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Summer temperatures are rising across the Las Vegas valley, but that's the only thing going up in Sin City. From the Las Vegas Strip to downtown, prices for rooms, shows, food and more are dropping to their best value in more than five years.

Your dollar has always gone pretty far in Vegas with free attractions, free parking, free drinks and more. With a number of hotels dropping their room rates below \$50 a night and shows offering upgrades, discounts and more, you may find it's more expensive to vacation in your hometown than to visit Vegas.

More than just a discounted room

Hotel room rates in Vegas are at their lowest in five years. As of April (the last month data is available for), the average room rate in Vegas was running about \$97.31 per night. The last time rates were that low was 2004.

Visitors taking advantage of discounts offered by hotels and online travel companies can push the numbers even lower. In his annual July room rate survey, Anthony Curtis with the Las Vegas Advisor found that 60 of 84 hotels surveyed had rates (either through the hotel or online travel companies) under \$50 per night.

A recent check found the following hotel deals:

• A discounted stay plus \$165 in added values at Green Valley Ranch: Book a two-night stay at Green Valley Ranch through VEGAS.com and get a special discount on your room, \$40 in free slot play, a \$100 resort credit and a \$25 gift card for use at participating retail outlets in The District shopping center.

• 30 percent off three nights at the Hard Rock: Guests who stay three nights at the Hard Rock Hotel enjoy 30 percent off their room rate. If your stay includes Friday nights, you also get free concert tickets to the Hard Rock pool concert series. If your stay includes a Saturday or Sunday night, you get free admission and a line pass into the Rehab pool party.

• 30 percent off your stay and \$100 in added values at the Las Vegas Hilton: Book a stay at the Las Vegas Hilton for select dates and get 30 percent off your room along with more than \$100 in dining coupons including: \$25 toward two dinner entrées at TJ's Steakhouse and Benihana, \$10 toward two late evening specialty cocktails at Tempo Lounge, plus more.

• \$75 resort credit at Wynn Las Vegas or Encore: Even luxury hotels are offering deals. Both Wynn and Encore are offering guests who stay a minimum of two nights the added value of a \$75 resort credit that can be used for room service, spa treatments and more.

Terms and conditions including specific booking deadlines and more apply to these deals. For complete terms and conditions of these deals plus more than 50 additional Las Vegas travel offers see www.vegas.com/deals/.

Would you like a show with that...

Discounts, value adds and more aren't limited to your hotel room. Las Vegas shows are putting together special offers and packages to entice visitors.

If you want to stretch your dollar, look for shows that include dinner in their ticket price. "V-The Ultimate Variety Show" at the V Theater inside the Miracle Miles Shops at Planet Hollywood offers a combination VIP ticket that includes preferred VIP seating and dinner at your choice of three different restaurants located in the Miracle Mile Shops.

"Legends in Concert" at Harrah's is offering a free buffet coupon with each ticket you purchase through VEGAS.com.

Get VIP seats at cheap seat prices. Ticket upgrades are available on a variety of shows, including:

Free upgrade from general admission to VIP at "Playboy Comedy," and "Amazing Johnathan."

Free upgrade from Regular VIP package to the Ultimate VIP package at "Sopranos' Last Supper."

Free upgrade on tickets at "Blue Man Group," "Le Rêve," and "Phantom: The Las Vegas Spectacular."

Even better, enjoy free show tickets if you book specific hotel packages. Bally's, Harrah's and the Imperial Palace are all offering two free tickets to your choice



Green Valley Ranch

- Discounted stay
- \$40 in free slot play
- \$100 resort credit
- \$25 gift card for The District

of "Human Nature" at Imperial Palace, "Improv" at Harrah's or "Jubilee!" at Bally's. You have to book your hotel by July 13, but your travel dates can stretch out through Aug. 31.

Book a three-night air-hotel package at any of the MGM Mirage resorts and get two tickets to a select Cirque du Soleil show or Disney's "The Lion King" to enjoy during your stay. Packages include round-trip airfare to Vegas from select departure cities and three or more nights stay at various MGM Mirage hotels. This promotion must be booked by July 13, but travel dates extend out through Sept. 30.

To book these deals or review the terms and conditions, go to: www.vegas.com/deals/.

