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Hello, Fellow Gray-Haired Teenagers!

We are so looking forward to welcoming you to Las Vegas! Before we moved here, I was very dismissive about Las Vegas—I had a vision of blinding neon lights and one show after another.

That was then . . . now, 23 years later, we LOVE this place! So much to do, such interesting places to visit.

First off, we think you'll enjoy the Tuscany Suites Hotel: It has the flavor of some of our old haunts in Italy, plus it's two blocks off The Strip—close enough to walk, far enough to get more affordable accommodations.

AND Las Vegas' newest attraction, The Sphere is visible from our hotel parking lot. To whet your taste for more of our area, here are a few of our favorite things:

On The Strip!

Yes, we have learned to enjoy the glitz, the glitter, the neon! Some of our faves:

- **The Bellagio:** Just three (longish) blocks' walk from our hotel (about a 15-minute walk), visit the famous dancing fountains—maybe . . . and
 - The ever-changing and always breath-taking botanical gardens, and nearby . . .
 - The world's tallest chocolate fountain, and around the corner . . .
 - The Dale Chihuly glass ceiling nearby at the front desk, and after a stroll through the casino . . .
 - The Richard McDonald sculpture display (our personal favorite), which is outside the entry to . . .
 - "O", which is our favorite Cirque du Soleil show.
- **The Paris Las Vegas:** across the street from the Bellagio, where you can stroll quaint "Parisian" streets and dine halfway up its Eiffel Tower.
- **The Palazzo Promenade and the Venetian Resort:** you may want to grab a gondola ride after you visit Bauman's Rare Books in the Grand Canal Shoppes, where on occasion in the past, we have drooled over extraordinary finds: everything from a hand-printed score by Beethoven, to a first edition of *Cat in the Hat*.



The Sphere: Las Vegas' newest performance venue



Cirque du Soleil

Downtown—the “original” Las Vegas!

You can experience a bit of our history, including early casinos like the Golden Nugget; tour the Mob Museum; visit Container Park; stroll the Downtown murals; and experience Downtown on a zipline that whisks you above the Fremont Street tourist area.



Downtown Mural

The Great Outdoors!

“Outdoors” and “Las Vegas” in the same breath? Yes!! Here are a couple of our favorites:

- **Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area.** Less than 30 minutes’ drive from The Strip, you can visit one of the world’s greatest rock-climbing areas, plus lovely driving and hiking trails, and Mohave Max, the famous desert tortoise and his friends, at the Visitors’ Center. Entry is free if you have a National Parks golden age passport.
- **Valley of Fire State Park.** Even more spectacular red rocks and desert adventures are less than an hour’s drive from The Strip—a great place to take those “you won’t believe what we did in Las Vegas” photos to wow your kids and grandkids.



Fun for kids of all ages!

Shows and Events

You can hardly visit Las Vegas without taking in one of our over-the-top shows.

As I mentioned, “O” is our favorite, plus the Blue Man Group below, but there are so many other concerts, comedy shows, magic you might like:

- **Blue Man Group.** Let three bald and blue men take you on a journey bursting with music, laughter, and surprises.
- **Other shows and events:** <https://www.visitlasvegas.com/shows-events/>. Note: If you want to go to a show, it’s best to make reservations in advance.

Museums . . . gee, we have a trove of them in the area. Some favs are focused on Mme Tussauds Wax Museum, Atomic Testing, Mob, Hoover Dam, to name a few. But I promised myself I’d write no more than two pages! Here’s a link:

<https://www.vegas.com/attractions/museums-galleries-las-vegas/>.

And so much more—Lake Mead, Hoover Dam, Boulder City—too much to cover in one trip. Besides, we want to visit with *each other*, right? Great! Our organizers have set aside a hospitality room for us sit around and chat about old times and to share new adventures over snacks and drinks.

See you next month!

Ann Garretson Marshall and Terry Marshall



*My new friend at
Mme Tussauds Wax
Museum*