

## **Vegas Right Now! Podcast by Shaunda Necole**

### **Episode 1 - What Is The Las Vegas Strip?**

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Welcome to Vegas Right Now! I'm Shaunda Necole, a food and lifestyle Blogger, travel influencer, and author of the second volume of *100 Things to Do in Las Vegas Before You Die*.

Look for it in bookstores in 2025!

I'm the perfect balance of everything Las Vegas: food, fun, and the best travel life hacks that make you feel like you won the jackpot.

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I created Vegas Right Now, my podcast and travel tips blog, to tell you all about my favorite city, *"the real Las Vegas"* tourists rarely get to know.

We proudly call it The Entertainment Capital of the World, and believe me, Las Vegas lives up to that name!

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Tune in, as I unveil iconic casinos, secret hotels, world-class entertainment, shopping, stunning natural attractions, the most sought-after restaurants, and the most searched-for speakeasies.

Oh, and of course, why you should visit the Sphere. Because in Vegas, the luxury is unmatched, and there's so much to explore.

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Las Vegas is my country and the Strip is my hometown.

Despite all the excitement around Las Vegas and the city's unprecedented number of casinos, neon signs and the extraordinary world famous reputation, family, friends and first time visitors to Sin City still ask me what is the Las Vegas Strip?

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In short, the Strip is the place to be.

Picture a dazzling desert night illuminated by a kaleidoscope of neon lights, where the line between reality and fantasy blurs into a realm of boundless possibilities.

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A place where dreams are woven into the fabric of a city that never sleeps.

A place where every corner reveals an exciting adventure and the air crackles with electrifying energy.

This, my friends, is the legendary Las Vegas Strip.

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So buckle up, because the Las Vegas Strip is more than just a destination.

It's a whirlwind of emotions, a fusion of cultures, and a Symphony of lights that will ignite your imagination.

If you plan a trip to this iconic destination, here's what to know.

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So what is the Las Vegas Strip?

The Las Vegas Strip is a well known St. called Las Vegas Blvd.

That spans 4.2 miles, starting at the Strat Hotel near Sahara, Ave. on the North End, and ending at the Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas sign just past the Mandalay Bay Hotel on the South end.

## **2:48**

Despite its short distance, it's a popular tourist destination, taking in approximately 43,000,000 visitors annually and of course, still counting.

With towering resorts, sprawling casinos and endless entertainment options, it's no wonder why this bustling Blvd.

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Is a must visit destination for anyone visiting.

Here are the top facts and stats about the Las Vegas Strip.

All right, starting with length, the Las Vegas Strip again is approximately 4.2 miles.

That's about 6.8 kilometers long.

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Its location, most of the Las Vegas Strip is located within unincorporated Paradise Township and census designated town and not actually within the Las Vegas city limits.

Go figure, we'll talk more about that the number of hotel rooms.

### **3:40**

The Strip boasts over 150,000 hotel rooms, making it one of the largest hotel concentrations in the world.

High Roller, the High Roller Observation wheel at Link Promenade on the Strip, is the world's tallest observation wheel at 550 feet high, 167 meters.

### **4:01**

And of course, we can't forget Sphere Las Vegas.

This entertainment venue holds the distinction of being the largest spherical structure in the entire world.

Now, Vegas's average visitors, Vegas attracts over 40 million visitors annually and iconic landmarks include the Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas sign.

### **4:23**

Inaugurated in 1959, it's one of the most iconic and photographed strip landmarks.

It's located on the South end of the Strip, just past the Mandalay Bay Resort and of course the dancing fountains of Bellagio, the Bellagio's fountain show which features dancing water choreographed to music and light, and it uses over 1200 individual jets.

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Wowza more about the Las Vegas Strip location, So the area where the most iconic hotels and tourist attractions are located is Las Vegas Blvd.

Yet surprisingly, the Las Vegas Strip is not actually in Las Vegas.

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This is really fun to know.

An interesting fact that few people know is that a significant portion of the Strip falls within the boundaries of Paradise and unincorporated town in Clark County, Nevada and not actually within the city limits of Las Vegas.

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So, like many things in Las Vegas through the creation of Paradise is linked to drum roll. Please, none other than casinos and gambling.

The town of Paradise was created so that the casinos there could avoid paying taxes to the city of Las Vegas.

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Go freakin' figure.

All right.

While a small part of Las Vegas extends into Las Vegas Blvd.

At the northern end of the Strip, Las Vegas Blvd.

S is widely regarded as the official Las Vegas Strip.

The famous hotels and casinos on South Las Vegas Blvd.

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Have made the area internationally renowned.

A few of these iconic hotels within Paradise include the Venetian Caesar's Palace, the Bellagio MGM Grand Hotel, the Cosmopolitan Planet Hollywood and the Luxor Hotel.

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The iconic Egyptian Pyramid Hotel located at the southern end of Las Vegas Blvd.

The world famous Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas sign is considered the southernmost point on the Las Vegas Strip.

Interestingly, like the Strip, the sign is not officially located within Las Vegas city limits, so there's just something to know before you go.

