



Las Vegas



Where?

Nevada, USA (in South-West)

Facts and figures

- the world's capital of gambling and shows
- also known as: Sin City, The Entertainment Capital of the World
- 40 million visitors every year
- founded in 1905
- desert city (Mojave desert/Nevada)
- desert climate (temperatures: minus 13 (night, record low) and plus 47 °C (day, record high))

Things to do



- wide choice of casinos (the most famous ones: New York – New York, MGM Grand, Caesar's Palace, The Venetian ...)
 - themed hotels: gondolas like in Venice at The Venetian, pyramids like in Egypt in The Luxor, a small Eiffel Tower at the Paris, The Mirage: artificial volcano that erupts every night, throwing up lava and fire 40 m high, Bellagio: Poker players must be prepared to play for a minimum of \$ 80,000, etc. (some tourists travel to Las Vegas only to see the hotels!)
 - most famous streets: The Las Vegas Strip, Fremont Street
 - famous for its nightlife, neon lights, 24/7 gambling
 - shows with popular Hollywood stars (Britney Spears, Celine Dion, or in the past Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra)
 - luxury shopping outlets
 - wedding chapels (wedding and divorce are uncomplicated in Nevada)
 - Stratosphere Tower – 350 m high, highest entertainment park in the world. Attractions: thrill ride outside the edge of the tower and a free fall 108 stories down (sky jump)!
- In the area
- Death Valley (Eastern California):
 - 86 m below sea level
 - Furnace Creek – hottest temperature ever recorded in the US (56,7 °C)
 - Grand Canyon (see fact card)
 - Hoover Dam (water reservoir and power station)
 - Lake Mead
- Water – a problem!
- not enough water for 2 million inhabitants + 40 million tourists a year
 - Lake Mead – water reservoir for Las Vegas running dry
 - massive need of water for gardens, fountains, tourist attractions

For more information see:

<http://www.lasvegas.com/activities/>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Las_Vegas
<http://www.stratospherehotel.com/Tower/Rides/SkyJump>

1 themed hotel – Motto-Hotel, 2 artificial – künstlich. 3 furnace – Brennofen