Absolutely free

The great thing about Las Vegas is there's plenty of entertainment and attractions that cost millions to build and maintain, but charge you absolutely nothing to enjoy. While the list can seem endless at times, here's a few of our favorites:

- Fountains at Bellagio
- The Mirage volcano
- Conservatory & Botanical Gardens at Bellagio
- Sirens of TI
- Lion Habitat at MGM Grand
- Circus acts, including dazzling

aerialists, trapeze artists and clowns at the Midway Stage, at Circus Circus

- Light show at Fremont Street Experience
- Masquerade Show in the Sky at the Rio Hotel. You might even get some free Mardi Gras beads.
- 117,000-gallon aquarium at Silverton Casino Lodge
- Front desk aquarium at the Mirage
- Ethel M Chocolate Factory
- Fountain shows at Caesars Palace
- M&M's World
- Neon Museum
- Streetsphere at the Venetian Hotel
- Wildlife Habitat at the Flamingo Hotel
- The Art of Richard MacDonald Presented by Cirque du Soleil at Bellagio

Save on the great outdoors

Stop putting off a trip to the Grand Canyon or a round of golf because of the price. Las Vegas has a number of bargains to help ease the cost, including:

- Book the Grand Canyon West Rim & Lunch or Grand Canyon South Rim Adventure Tour now through Dec. 31 at VEGAS.com, and get \$20 off your order. Complete details at: www.vegas.com/promotions/tours/.
- Give your inner race car driver the license to cut loose with the Richard



Grand Canyon West Rim or South Rim Adventure tours

- \$20 off

Petty Driving Experience in Vegas. Now through August, the price on the Richard Petty Rookie Driving Experience has been discounted \$50.

• Tee off at a discount. Golfers who book through VEGAS.com can enjoy free club rentals at Silverstone, Desert Pines and Royal Links Golf Clubs.

Cheap eats

For less than \$10, you can find plenty of breakfast, lunch or dinner specials sure to pack on at least 10 pounds (all specials are subject to change at the whim of the restaurant, some have time or day restrictions):

- \$6.99 10-ounce steak special at Ellis Island includes potato, bread, green beans and a beer.
- \$7.77 Gambler's Special at Mr. Lucky's 24/7 in the Hard Rock Hotel includes steak, three grilled shrimp, a choice of potato or broccoli and a salad. It's not on the menu so ask your server.
- \$7.99 Porterhouse steak at Arizona Charlie's Boulder Café.
- \$7.99 Prime rib and shrimp at Arizona Charlie's Boulder's Sourdough Café.
- \$9.95 Steak and shrimp at the Best Western's Mardi Gras Café on Paradise Road
- \$9.99 T-bone steak dinner and a beer at Terrible's Bougainvillea Café. It's not on the menu, so ask your server.

- \$1.95: Two scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy and bacon or sausage at Ellis Island. Available from 11 p.m. - 6 a.m.
- \$1.95: Two buttermilk pancakes with two eggs, bacon or sausage at the Suncoast's Cafe Siena. Available Monday - Friday, from midnight - 9 a.m.

• \$1.99: Breakfast special with player's card, choose from six options including two eggs with bacon and toast, pancakes or French toast. Served 5 - 8 a.m. in the Promenade Cafe at JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort, Spa & Golf.

• \$1.99: Eastside special, has two eggs, bacon or sausage, hash browns and toast at Snaps in Eastside Cannery. Offered 11 p.m. - 9 a.m.

• \$2.49: Pancake sandwich at the Texas Cafe at Texas Station.

• \$2.95: Two eggs, hash browns, toast and jelly with bacon or sausage available daily, midnight - 6 a.m. at the Coronado Cafe at Southpoint.

• \$3.29: Ham steak and eggs at Arizona Charlie's Boulder's Sourdough Cafe.

• \$3.45: New York steak and eggs, available 11 p.m. to 11 a.m. at Ellis Island.

• \$4.99: Steak, two eggs, hashbrowns and toast, served 11 p.m. to 11 a.m. at Baja Beach Cafe at the Fiesta.

• \$4.99: Graveyard special at Casino Cafe at Circus Circus. Includes two eggs, hash browns, toast, bacon or sausage and coffee. Available daily, 11 p.m.-5 a.m. Holidays are excluded.

• \$5.99: Three eggs with choice of ham, bacon or sausage, hash Browns and short stack of pancakes at Sunset Cafe inside Sunset Station.

• 99-cent shrimp cocktail special available daily at the Player's Deli at the Tropicana.

• \$1.99 The original, classic shrimp cocktail at the Golden Gate's San Francisco Shrimp Bar & Deli.

• \$2.99 The "Big Shrimp" cocktail at the Golden Gate.

• \$2.95 Bay shrimp cocktail at the Westside Deli at Circus Circus.



"Blue Man Group"

- Free upgrade on tickets
- Upgrade also offered for "Phantom: The Las Vegas Spectacular" & "Le Rêve"