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Doesn't really matter.

You'll forget all of that when you're having fun on this trip.

Now, what are some of the highlights of the Las Vegas Strip?

The Strip is home to some of the world's most famous resort hotel casinos again including Bellagio, The Venetian, Caesar's Palace, MGM Grand, Wynn Las Vegas and many, many more.

## **6:52**

Even secret hotels are nestled inside.

The famous hotels and clandestine Speakeasy bars and restaurants are tucked away and hidden right in plain sight.

It makes Vegas so fun.

Now each hotel offers unique style, attractions, entertainment and gaming options to embody what's known as the Las Vegas experience.

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Not to be confused with the Fremont Street Experience in Downtown, Downtown Las Vegas, what we also call DTLV, Downtown Las Vegas.

But we'll talk more of that about that in another episode now, the Las Vegas Strip, hotels and entertainment about those.

## **7:30**

So you can enjoy a bird's eyes, a bird bird's eye view and a closer look at Las Vegas's best places from the top of the Eiffel Tower replica at Paris Las Vegas Hotel and Casino or wander into miniature Manhattan at New York, NY Hotel and Casino.

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You can then add a touch of Italian flair to your Las Vegas Strip tour with the gondola rides at the Venetian along its canals.

Or immerse yourself in an underwater adventure by visiting the shark Reef at the island theme hotel, Mandalay Bay.

The Bellagio Fountain shows attract crowds of tourists all throughout the day.

## **8:08**

And let's not forget the most impressive of all, live entertainment.

What Las Vegas is known for the entertainment capital of the world.

The biggest names in musicians, magicians and comedians in concerts, exclusive residences, and world class.

## **8:24**

Only in Vegas shows.

It all happens here on the Las Vegas Strip.

Now how about fine dining on the Strip?

Besides entertainment and luxury, the Las Vegas Strip is famous for its diverse and exciting dining options.

Vegas has some of the best restaurants in the world.

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You'll find an impressive selection of award-winning celebrity chef restaurants and gourmet buffets that cater to every palate.

With a wide range of international cuisine, it's a haven for food lovers like myself seeking the ultimate in dining experiences.

## **8:58**

Now what about the shopping?

OK, unlike any other city, many of the large hotels on the Las Vegas Strip are inclusive of their very own shopping malls.

It's freakin' amazing.

High end shopping malls like the Forum Shops inside Caesar's Palace or the Grand Canal Shops at Venetian offer luxury retail experiences with many boutiques and stores.

## **9:21**

Then there's the Fashion Show Mall that mixes moderately priced, well known retailers with high end department stores or the shops at Crystals.

They offer a unique shopping experience with exclusive luxury stores and brands like Christian, Louboutin, Chanel, Hermes and Gucci.

## **9:39**

With many more malls and big brand stores like Target, Marshalls, Ross or Burlington, this 4.2 mile stretch of the Las Vegas Blvd.

Is a dream destination for shopping enthusiasts no matter what your wallet or budget.

And of course last but certainly not least, the casinos on the strip.

## **9:59**

The Strip is home to Las Vegas's world famous casinos.

The major draw to Las Vegas.

Duh.

So you can try your luck at various games from slot machines to poker table games like blackjack and roulette, even sports betting, high limit games and so much more.

## **10:20**

Now here are some of your frequently asked questions about what is the Las Vegas Strip.

Now here we're starting with question one.

What was the first hotel built on the Las Vegas Strip taking a trip back down memory lane?

That would be the El Rancho Las Vegas, which Thomas Hall opened.

## **10:39**

It was Las Vegas, first hotel and casino on the Las Vegas Strip opening on April 3rd, 1941.

Now you also ask which part of Nevada is the Las Vegas Strip located or Nevada?

I say Nevada.

I'm from Virginia originally, so go figure.

## **10:56**

The Las Vegas Strip is in Southern Nevada, USA.

Specifically, it is situated in the southernmost region of Clark County, Nevada.

Las Vegas itself is the largest city within Clark County.

And of course, the famous Las Vegas Strip runs throughout the heart of the city.

## **11:15**

Technically, it runs mostly through paradise, but we'll go with running through the heart of the city.

***100 Things to Do in Las Vegas Before You Die.* A book by me, Shaunda Necole, will allow you to navigate with confidence as you explore the exuberant Vegas attractions, tours, and nightlife like you've been doing this for years!**

## **11:36**

**Trust me, your Vegas insider, to transform your travel planning with an authenticity that only a local connoisseur can provide.**

**I'll unfold the Las Vegas experience with my savvy tips and insider knowledge so you can dive into the heart of the most famous desert metropolis.**

## **11:56**

**Saver bites off the beaten path, then encounter hidden gems from hush-hush speakeasy-style restaurants and bars to unchartered outdoor adventures.**

**Vegas promises never to have a shortage of fun things to do.**

**And I've curated the best of the best just for you all for you to know before you go.**

## **12:15**

**By way of my incredible book of must-see 100 things to do. The highly anticipated *100 Things to Do in Las Vegas Before You Die* by Shaunda Necole will be available on Amazon and in bookstores in Spring 2025.**

## **12:32**

What age do you need to be in Las Vegas to gamble in Las Vegas?

