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Synopsis

This guide provides tips on how to enjoy the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas on any budget. It offers details on how to escape the neon lights and explore Hoover Dam, Grand Canyon and southwest Utah as well as a seven-page casino gaming section.

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Customer Reviews

As usual, the guidebook standard is set by Lonely Planet.-- Outside

I am a fan of Lonely Planet books for last 4 years. This was my first trip to Las Vegas and with help of this book it was more enjoyable and I could plan better about visiting Grand Canyon and few other places. Maps are very helpful. Eventhough things keep changing in LV 24/7/365, the reviews about casinos, and shows are very informative. You could just read the book over and over again.

I am with one of the Poster,s that The LP Travel Books is the best Travel Books written nowadays. What I like best is the Road Maps at the end of this book for those who go to Las Vegas by Motor Vehicle.

While this Lonely Planet Guide is a decent enough guide filled with the "usual suspect" type of attractions, hotel and restaurant info, I must agree with "A Reader from Long Island" (Australian comment aside) that this guide is disappointing. Yes, it seems well researched regarding some of the historical aspects of the area... (but who really gets a travel guide for a history lesson?) However

if you are a frequent traveller to Vegas like myself you'll do better with a more off-the-beaten-path guide such as the "Unofficial Guide to Las Vegas." I mean really, to list chain establishments that are pretty much nationwide such as Applebee's and Krispy Kreme as "Killer Vegas Eateries" does no one a service and shows a lack of imagination. Give us a real taste of Sin City! Hey Avant Guide, when are you gonna hit the Strip and show us something new and exciting?

This is one of the smaller books I own on Vegas, which makes it perfect for toting in a pocketbook or backpack. It has some great photographs in it, and the tabbed format makes it easy to skim through and find what you're looking for. Of course, because it's on the slim side, this does NOT have thorough information on all of the hotels, restaurants, attractions, etc. that can be found in Vegas. So keep that in mind. This is great to carry with you as you wander around Vegas. It has the numbers of cab companies. It has the highlights of each casino so you can know what to look for. It has notes on restaurants, in case you don't have a particular one in mind and find yourself hungry. Most of the information is pretty generic - hours of operation, dress guidelines, quick descriptions. This isn't a massive tome. It's a pocket book. It gives you what you need to get where you're going. While I have other Vegas books that are invaluable for actually choosing hotels and main restaurants, they are too big to actually carry with me on the strip. This book fills in that great niche, to have a reference guide with you as you go walking, to make decisions as you go.

I have always preferred LP travel guides to any other guide. The been-there-done-that pithy writing style, combined with coverage of the off-the-beaten-path areas make my vacations (or business trips) memorable. However, this one stands apart from the other LP travel guides. This guide is only 232 pages, about the size of a novella. Missing are the cheap eats, some transportation information, and the typical insider's insights. Reading the information, I got the feeling that this was less of an insider's guide, and more of a condensation of the visitors guides published by the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce. As a result, I was somewhat disappointed by this one. Still, it is on par with the other travel guides on Las Vegas, just not up to the LP standards.

Doggett's Las Vegas is the best travel guide for planning a trip to this desert mecca. It is informative and easy reading. I used it to plan a family reunion in Vegas and the book was more than helpful. We even carried it as a guide throughout the trip. What I liked best about this book is not having to read pages and pages of useless information before finding what you need. It was to the point and accurate. Vegas attractions change on a daily basis and this book kept up with them. It is by far the

best of the bunch in Vegas guides. I highly recommend it for anyone planning a trip to Vegas or just looking to read about this fascinating city.

I've always preferred Lonely Planet guides when I travel. I wasn't disappointed with the new LP Las Vegas guide. It gives you pretty much all the information you need for a good vacation in Vegas. Best of all, it's a nice portable size. I was able to keep it in my purse the whole time and whip it out at a moment's notice. Despite the good coverage of information in this guide, it doesn't go as in depth as the Frommer's guide, which is probably a better guide for planning your vacation before you leave, while the LP guide is good for traveling around the city.

Heck, it's the ONLY guidebook I've ever read from cover to cover. I go to Vegas a lot and thought I knew the place, but there are sooo many places and things about Vegas I didn't know of that this guidebook describes. And the book is hysterically funny. I just kept on reading it. It's addictive. Sometimes I pick it up and read parts of it for a second or third time. The book is full of good information and it's a total crack up. It's a really good thing to read on a plane on your way to Vegas. You land with a new appreciation for the place and in a really good mood.

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