

# Visit The World—In One City

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Imagine being in a plane looking down at Las Vegas, looking at a long bright line down the center of the city that is always shining like the sun no matter the time of day. This is “the Vegas Strip,” and it’s dazzling. Imagine the smell of delightful Michelin star foods when walking alongside the Vegas strip. One of the most spectacular attractions is Circus Circus, a theme park attached to a massive hotel. Imagine zooming and swirling on a roller coaster that flips you from upside down to a 90-degree drop. Imagine arcade games that light up like flickering constellations. Both of these experiences are at Circus Circus. Imagine being beneath the Statue of Liberty and looking up to a red rotator spinning around the humongous Lady Liberty next to the Eiffel Tower Vegas is a must-see destination because there are many exciting, adventurous, and sparkling places there.

I remember the morning of our flight to Vegas last Christmas. I woke up at 4 AM and jumped around, and my family heard me, which made them spring out of their beds like frogs. I started charging and preparing my phone, Watch, and iPad.

Now, fast forward past plane motion sickness, and let’s focus on how cool the strip looked from the plane. There were glittering fountains that sprayed to a musical beat, huge hotels like the biggest skyscrapers, and a pyramid from Egypt! I couldn’t wait to see all those up close! I felt excited for this vacation because I would see remarkable historical recreations from around the world crammed into one city: the Lady Liberty, the Eiffel Tower with a restaurant at the top, the giant pyramids from Egypt ( the Luxor), scenes from Ancient Rome in Caesar’s Palace, and canals from Venice in the Venetian hotel.

When we went inside the Circ du Soleil, we bought popcorn and saw many fantastic, enjoyable, and funny moments. The first person to present was someone with a whip that made a tremendous blasting noise that rang in my ear when they struck it on the ground. Then two clowns walked in with a fake cardboard boat with a tiny water gun that was spraying the crowd in front. An acrobat flew like a plane through the bright lights shining in their eyes. It’s incredible how these people have many talents and can show them to the world.

At the Circus Circus Hotel, there is an amusement park, an arcade, and lots of gambling machines. One of the rides I went on was the Cyclone—it went upside down twice and was tipping off the edge.

Outside, there was a really big pond with a fountain show, and I was mesmerized by the water’s dancing flow. Water was blasting everywhere, spinning water into a circle. The lights changed colour from purple to green and blue while the glow was brightening. I had to cover my eyes with my arm because the glittering lights were so intense. I was shocked at the effort put into entertaining people walking by.

Everyone says the shopping in Vegas is fabulous—and I must tell you they're right. One of the coolest moments was at the M&M store. On the outside of the building, you see a gigantic M&M bar in a wrapper with 3 M&M figures of green, red, and yellow. When you first walk in, you notice all the walls are covered in primary, bright colours. Everywhere there were giant tubes, each filled with one colour of M&M's. We saw lots of accessories such as house slippers, a mug with figures on it, and candy dispensers like vending machines, which were my favourite because they were so tiny. When you smack the button, M&M's roll down the mini slide and land in your hand. The Coke store was similar but with many cool-looking accessories such as Coca-Cola Funko Pops, magnets, and pillows. I bought Funko pop accessories and M&M's.

We turned down an alleyway and saw the In'n Out fast food restaurant, so we went in. The burger was so good, especially the animal-style combo (a secret menu item). Their fries were perfectly salted, and the patty, the cheese, everything tasted freshly produced. The deliciousness was unforgettable—I still remember the taste.

There is one place that sells the best shoes. Cool Kicks is a famous shoe store in Vegas with a basketball hoop inside. You get shoes for free if you make a basket from a certain spot. I didn't want to do it because I was shy.

If there's anything I missed that I would love to see again, it's the ride around Lady Liberty because I heard lots of people shouting at the top of their lungs when going upside down. Besides the rollercoaster tracks wrapping around her, I saw her holding the book and the torch, and there was a big castle behind her. The atmosphere around this ride was giving me butterflies even though I wasn't on it. I thought *I gotta come back here*. So if you ever go to Vegas, you should go to this coaster because I think if you ride it once, you won't want to stop.

Everything was enjoyable in Vegas, but I couldn't stay there forever because I had other things to do back in Vancouver. So I had to say goodbye to everything that I enjoyed playing or eating. I miss being in Vegas even to this day. I would advise other travellers to visit the Circ du Soleil because they would enjoy the funny and impressive acrobatics and acting. In my opinion, you should avoid going to the Sphere because it was too crowded, and the movie we watched wasn't that fun. The lasting impression that Vegas paints in my mind is the multi-coloured flashing spotlights shining on the swirling acrobats, tinkling coins falling from the slot machine, and flying over its bright lights of white, orange, and gold on the Vegas strip.