The legal age to gamble is 21 years old.

This age requirement applies to all forms of gambling, including casino games, slot machines, sports betting, poker rooms, and other gambling activities.

## **12:49**

A valid government issued ID such as a driver's license or passport.



It is imperative to prove your age when entering a casino or participating in gambling activities in Las Vegas.

No one really asks you for your ID, but if you look under 21 like I do, of course then you will be carded or I'd.

### **13:08**

So you definitely want to have your ID on hand.

Now if you are under 21, you cannot gamble in Vegas casinos and cannot be on the casino floor.

But if you are under 21, believe it or not, there are still an impressive list of things to do on the Las Vegas Strip with kids and with teens.

### **13:27**

And again, more on that in a future episode.

Or you can check out articles about that right away on [vegasrightnow.com](http://vegasrightnow.com).

Now you also ask, how far is the Welcome to Las Vegas sign from the Strip?

So situated less than a mile from the last hotel in the Strip, Mandalay Bay on the South end, the Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas sign is less than a 3 minute drive from Mandalay Bay.

### **13:53**

What is the best way to see the Las Vegas Strip from above?

To get a spectacular bird's eye view of the iconic Las Vegas Strip, you have a few options, starting with the High Roller observation wheel.

So the High Roller, which is located at the Link Hotel in its promenade, is the world's tallest observation wheel.

### **14:13**

It offers panoramic views of the Las Vegas Strip and the surrounding areas.

Each enclosed cabin is a spacious is spacious and air conditioned and you can get wonderful pictures of the fabulous Las Vegas Strip or the Stratosphere Tower.

The Stratosphere Tower, the hotel is actually known as the Strat now, is located at the North End of the strip and offers an exhilarating way to see Las Vegas.

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From above you can take an elevator to the towers observation deck with 360° city views.

There are also thrilling rides at the top for adventure seekers.

You could also do a helicopter tour, so helicopter tours are a really popular and fantastic way to see this trip from above.

## **14:55**

Several companies offer helicopter tours that take you on a scenic flight over the city, providing breathtaking views of the Strip and its iconic landmarks.

There are also hot air balloon rides in Vegas, and they're just another unique way to experience Las Vegas from above.

## **15:12**

Now while these typically take you a bit farther from the Strip, you'll still get stunning city views and the surrounding desert landscape.

And then as I mentioned before, there's Paris Hotel and casinos.

Eiffel Tower.

You can buy a ticket and ride to the top of Paris 46 stories up the Eiffel Tower replica of the world famous Paris, France landmark.

## **15:35**

Rise above the frenzy of the strip for the most amazing aerial views.

And lastly the cosmopolitan suite, balconies and private terrace views.

We call it the Cosmo.

This hotel is described as a party hotel that tries to be a luxury hotel.

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That said, the Cosmo is one of the only hotels on the Strip with in suite private balconies for epic strip views.

Now how long will it take to actually walk the entire Las Vegas Strip from South from North End to South?

## **16:08**

Many visitors are interested in walking the Strip, but there's no easy way to answer how long it will take to walk the entire thing.

The Las Vegas Strip again is approximately 4.2 miles long, and the time that it takes to walk this distance can vary depending on your walking pace, the stops you make along the way, or any monorail trams that you can take in between to get there faster, or weather conditions, to name a few possible variables that could come into play during your journey.

## **16:38**

I've walked from Treasure Island Resort TI, which is not the end of the Strip.

There are still other hotels like Circus Circus Resorts World, Fountain Blue, lots of hotels beyond that to get to the end at the Strat.

So starting from Treasure Island and walking to Mandalay Bay and I took about 3 monorail rides in between.

## **16:59**

That casual stroll without stops was about a two hour trek from the North End to the South end of the strip.

So here are my pro tips for how to walk the Vegas Strip one.

Absolutely.

Wear comfortable shoes. 2 Las Vegas weather becomes extremely hot during the summer months.

## **17:17**

Remember, it is the desert.

A mile long walk on the strip might be tolerable in the heat, but not enjoyable for the entire length.

And three, bring a portable phone charger.

If you plan to take a lot of pictures during your walk, take it from me.

I've had my phone die before I got back to the other end.

## **17:36**

So if you walk continuously at a moderate pace without stopping from end to end, it might take about 3 to 4 hours to cross the entire length of the Las Vegas Strip.

Now, you also ask, what is the street name of the Strip in Las Vegas?

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In Las Vegas?

In case you didn't catch it earlier, the street name of the Las Vegas Strip is Las Vegas Blvd.

S That is the official name of the road that runs through the heart of the city and is home to the many famous hotels, resorts and attractions that define, that define the fabulous Las Vegas Strip.

**18:14**

It's often called Las Vegas Blvd. or the Boulevard as us locals affectionately call it for short, or its world renowned name, the Strip.

Now what are you most looking forward to doing when you visit the Strip?

Thank you for joining me for this episode of Vegas Right Now.

**18:33**

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**19:00**

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