

ITINERARY FOR USA 12 NIGHTS/13 DAYS

Day 01- ARRIVE LAS VEGAS

Vegas is a **neon splash of colour** in the middle of Nevada's dustbowl landscape. Isolated by hundreds of miles of desert it feels like it is divorced from the rest of the [United States](#), and seemingly from reality.

Getting here is part of the experience. It is a **pilgrimage** to the American Dream and, amidst its undoubted debauchery and tackiness, Las Vegas epitomises the Dream like nowhere else. Everyone in this amazing city is made equal. Presidents dance with disco queens and Hollywood legends serve burgers.

Las Vegas can **make you or break you** at the flick of a card, the roll of a dice or the random crank of a handle. But wealth is only a part of the dream. Vegas encapsulates everything it is to be American - its heroes and villains, its virtues and vices.



Here **Elvis** and **Sinatra** are alive and well, and forever young. Venice, the Eiffel Tower and the Pyramids are merely a cab ride away from each other except bigger, brighter and, in that case, better than the originals.

Suspend your disbelief and plunge through the silver screen into the **living movie** that is Vegas - it's here to entertain you.

Arrive in Las Vegas meet and greet at the airport and transfer to your Hotel
Checkin the hotel
Overnight in Vegas

Day 02: GRAND CANYON WEST RIM LAND TOUR-WITH BREAKFAST AND LUNCH



Prepare for the adventure of a lifetime as you cross the forbidding Mojave Desert to explore the West Rim of the Grand Canyon. From locations such as Guano Point and Eagle Point, the rim offers some of the clearest views of the mighty Colorado River. This tour also takes in an ancient forest and a Native American village.

Relive all your childhood dreams as you zoom across the Mojave in a journey perilously undertaken over the centuries by conquistadors, missionaries, cowboys and settlers. Drive through a 900-year-old Joshua tree forest before arriving at the Grand Canyon West bus depot.

From the depot transfer to a luxury coach for a 21km (13 mile) journey to the rim of the canyon on an old dirt track off limits accessible to the general public. The sense of expectation will be almost unbearable as you approach one of the world's great natural wonders. Behold the Grand Canyon, up to 29km (18 miles) wide at some points and carved as deep as 1.6km (1 mile) into the earth by a 446km-long (277 miles) stretch of the Colorado River.

The West Rim of the Grand Canyon is renowned for its spectacular red rock formations and a number of outstanding features that have made it one of the most popular areas. Among the many landmarks are Guano Point and Eagle Point, where the famous Skywalk is located near the dwellings of the Hualapai Native American tribe. See also the Grand Canyon West Ranch.

Meeting/pick-up point: Collection from hotels.

Duration: Some 11 hours from hotel to hotel.

Start/opening time: 6am.

Languages: English.

Overnight at the hotel

Day 03: LAS VEGAS NIGHTS HELICOPTER TOUR

Day is at leisure



In the evening join Vegas Nights Helicopter Tour and soar through the night's sky inside Maverick's ECO-Star helicopter, affectionately known as the limousine of the sky. Seize this once in a lifetime opportunity to see the City of Lights from most spectacular view possible. Vegas Nights is an amazing helicopter tour flying over the resorts of the Las Vegas Strip from the New York-New York skyline to the never fading light of the Luxor pyramid.

Toast to your night prior to your departure from the Las Vegas terminal, when you are served a complimentary glass of champagne then watch as the Bellagio fountains shimmer in the lights from the Strip and the water dances before your eyes. The dazzling sight of Las Vegas' twinkling lights will take your breath away on this twelve to fifteen minute flight. Gasp at the rollercoaster of New York-New York and stare in awe at your panoramic view of iconic sights such as Caesars Palace and the Paris sign. Your VIP limousine hotel pick up and return from hotels within five miles of the Strip will ensure that your experience with us is glamorous and stress-free from beginning to end and the six person capacity of the helicopter ensures that your journey is exclusive and private.

