

Technical & Fun Tours

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Tour 1: NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE - CANCELED!

All Day

Time: 9am until 3pm

Cost: \$20 includes transportation; lunch is at your own expense

Important: This tour requires a minimum attendance of twenty participants or it will be cancelled. This tour is a combination of walking and riding.



Nellis is called the "Home of the Fighter Pilot," and for good reason. Nellis is a member of the United States Air Force's Air Combat Command and home of the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, and home of the Thunderbirds. With five wings and more than 150 aircraft, the Warfare Center is responsible for advanced combat training, tactics development and operational testing. The Center also conducts worldwide combat operations with the Predator unmanned aerial vehicle. Located approximately eight miles northeast of downtown Las Vegas, Nevada, and covering more than 14,000 acres, Nellis Air Force Base provides advanced combat training for composite strike forces, which includes every type of aircraft in the Air Force inventory. An integral part of Air Combat Command, Nellis employs a work force of approximately 12,000 military and civilian personnel, making it one of the largest single employers in southern Nevada. <http://www.nellis.af.mil>

Tour 2: BELLAGIO HOTEL – DANCING FOUNTAINS - SOLD OUT!

Morning

Time: 8:30am until noon

Cost: \$10

Important: This tour has maximum of twenty participants. This is a walking tour.



Experience behind-the-scenes of the most ambitious, commanding water features ever conceived! Bellagio's world-famous fountains features opera, classical and whimsical music while executing the playful choreographed movements. You'll be swept away by this breathtaking union of water, music and light. Take time to visit the Bellagio Conservatory and Botanical Gardens where exotic plants and flowers are changed for seasonal displays. http://www.bellagio.com/pages/frameaset_flash.asp

Tour 3: CITY CENTER PROJECT

Morning

Time: 8:30am until noon

Cost: \$15 includes monorail round trip ticket

Important: This tour has a maximum of twenty participants. This is predominantly a walking tour.



A presentation and first phase view of Las Vegas' true 21st-century city, and by 2010, the Las Vegas Strip's futuristic new look, typified by the new Project City Center. The 66-acre development is being created by MGM Mirage as a mixed-use urban center appealing to local residents as well as tourists. Project City Center, which will be located on the site of the Boardwalk Hotel-Casino, is still in the developmental process. The initial design phase is scheduled to take about 18 months. The first phase of the project will include 1,650 luxury condominium-hotel units along with a 4,000-room hotel-casino; three 400-room boutique hotels; and 550,000 square feet of retail, dining and entertainment space. Construction of the first phase will take approximately 42 months, with an opening anticipated in 2010. <http://www.citycentermgm.com/>

Tour 4: DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Morning

Time: 8:30am until noon

Cost: \$15



This tour is an open house with project presentations at the Desert Research Institute, which is a non-profit research unit of the University System of Nevada, with campuses in Reno and Las Vegas. The institute supports ~500 research faculty and staff, conducting over \$32 million in environmental research each year. At any give time, DRI is engaged in about 300 scientific research projects from our main research campuses in Las Vegas (Southern Nevada Science Park) and Reno (Dandini Research Park), with subsidiary campuses in Boulder City, Nevada and Steamboat Springs, Colorado. DRI's environmental research programs are directed from three core divisions (Atmospheric Sciences, Earth and Ecosystem Sciences, and Hydrologic Sciences) and four interdisciplinary centers (Center for Advanced Visualization, Computation and Modeling, the Center for Arid Lands Environmental Management, the Center for Watersheds and Environmental Sustainability and the Frank H. Rogers Center for Environmental Remediation and Monitoring). Grounded in fundamental research, they provide innovative solutions to pressing environmental problems and balance the need to develop resources while protecting and sustaining the environment. For the people of Nevada, their commitment is the application of scientific understanding to the effective management of all the State's natural resources while meeting needs for economic diversification and science-based educational opportunities. <http://www.dri.edu/>

