

# The 16 Best Las Vegas Hotels On-the-Strip and Off-the-Strip

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The right Las Vegas hotel can make or break your vacation, more so than in other destinations. In Vegas, you could hit the casino, catch a show, party poolside, and dine at some of the city's best restaurants without ever leaving your hotel. So don't gamble with your hotel choice—stay at one of the best Las Vegas hotels. Our experts have picked the best hotels for every type of Vegas vacation. Here are the best places to stay both on and off of the Strip.

## The 9 Best Las Vegas Hotels on the Strip

For the true Las Vegas experience, you'll want to stay in the middle of the action—on the strip. You'll be able to walk out your door and be enveloped in the Las Vegas scene, and will have a huge variety of restaurants, casinos, entertainment, and more within walking distance.

### The Best Las Vegas Strip Casino Hotel: The Bellagio

With 116,000 square feet of gaming space, [The Bellagio](#) offers plenty of chances to try your luck. The Bellagio's 40-table poker room attracts players from around the world (and hosts the World Poker Tour). There's a stunningly designed high-limit lounge for serious gamblers and over 2,000 slot machines for people looking for something a little lower stakes.

Want to get a sense of what a stay at The Bellagio looks like? Watch *Oceans Eleven* before your trip, as the movie was set at the casino.

### The Best Las Vegas Strip Hotel for Spas: Waldorf Astoria

With a prime location in the middle of the Las Vegas Strip, the [Waldorf Astoria Las Vegas](#) offers two hotel features that are hard to find in Sin City—a no-smoking policy and no casino. This is the hotel you want to choose if you

want to be in the middle of all the action during the day but return to peace and quiet at night.

The luxurious rooms all feature marble bathrooms with soaking tubs and deluxe toiletries. Book a treatment at the award-winning spa, which takes up two floors of the property. Then, continue the relaxation journey at the eighth-floor pool deck, where you'll find pools, whirlpools, and poolside cabanas.

## **The Best Cheap Las Vegas Strip Hotel: Circus Circus**

Save your money for the casino—Las Vegas has some incredibly affordable hotels, even on the Strip. The cheapest Las Vegas Strip hotel? **Circus Circus**, where you can routinely find rooms for under \$40 a night.

Circus Circus features free circus performances, three outdoor pools (with waterslides), an indoor theme park, and six restaurants. So why is it so affordable? The hotel and rooms are fairly dated and aren't as nice as the surrounding, more expensive resorts on the Strip. However, if you'll be spending most of your time outside your room, you can't beat Circus Circus' combination of price and location.

## **The Best Luxury Las Vegas Strip Hotel: Wynn Las Vegas**

A coveted mid-Strip location, top-tier restaurants, spacious rooms, and a five-star spa make the **Wynn Las Vegas** worth the splurge. All of the hotel rooms at this property feel like suites—even the lowest level rooms offer 640 square feet of space along with living and dining furnishings. Or, treat yourself to a stay in the Tower Suites, which have private access to your own entrance, and an exclusive pool.

The Wynn really has everything you look for in a Las Vegas hotel: five-star restaurants, a glam casino, a luxurious spa, and temperature-controlled pools.

## The Best Las Vegas Strip Hotel for Pools: Caesars Palace

With seven pools surrounded by lush landscaping and ornate Roman architecture, the pool scene at [Caesars Palace](#) is truly fit for royalty. Can't choose between gambling and pool time? You don't have to at Caesars Palace, which has four swim-up blackjack tables.

The seven pools at Caesars Palace offer a variety of different scenes:

- Temple Pool: surrounded by statues and fountains
- Venus Pool + Lounge: Adults-only pool
- Fortuna Pool: Swim-up blackjack tables
- Neptune Pool: The largest pool (and biggest party scene)
- Apollo Pool: Quieter lounge pool
- Jupiter Pool: Spacious pool with lots of lounge chair
- Bacchus Pool: Invite only, great for celeb-spotting

## The Best Romantic Las Vegas Strip Hotel for Couples: The Cosmopolitan

If you've seen their commercials, you know—The [Cosmopolitan Las Vegas](#) promotes a sexy vibe that makes it a great option for a couples' getaway. This stylish hotel is located in the heart of the Strip and has its own "pool district", nightclub, concert venues, casino, restaurants, and more.

The Cosmopolitan's spacious rooms are designed to feel like a private city apartment. If you really want to impress your date, book the Wraparound Terrace Suite with a fountain view and a couples massage followed by a hammam session at the Sahra Spa.

## The Best Las Vegas Strip Hotel for Families: Hilton Grand Vacations Club

Las Vegas can be a surprisingly family-friendly destination: there are tons of shows, restaurants, and activities to keep the kids occupied. Since there are strict rules about kids in casinos, opt for a non-gaming hotel, like [Hilton Grand Vacations Club](#). You'll still be right on the Strip so you won't have to trek too far with the children to get to all the main attractions.

This hotel offers some really cheap suites, which are great for families who want a little extra space. All of the suites are equipped with full kitchens, so you can save even more money by not eating out for every meal (and immediately appease any hungry children).

## **The Best Las Vegas Strip Hotel for Suites: Vdara Suite Hotel & Spa**

The all-suite [Vdara Hotel & Spa](#) is both smoke-free and casino-free, offering a calm getaway despite its central Strip location. Suite options at Vdara range from the basic 520 sq. foot studio to the luxurious 2-story two-bedroom loft.

If you're here for a Vegas spa vacation, book one of Vdara's Stay Well suites, which feature special chlorine-reducing shower infusers in the bathrooms, air purifiers, and other wellness-focused amenities.

