

SIGHTSEEING

TOURS, EXCURSIONS, AND MUSEUMS

JUST MINUTES FROM LAS VEGAS ARE natural wonders to wow even the most well-traveled groups. Popular ways to check out the desert include hot-air ballooning, horseback trail rides, and rafting tours of the Grand Canyon.

In addition to offering traditional Jeep tours, Pink Jeep Tours recently introduced the Tour Trekker, which is a state-of-the-art, luxury vehicle that can seat 10 passengers and features reclining captain's seats, DVD players, and large, tinted windows.

Sightseeing within the city ranges from the kitschy, such as the Elvis-A-Rama Museum, to fine art in the hotels and museums.

SCENIC WONDERS

Lake Mead Blue water, bronze cliffs, and 700 miles of shoreline start just 25 miles from Las Vegas and offer a scenic backdrop for boat tours, watersports, and cruising on the largest human-constructed lake in the United States.

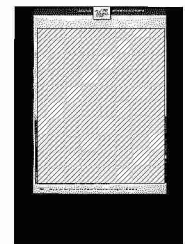
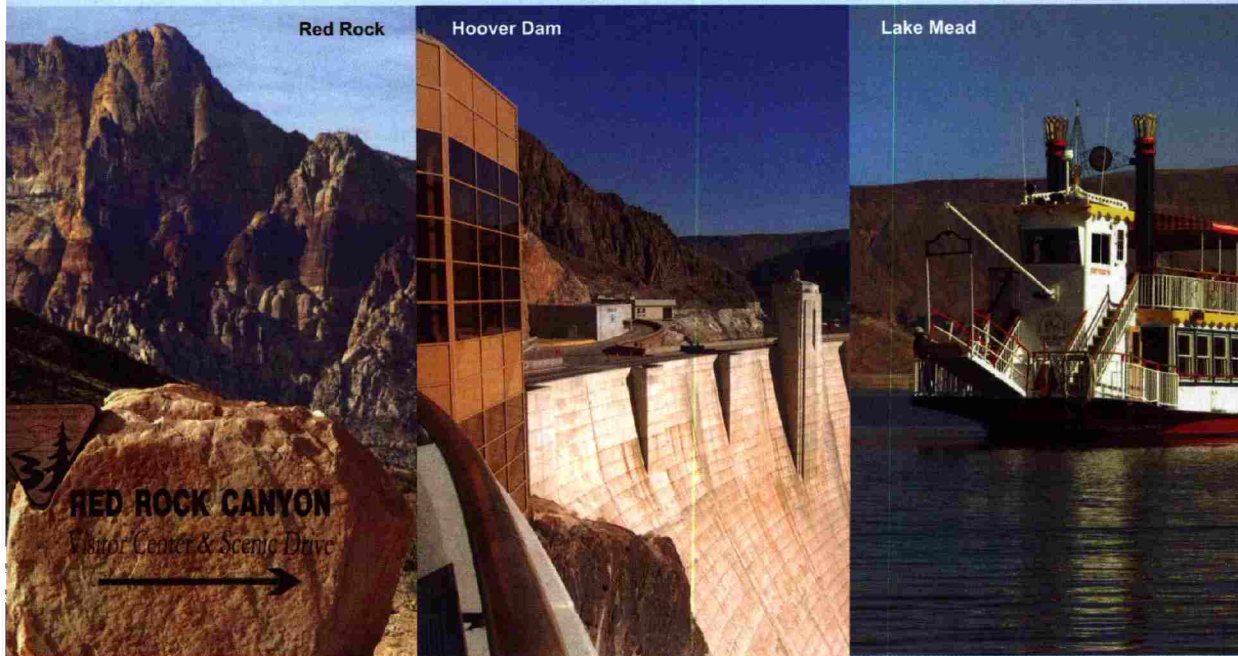
Hoover Dam An engineering marvel and one of the seven human-made wonders of the world, the historic construction project offers guided tours and observation points with breathtaking views.

Red Rock Canyon Just 15 miles from Las Vegas, the rock formations and desert present an intriguing backdrop for hiking, cycling, horseback riding, and scenic tours.

Mount Charleston In Toiyabe National Forest, with temperatures that average 20 to 30 degrees cooler than Las Vegas, the 11,918-foot mountain has scenery from desert Joshua trees to towering pines and offers snow skiing, hiking trails, and a Western-style lodge with restaurant.

Valley of Fire Dramatic red rock formations combined with views of Lake Mead add up to the perfect photo op, along with hidden canyons, petroglyphs, and the remains of American Indian civilizations.

Spring Mountain Ranch State Park 30 miles west of the city, the historic ranch, now



a state park, offers private picnic areas for groups, a grass meadow, tables, electricity, and restrooms.

Grand Canyon One of the world's most renowned natural wonders is a short 90-minute flight from Las Vegas via jet helicopter or airplane.

ART AND CULTURE

Atomic Testing Museum The first museum of its kind in the nation, the highly interactive museum provides an overview of the work conducted at the Nevada test site and its effect on the world.

Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art The gallery is home to touring exhibitions of fine art from around the world.

CityCenter A \$40 million fine art program has been announced for the resort when it debuts in 2009; the program will feature fine art installations and sculptures in interior and exterior locations.

THEhotel at Mandalay Bay Scattered throughout the hotel are the works of contemporary artists, ranging from a Arturo Herrera mural behind the registration desk to Andy Warhol prints in the foyer.

Las Vegas Art Museum The museum is a showcase for traveling exhibits of contemporary and modern art.

Las Vegas Natural History Museum Interactive exhibits and galleries feature dinosaurs, fossils, wildlife, and marine animals.

Classic Vegas Enjoy the nostalgia of Vegas memorabilia at the Neon Museum, the Casino Legends Hall of Fame, the Liberace Museum, and the Elvis-A-Rama Museum.

**GROUP EXTRA
 FROM ON HIGH**

GET A BIRD'S-EYE view of the city and surrounding desert with Maverick Helicopters or Papillion Tours, which can customize excursions to a number of nearby sites, including the Grand Canyon and evening tours over the lights of the Strip. Along the way to the Grand Canyon, attendees get a look at Lake Las Vegas, Lake Mead, Hoover Dam, an extinct volcano, and other scenic views. Once there, the tour can circle through the canyon or even land in it for an outdoor champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception in Hualapai Indian Territory.



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