The Vegas Nights Helicopter Tour is the perfect way to end your day or start your night, and the photo opportunities afforded will ensure that you capture stunning mementos of this voyage to keep forever.

Meeting/ Pick up point: Executive Terminal at McCarran International Airport (right across the street from the Mandalay Bay).

Duration: Approximately 10-12 minutes flight.

Start or opening time: Departure Times Vary per Season.

Others: Photo ID is required upon check-in for all flights. Fuel charge collected directly and varies depending on tour (subject to change). Complimentary round-trip transportation from hotels located on the LV Strip provided. Please call 702 405 4300 within 48 hours to reconfirm booking.

Overnight at the hotel

Day 04: LAS VEGAS

Breakfast

Day is at leisure to explore the city on your own.

Overnight at the hotel

Day 05: LAS VEGAS – LOS ANGELES

Transfer to the airport to board your flight to Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, the city of Angels, is an incredibly **diverse** space that defies a single definition, but when you consider it spans over a thousand square miles that's not particularly surprising.

This sheer sense of scale is the thing that will hit you as you clear the mountains and receive your first glimpse of LA - this is [America](#) at its most exuberantly big. The city fills a vast basin between the high land and the ocean, and stretches north and south as far as the eye can see, and that's from the air. Once you're on the ground you might as well forget about getting your bearings. Los Angeles is a **dizzying** maze of high rise buildings, wide **boulevards** and **freeways** - all pulsating with humanity.



The entire city is like one of its movie sets made real - from the skyscrapers of downtown to the green hills of **Hollywood**. And it is populated by people living movie lives - from the spectacularly well-heeled to the immensely downtrodden.

Head for **Santa Monica** or **Melrose** and you'll find everyone has a pitch or a line to throw you. They're an actor, singer, screenwriter, or director with a movie that "Spielberg is looking at *right now*". The amazing thing is that everyone you talk to in this way actually believes it, and after a while you do too. It's infectious. If New York is the gateway to the American Dream then Los Angeles is the inner sanctum of the TV nation. NY can catapult you to high office, or put you at the helm of a multi-national corporation; Los Angeles appeals to the base heart, it can make you famous.

And that is the key to this **kaleidoscopic** city. There is no fun here in having wealth, talent or looks unless everybody knows about it. That is why everyone has their patter, that's why the boardwalk at **Venice** is permanently teeming with performance artists and that's why people drive with the top down, even on the freeway. The people of Los Angeles don't need the neon of Vegas to light up the city; they are their own brightest stars. This is what makes it the most vibrant and changeable place on earth, a modern **wheel of fortune** with 14 million people *knowing* that their number will be the next one up.

But, as well as the home of opportunity, this is the city of lost ambition. You will see the contrasting fortunes as you move through the city, LA has a consumer culture like nowhere else and the beautiful people and the cash always move on. Even this has its own allure, adding a *frisson* of danger and instigating an endless spirit of dynamism and devil-may-care that never leaves you no matter how long you stay.

Arrive Los Angeles meet and greet at the airport

Transfer to the hotel

Checkin the hotel

Day is at leisure

Overnight in the hotel

Day 06: LOS ANGELES-UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

After breakfast



Welcome to lively LA, the glittering movie capital of the world. For a real taste of what it's all about join this full day tour of action-packed entertainment all in one place: Universal Studios Hollywood.

Universal Studios Hollywood is the world's largest movie studio and theme park. Prepare to be thrilled by exciting rides, amazing shows and incredible movie action. The excitement starts as you walk the red carpet to the imposing entrance gate. From here you enter the glitzy world of the movies. Unique and ground-breaking attractions will keep you entertained all day long.

