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Las Vegas: Where to Stay

As you probably already know, Las Vegas is a world class tourist destination with well over 100,000 hotel rooms. It may seem odd then that there are weekends when it is hard to find a place to stay. Be sure to book early.

The following list of options for Las Vegas is based on ease of access to Red Rock Canyon.

Camping – The Thirteen Mile Campground

There is currently only one option for camping near Red Rock Canyon. The Thirteen Mile Campground has can be found approximately two miles east of the Red Rock Scenic Loop on West Charleston Boulevard (SR 159).

Old Nevada, Bonnie Springs (www.bonniesprings.com)

The motel at Bonnie Springs is a mere ten minute drive from the Red Rock Scenic Loop. This is a rural motel in the desert on SR 159. They have a small restaurant, but little else. This is the perfect place if you want to get away from the bustle of Las Vegas.

Red Rock Station (www.redrockstation.com)

This hotel casino is approximately ten minutes from the Red Rock Scenic Drive. It has numerous restaurants, spas, stores, and movie theatres inside. It is also across the street from the popular climber brew pub hang-out, BJs Brewery.

The Suncoast and the JW Marriot (www.suncoastcasino.com) & (<http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/LASJW>)

These two hotels are right next to each other on Rampart, approximately twenty minutes from Red Rock Canyon. The Suncoast is a hotel casino with movie theatres and restaurants and the JW Marriot is a “high-end” hotel.

Holiday Inn Express

If you wish to stay in a place with a little less glitz – but that is still in the city – the Holiday Inn on Sahara and Durango is the perfect place. This hotel is in the heart of “every day” Las Vegas. There are no real casinos near by, but there are lots of restaurants, stores, and a movie theatre. The Holiday Inn is about twenty minutes from the Red Rock Scenic Drive. The address for this hotel is 8669 W. Sahara and the phone number is 702-256-3766.

The Strip

If you wish to stay on the Strip, the hotels on the southern end of the Strip provide the easiest access to Highway 215, the highway that accesses Red Rock Canyon. Hotels on the south end of the Strip with easy access include Excalibur, Luxor, Mandalay Bay and Tropicana. These hotels are approximately thirty-five minutes from the Scenic Loop. For directions from the Strip, see the directions below.

Allow forty-five minutes travel time for hotels in the center of the Strip, on the northern Strip or in Downtown.

Directions: Red Rock Canyon

There are two possible alternatives for transportation to Red Rock. You may choose to enlist our hotel pick-up service for a small fee. Or you may choose to drive out to Red Rock on your own. If you choose to drive, you will generally meet your guide at the Red Rock Canyon Scenic Drive Fee Gate.

Red Rock Canyon Scenic Drive Fee Gate

Just to the right of the Red Rock Fee Gate there is a small parking lot. Do not go through the fee gate to access the lot. Just before you reach the gate, take a left hand turn. Take the first right into the parking lot. Beware, there is an arrow right on the edge of the lot that makes it look like you are turning into a one way street. This arrow is merely to tell people which way to turn as they leave the lot. We will meet in this small lot at the prescribed time.

From the South Strip and the Airport:

The southern end of the Strip includes anything south of Sahara Avenue or south of the Sahara Hotel Casino.

To get to Red Rock Canyon, drive south on Las Vegas Boulevard to Highway 215. Take 215 west. This freeway is a beltway around the city. After driving for approximately 16 miles you will reach West Charleston Boulevard. Exit and go left (west) on Charleston. Follow Charleston for about ten minutes. You will pass the campground and arrive at the Fee Gate shortly thereafter.

From the Northern Strip and Downtown:

Almost exactly between the Stratosphere Hotel Casino and Downtown Las Vegas is Charleston Boulevard. Take Charleston west – toward the large sandstone mountains in the distance – for approximately forty minutes. Eventually you will cross Highway 215 and enter the desert. The Fee Gate parking lot can be found approximately ten minutes beyond 215.