

Tempting Las Vegas

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Located in the Mojave Desert, Las Vegas is quite literally an oasis within an arid climate known for its blistering heat and parched landscape. The city itself has been amicably coined the "Disneyland for Adults", a candid referral to its comprehensive offering of gambling, nightlife, and all things tempting and forbidden. And really, who can argue the appeal of a city with street names such as *Paradise* and *Casino Center Boulevard*?

This is the city where little fish come to swim in a really big pond. The tourists have dollar signs in their eyes, and million-dollar dreams in their heads. With such a glittery reputation, it's no wonder that Las Vegas' population continues to steadily increase. Even for those not interested in the forbidden fruit of gambling, Las Vegas is a city of promise where people come to pursue their dreams. Undoubtedly, it is the apple to the world's Eve.

Las Vegas feels no shame in its reputation. In fact, the city promotes its tempting nature through its unforgettable slogan, "What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas". And indeed, visitors adhere to this mantra religiously. I am, after all, fairly certain that I am not the only one who has heard stories from friends about their naughty Vegas adventures. For that matter, I have some stories of my own! However, despite the wild, fast lane entertainment that Vegas promotes, it actually has another – much less publicized – side. In fact, the city has a tame family-friendly alter-ego; a world of dolphin habitats, medieval dinner shows, and theme-park grade thrill rides. Regardless your purpose or pleasure, Las Vegas truly has a little "golden nugget" of goodness to offer everyone.