

BEYOND THE STRIP IN VEGAS



Think you know Vegas? If casinos alone come to mind, it's worth reconsidering. Outside the Strip's sizzling enticements, there's a world of nature, food, and culture waiting to be discovered.

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Natural Parks

In Vegas' backyard, find some of Mother Nature's best artwork in America's most beloved parks. Just 17 miles beyond the neon lights, experience [Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area](#) and its burnt orange sandstone cliffs and Joshua trees from a hiking trail or a 13-mile scenic loop drive.

Get an early jump from your Vegas base and drive to [Death Valley National Park](#) (about two hours) — the hottest place on Earth and home to eerie, primordial landscapes, including the dazzling white salt flats of Badwater Basin and the wrinkled badlands of Zabriskie Point.

Bucket-list [Zion National Park](#), just two-and-a-half hours from the Strip's nonstop hum, stuns with dramatic canyon walls and popular hikes, such as Angels Landing and The Narrows. Each park accepts America the Beautiful passes or charges \$20 to \$35 for entry. Families and thrill-seekers alike will find their pace on leisurely trail walks, scenic drives, challenging hikes, and daring climbs.



Immersive Experiences

Off the 4-mile casino corridor lies the \$2.3 billion venue, [Sphere](#) — a massive, 366-foot-high dome. It entertains 17,600 guests with immersive films and concerts for all ages. Wraparound LED screens, speakers, and high-tech haptic seats complete an exhilarating 4D sensory experience.

A couple miles farther is the mind-bending [Infinity Museum](#), anchored by seven rooms intent on toying with perception using mirrors and innovative technology. Four Seasons, a 360-degree experience, ushers you through the seasons as you stroll, while the mirrored geometric 12-faced dodecahedron exhibit playfully splinters your image into countless fragments.

Teasing the notion of reality, [Museum of Illusions](#) in Las Vegas is the largest in the franchise and has exclusive installations. Enveloped by rapid, rotating lights, expect mind-bending, deceptive movement on the bridge in The Vortex Tunnel. The just-opened Building Illusion brings to life Vegas themes like its famous diamond-shaped sign, architecture, and skyline — Instagram gold.



Neighborhood Gems

Swap resort food for creative cuisine in local neighborhoods. Chinatown, just west of the Strip, is a 3-mile stretch of dining establishments, karaoke bars, and Asian markets. Acclaimed restaurant [Sparrow + Wolf](#) has a chef-driven, seasonal menu blending American and global flavors in golden tilefish pibil (buried or cooked underground) and dry-aged bluefin tuna.

Five miles north is the vibrant Arts District. The main drag hums with breweries, First Friday art walks, and terrific fare. Make renowned Italian restaurant [Esther's Kitchen](#) a priority. Helmed by a James Beard-nominated chef, it satiates foodies with chitarra cacio e pepe (pasta with cheese and pepper) and sourdough bread with a cannellini bean puree.

With its tree-lined streets and 1940s homes, the Historic Huntridge neighborhood feels approachable and family-oriented. Shops and restaurants are clustered along East Charleston Boulevard, with award-winning [Yukon Pizza](#) drawing loyal locals. (It won first place in the non-traditional pizza category of the 2024 International Pizza Challenge.) The magic starts with the heirloom crust made from the family's 125-year-old sourdough starter to create favorites, such as Grandpa White and The Stewart — a slam-dunk for meat-lovers.

Sphere Shows Worth Flagging

As the weather warms, the Sphere concert venue explodes with colorful performances. Sway with country superstar Kenny Chesney performing, "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems." — or jam with legendary 90s band Phish. Most of all, don't miss Sphere's first-ever female headliner, rockstar Gwen Stefani of the reunited group No Doubt, bringing dance-happy retro music.



The Grandview at Las Vegas

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