Laugh till you cry on The Simpsons Ride, featuring the show's classic humour and many of its instantly recognizable characters - all voiced by the original actors. Experience hair-raising thrills and heart-pounding surprises on rides like the Revenge of the Mummy thrill coaster and Jurassic Park's 80-foot raft plunge. Take adventure to the next dimension in the Shrek 4-D attraction with effects so real that all your senses will be on ogre-time. Have your mind blown away by the epic Transformers Ride 3-D. Be astounded by the stunts and explosions of Waterworld or cool off and sing along to the Blues Brothers show. Oh, and don't forget a must visit trip to the studios to get a behind the scenes peek at how it's all done.

If all of this movie action has made you anxious to see a film, head off to the state of the art IMAX cinema in City Walk to see a new release. And while you're here, make the most of the fantastic shops and restaurants on offer.

Meeting/ Pick up point: Hotel pick ups and drop offs available from SELECT hotels in Los Angeles / Hollywood Area OR directly from Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood. In Anaheim departure from the Starline Terminal located at 640 W Katella Ave.

Start or opening time: Los Angeles / Hollywood the departures from Grauman's Chinese Theatre at 9am for full day and 12.30pm for 3/4 day. In Anaheim Departs at 11.00am from Starline Terminal.

End or closing time: Please confirm pick up and drop off locations and times directly with supplier at least 48 hours prior to tour departure.

Overnight at the hotel

Day 07: LOS ANGELES-GRAND CITY TOUR

After breakfast



Become an expert on Los Angeles when you take this all-encompassing grand city tour lasting five-and-a-half hours in the company of a knowledgeable and informative guide. Be introduced to one-of-a-kind destinations, including the capital of the world's entertainment industry, chic playgrounds of the rich and famous, historical and architectural gems and trend-setting art scenes unlike any other.

Enjoy a short stop at Rodeo Drive, the premier retail street, where celebrities shop at stores such as Gucci, Prada, Versace, Chanel and Louis Vuitton. Stop to explore Hollywood Bowl, the famous modern amphitheatre set in a natural bowl in the hills and venue for some of the most memorable musical moments in the city's history. Discover the extraordinary La Brea Tar Pits, where natural tar oozes from the ground – over the millennia these sticky pits have trapped innumerable animals, including mammoths and sabre-toothed tigers, whose bones are preserved.

Stop at Olvera Street to enjoy the fun Mexican atmosphere of a maze of thoroughfares in what can claim to be the birthplace of Los Angeles. Visit Walt Disney Concert Hall, one of the most acoustically sophisticated concert halls in the world with cutting edge architecture featuring a series of stainless steel curves. For lunch we'll call in at the famous Farmer's Market and shop at The Grove, LA's newest outdoor shopping centre.

A treat for LA lovers lies in store with this comprehensive tour of the city's top sites.

Meeting/pick-up point: Hotel pick-up and drop-off available from select hotels in Los Angeles/Hollywood Area or directly from Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood.

Duration: 5.5 hours.

Start/opening time: 9am. Please confirm the pick-up and drop-off time and location with the supplier at least 48 hours before the tour begins.

Languages: Access to eight different languages via headset: Spanish, French, Italian, German, Portuguese (Brazilian), Japanese, Chinese (Mandarin) or Korean.

Overnight at the hotel

Day 08: LOS ANGELES

After breakfast

Day is at leisure to enjoy the beautiful city on your own

Overnight at the hotel

Day 09: LOS ANGELES- HAWAII

After breakfast

Transfer to the airport to board your onward flight to Hawaii

Described by Mark Twain as "the loveliest fleet of islands that lies anchored in any ocean", Hawaii's name alone brings to mind romantic strolls along the beach, swaying palms and hula dancers. In fact this textbook cliché is not at all far from the truth, its year-round **balmy climate** - rarely dropping below 27 degrees - laidback lifestyle and **tropical flora** and fauna completing the bucolic picture.