Tour 5: ATOMIC TESTING MUSEUM

Afternoon

Time: 1:00pm until 5:00pm

Cost: \$15



The Atomic Testing Museum portrays world history through varied representations of the story of the Nevada Test Site and its programs. The museum features many not seen before, first-person narratives, large iconic artifacts, environmental re-creations, theatrical devices, and interactive elements for personal exploration. It also presents multiple viewpoints expressed in multi-media presentations and stunning graphics. Founded in 1998 to preserve the legacy of the Nevada Test Site, the museum's parent organization, Nevada Test Site Historical Foundation was founded with a mission to document and interpret the unique history associated with 50+ years of nuclear weapons research and testing conducted at the Test Site.

<http://www.atomictestingmuseum.org/>

TOUR 6: ETHEL M CHOCOLATE FACTORY, M&M WORLD, AND WORLD OF COCA COLA

Afternoon

Time: 1:00pm until 5:00pm

Cost: \$15



Ethel M Chocolates is a delicious treat found only in the Las Vegas desert. Visitors take a self-guided tour, complete with step-by-step placards and video demonstrations. Large glass windows provide a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the candy-making process, from the preparation of candy fillings to each piece of candy being wrapped individually in foil. The Ethel M Chocolate factory tour ends in the Chocolate Shoppe. The Ethel M Chocolate Factory is the result of a century-long family tradition of using unique recipes and the finest ingredients to make chocolate. Two years after his "retirement" from the candy making industry, Forrest Mars launched a gourmet line of chocolates and named it after his mother, Ethel. After the factory tour, visitors can stroll through the lush, 3-acre Botanical Cactus Gardens. With more than 350 different species, the cactus garden is one of the largest of its kind in the United States. Some of the many cacti and succulents displayed at the garden are Ocotillo, Beavertail cactus, Compass Barrel cactus and Teddy Bear Cholla. Walkways weave their way through the garden, and visitors are able to sit on benches throughout the property and take in the scenery. Various trees, from the Twisted Acacia to the Desert Willow, provide shade. Another attraction not to be missed at Ethel M is the "Living Machine." Using live bacteria, algae, protozoa, snails and fish, the revolutionary waste water treatment system recycles 100 percent of the factory's wastewater. Located just beyond the gazebo in the Botanical Cactus Gardens, the "Living Machine" recycles 32,000 gallons of water a day using no chemicals. The water is used for site landscaping.



M&M World is a 28,000 square-foot, four-story monument to chocolate featuring one-of-a-kind gifts and souvenirs designed solely for M&M'S WORLD®. Also showing daily, free 3-D movie, "I LOST MY "M" in VEGAS, starring RED and YELLOW!

http://www.mymms.com/merchandise/las_vegas.asp



World of Coca-Cola - Coca-Cola opened their third World of Coca-Cola museum in Las Vegas back in 1997, the location of the building is on Las Vegas Blvd. Part of the design of the building is the Coca-Cola well-known hobble skirt bottle shape, which is the largest bottle shape building in the world. The building has 4 floors, the first 2

floors are the place where you can buy some Coca-Cola souvenirs and some other Coca-Cola commemorative stuff.

TOUR 7: STAR TREK: THE EXPERIENCE - SECRETS UNVEILED SOLD OUT!

Time: 1pm until 4 pm (tour starts at 2:15pm)

Cost: \$40

Note: Tickets for the Klingon Encounter and Borg Invasion 4_D may be purchased on site, if available, or ahead of time at www.startrekexp.com

Important: This tour requires a minimum of ten participants and has a maximum of twenty participants. If demand for this tour is high, a 4:15 tour may be added

One-hour guided backstage tour of Star Trek: The Experience. Hear about the technology and engineering of this \$70 million attraction. Access is provided to restricted areas and secrets about how the extraordinary effects are created.

Following the tour, guests can attend the Experience itself.

<http://startrekexp.com/index.php?p=what&sloc=overview>