

Las Vegas, in Nevada's Mojave Desert, is a resort city famed for its vibrant nightlife, centred around 24-hour casinos and other entertainment options. Its Main Street and focal point is the Strip, just over 4 miles long. This boulevard is home to themed hotels with elaborate displays such as fountains synchronized to music as well as replicas of an Egyptian pyramid, the Venetian Grand Canal, and the Eiffel Tower.

The city's tolerance for numerous forms of adult entertainment earned it the title of Sin City, and has made Las Vegas a popular setting for literature, films, television programs, and music videos.

5) Skip the Tables

6) Wedding Bells

100 000

7) Belly Up

the country on a typical day.

8) Room with a View

Want to know where the biggest winnings come from for the casinos? Can you believe it's the one-armed

bandits? Slot machines take in over 60 per cent of a

required to pay out at least 75 per cent on average.

Vegas is the place for weddings, both traditional and

alternative. Estimates go as high as 500 couples per

Vegas is known for its food, if not from the gourmet

side of things then from just the abundance of it all.

Shrimp goes down at a rate of over 60,000 pounds a

At 1,149 feet, the Stratosphere Tower is the tallest

free-standing observation tower in the US, and the

tallest man-made structure west of the Mississippi River. The observation deck perches 869-feet up,

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day. That's more than what's eaten in the entire rest of

day on the average. Most years the total is over

casino's earnings even though video slot machines are

**TOP VEGAS FACTS** 

1) Las Vegas's most famous sign is not in Las Vegas The iconic "Welcome to Las Vegas" sign, which was never located in the city, was created in 1959 by Betty Willis. The iconic "Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas" sign which has stood at 5200 Las Vegas Boulevard since 1959 does not, strictly, announce its happy greeting within the metropolis. It sits about four miles south of the city limits, in the separate town of Paradise.

## 2) Gambling Haven?

Las Vegas hasn't always been a gambling hotspot - not legally anyway. The city was founded in 1905 but a federal anti-gambling law shut down the betting in 1910. This merely moved the activity underground until Nevada legalized it again in 1931. And so it continued to grow to the megaresort casino destination we know today.

## 3) Neon-tastic!

Vegas is a city of glitz and bright lights, to be sure, and just about everywhere you look you can find neon lights blazing. In fact, one of the symbols of the city is the giant neon cowboy Vegas Vic. There are actually over 15,000 miles of neon tubing in the city.

## 4) The Strip

The 6.8 km stretch of Las Vegas Boulevard is referred to as The Strip, but in fact, it isn't located in Las Vegas. The city of Las Vegas goes as far south as Sahara Avenue, but The Strip passes through two unincorporated townships: Winchester and Paradise.

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