## **The Best Las Vegas Strip Hotel for Foodies: MGM Grand**

For an unforgettable Las Vegas meal, be sure to book a room at the [MGM Grand](#), so you'll be within close proximity to Joël Robuchon. This world-famous restaurant is the only three Michelin Starred establishment in Las Vegas—and it's popular, so be sure to make a reservation well in advance.

If you can't get into Joël Robuchon (or simply don't have the budget) the MGM Grand offers plenty of other restaurants where you can sample the offerings from other celebrity chefs, including Morimoto Las Vegas and Wolfgang Puck Bar & Grill.

For something a little more casual, the MGM Grand has plenty of other dining options, including a grand buffet and a 24-hour food court with fast-casual restaurants (like Nathan's Famous Hotdogs and Johnny Rockets.)

## **The 7 Best Off-the-Strip Las Vegas Hotels**

Choosing a Las Vegas hotel that's off-the-strip is a smart move if you're looking to save money on your vacation, as you can often find properties with cheap rates, free parking—and no resort fees. Staying off-strip is also a quieter and more family-friendly experience. Here are the best off-strip Las Vegas hotels.

### **The Best Fremont Street Hotel: The Golden Nugget**

Aside from the Strip, Fremont Street in downtown Las Vegas is one of the city's most popular tourist areas. It's home to the Fremont Street Experience, a lively pedestrian mall that features entertainment (including free shows and concerts), attractions like the Slotzilla Zipline, and a giant light show. Stay close to the action at [The Golden Nugget](#), which is widely considered to be the best hotel in the Fremont Street area. This sprawling resort has over 2,400 rooms and suites spread across four towers—plus a casino, nine restaurants, and a spa & salon. The highlight? A \$30 million award-winning pool with a 200,000-gallon shark tank aquarium.

### **The Best Cheap Off-the-Strip Hotel: El Cortez Hotel & Casino**

Located just one block from the Fremont Street Experience, [El Cortez Hotel & Casino](#) is a winning combination of great location and affordability. This family-owned, historic hotel first opened in 1941 and is the longest continuously running hotel and casino in Las Vegas. The interior of the hotel has undergone extensive renovations over the years, and the rooms are bright and modern.

With rates starting as low as \$29 a night, El Cortez is one of the cheapest hotels in Las Vegas. It's also a great pick if you're looking for an affordable suite—you can book suites for as low as \$55 a night here.

## **The Best Pet-Friendly Hotel in Las Vegas Off-the-Strip: La Quinta by Wyndham Las Vegas Airport South**

Many Las Vegas hotels claim to be “pet-friendly” but charge a hefty fee for animal guests (or impose a weight limit). The [La Quinta by Wyndham Las Vegas Airport South](#) does neither, offering free stays for two pets of size.

This cheap hotel is just two miles from the airport and six miles from the Las Vegas Strip. Plus, the hotel offers many freebies that other Vegas hotels charge for, including breakfast, parking, and WiFi.

## **The Best Family Hotel in Las Vegas Off-the-Strip: Tahiti Village Resort & Spa**

Staying off the Strip can offer a quieter (and more family-friendly) vibe. Set just two miles off the Strip, [Tahiti Village Resort & Spa](#) feels like a tropical paradise. The resort has a pool area (with a real sand beach) and a lazy river where the whole family can cool off from the desert heat.

There are lots of free family-friendly activities offered by Tahiti Village, including mermaid encounters, jam sessions, and water balloon fights. The all-suite hotel gives groups plenty of room to spread out, and the Bora Bora and Royal Tahitian suites feature full-size kitchens and in-room laundry for longer stays.

## **The Best Adults-Only Hotel Off-the-Strip: Circa Resort & Casino**

The new **Circa Resort & Casino** is Las Vegas' first adults-only, 21+ casino resort. Circa is a great destination for a sports-themed bachelor or bachelorette party, as the main focus here is on sports betting. Circa's three-story stadium is the world's largest sportsbook, and guests will never miss a game at the resort, thanks to Stadium Swim. Stadium Swim is a multi-level pool amphitheater with six temperature-controlled pools, eight water couches, and two swim-up bars, all centered around a giant screen that broadcasts the biggest sporting events.

All rooms feature king beds and refrigerators, plus there are plenty of unique room types that can accommodate big groups—like the Bunk Pad, a 700 sq. foot room with bunk beds. Bonus: All rooms include Balmain toiletries

## **The Nicest Off-the-Strip Hotel in Las Vegas: Palms Casino Resort**

After undergoing a \$600 million renovation, the **Palms Casino Resort** will reopen in April 2022 as the nicest off-the-strip hotel in Las Vegas. The highlight will be the resort's multi-level, 73,000 square foot pool area, featuring two main pools and 39 cabanas (most of which will have their own private pool).

In fact, the Palms is so nice that you might even want to get married here—fortunately, there's a wedding chapel on-site.

In addition to standard rooms and suites, the Palms has nine special themed suites available to book, including the Hardwood Suite (with a personal basketball court), a Kingpin Suite (featuring a private bowling alley), and a Cinema Suite (with an in-room movie theater

## **The Best Off-the-Strip Hotel for Outdoor Adventures: Red Rock Casino Resort and Hotel**

With an on-site casino and prime location near Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, **Red Rock Casino Resort and Hotel** offers easy access to both Sin City fun and Nevada's beautiful outdoors. This hotel is only about a 30-minute drive away from the Strip, but there's a swimming pool, casino, entertainment venue, and plenty of restaurants on-site so you don't have to leave if you don't want to.