low-priced attractions abound as well. **“The Mac King Comedy Hour” at Harrah’s Las Vegas** is a great show value, with tickets priced at \$24.95. The show contains quirky humour, visual gags and King’s sleight-of-hand, all delivered in a tongue-in-cheek fashion. Another matinee worth checking out is **Piano!** at the V Theatre at Planet Hollywood, with tickets starting at \$29.99 per person.

For lunchtime bargain-hunters, nothing beats the classic **\$1.99 shrimp cocktail at the Golden Gate Hotel & Casino**, the oldest hotel in Las Vegas. For gourmet on a budget, many Las Vegas buffets now offer fare from around the world and at a reasonable price. **MGM Grand Buffet** invites guests to take advantage of a \$29.99 “All-Day Meal Pass.” Available Monday through Thursday, each pass allows for one breakfast, one lunch and one dinner – a savings of almost 50 percent. At **Excalibur’s Roundtable Buffet**, patrons can “Buffet All Day” for \$25 per guest. Offering a savings of more than \$20 off regular pricing, the value package includes VIP buffet line passes and unlimited re-entry privileges. At **Cravings Buffet at The Mirage**, dinner guests can enjoy an “Early Bird Special” of \$19.95 when they dine between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. **Harrah’s Entertainment’s** family of Las Vegas resorts now offers guests all-day,

unlimited access to dine in seven resort buffet restaurants with the **Buffet of Buffets** pass. Guests may purchase a 24-hour buffet pass (\$39.99 for Total Rewards members and \$45.99 for non-members) from any participating buffet's cashier stations and can use it at **Lago Buffet at Caesars Palace, Paradise Garden Buffet at Flamingo, Flavors at Harrah's Las Vegas, Emperor's Buffet at Imperial Palace, Le Village Buffet at Paris Las Vegas, Spice Market Buffet at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino and Carnival World Buffet at Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino.**

What could be more romantic than renewing your wedding vows in Las Vegas? Show her that you love her all over again with reasonably priced Renewal of Vows packages. Priced from just \$195, couples can relive their special day at **Chapel of the Flowers**. Renewal of Vows includes use of the chapel, a candle-lighting ceremony, traditional music, courtesy limousine service, a DVD of the ceremony and much more.

A group of Las Vegas-based tourist attractions have banded together to form **Best Vegas Attractions**. BVA's objective is to provide value-added opportunities for travellers and visitors through special offers and values. The program is designed to save visitors up to \$500 or anywhere from 15 to 50 percent off the regular prices. Participating attractions include BODIES...The Exhibition at Luxor; Fashion Outlets of Las Vegas in Primm, Nev.; Hard Rock Café; Las Vegas Monorail; Madame Tussauds Las Vegas; Papillion Airways; and Titanic: The Artefacts Exhibition.

Looking for discounts at the mall? Go to [www.VisitLasVegas.com](http://www.VisitLasVegas.com). Under "Shopping," users can download the **Shop Las Vegas Passport** coupon redeemable for gifts and discounts at most Las Vegas malls including Fashion Show, Miracle Mile Shops at Planet Hollywood and Las Vegas Premium Outlets to name a few. While you're at the malls, check out the variety of free entertainment they offer such as the **Forum Shops' Roman statues** that come to life inside Caesars Palace or the street performers inside the Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian.

While you're at it, check out the Special Offers section at [www.VisitLasVegas.com](http://www.VisitLasVegas.com) for hotel packages and great discounts on dining, shows, spa and entertainment.

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