The volcanic archipelago that makes up the [USA's](#) 50th state stretches over 128 islands. Some of the volcanoes (most notably **Kilauea**) still spew lava today, a dramatic contrast to the palm-fringed golden beaches that line the coast. Hawaii is home to 1.2 million inhabitants, only one percent of whom are indigenous Hawaiians. The remaining fusion of people from all over the world, including large numbers from Japan and Europe makes the islands a real **cosmopolitan** hotpot. From hulas to disco, junk food to tea ceremonies, shrines to surf clubs, Hawaii has a bit of everything.



The majority of visitors to Hawaii tend to stay on the island of **Oahu**, the most built-up - and hence least typically Hawaiian - of the islands. The resort of Waikiki in Oahu's main city Honolulu is, needless to say, renowned the world over and though touristy, makes an excellent base for further exploration, with all the amenities you could possibly need right to hand. The other main islands, namely Maui, "Big Island" (or Hawaii island), Kauai and Molokai, each have their own charms and varying amounts of tourism. Wherever you go, though, you're pretty much assured of good weather, lovely beaches and spectacular natural scenery, which, after all, is why most people come here.

Arrive Hawaii meet and greet at the airport

Transfer to the hotel

Checkin the hotel
Day is at leisure
Overnight in the hotel

Day 10: HAWAII- PEARL HARBOUR, ARIZONA MEMORIAL & PUNCHBOWL

After Breakfast



Relive the moment in history that launched America into World War II when you visit Pearl Harbor, the Arizona Memorial and Visitor Center. Then you will see Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery and tour the City of Honolulu. This completely narrated excursion includes Arizona Memorial, Film & Footage of the 1941 Pearl Harbor Attack, drive through of the Punchbowl National Cemetery, Iolani Palace, Kawaiahaeo Church, Statue of King Kamehameha, and Mission Houses Museum. Overnight in the hotel

Day 11-12: HAWAII

After breakfast
Day is at leisure to enjoy the beautiful city on your own
Overnight at the hotel

Day 13: HAWAII

Breakfast
Transfer to the airport to board your flight back to Melbourne.

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**\$ 4995/- PER PERSON ON DOUBLE SHARING BASIS**

**\*\*\*Upgrade to 5 star in \$ 290 per person\*\*\***

### **INCLUDES-**

- 04 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN HAWAII WITH BREAKFAST
- 04 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN LOS ANGELES WITH BREAKFAST
- 04 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN LAS VEGAS
- 01 GRAND CANYON WEST RIM LAND TOUR WITH BREAKFAST AND DINNER IN LAS VEGAS
- 01 NIGHT HELICOPTER TOUR IN LAS VEGAS
- 01 UNIVERSAL STUDIOS TOUR IN LOS ANGELES
- 01 GRAND CITY TOUR IN LOS ANGELES
- 01 PEARL HARBOUR, ARIZONA MEMORIAL AND PUNCHBOWL TOUR IN HAWAII
- RETURN AIRPORT- HOTEL- AIRPORT TRANSFERS ON SHARED BASIS IN HAWAII, LOS ANGES AND LAS VEGAS
- AIRFARE ON QANTAS AIRWAYS AND HAWAIIAN AIRLINES

### **EXCLUDES**

- ANYTHING NOT MENTIONED IN "INCLUDES"
- ANY EXTRAS TO BE PAID DIRECTLY
- VISA COST IF APPLICABLE

## **HOTELS USED**

- LAS VEGAS - HOTEL ARIA -5\* Deluxe room
- LOS ANGELES – HOTEL MARRIOTT RESIDENCE INN BEVERLY HILLS-4\* Studio queen size bed
- HAWAII- WAIKKIKI PARC HOTEL-4.5\* -Deluxe ocean view room

**Remarks:** Rates subject to change and availability depending upon airline/ hotel/ rate of exchange fluctuation, etc. The above is just a quote and no booking has been made.

Normal check in time in the hotels is 1400 hrs and check out at 1200 hrs.

All the above mentioned rates are quoted in Australian Dollar, unless mentioned in any other currency.

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