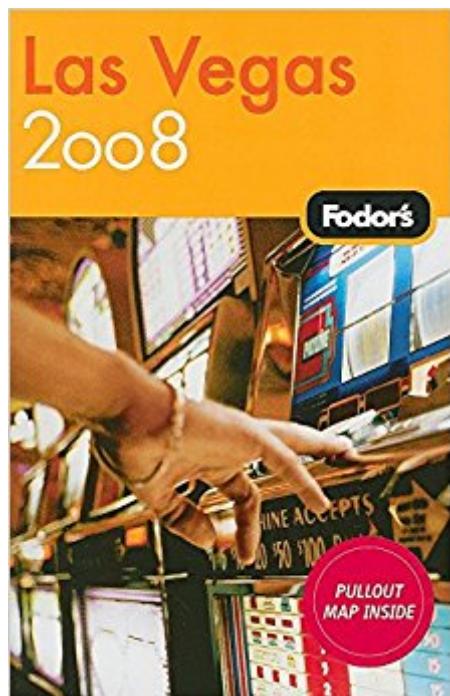


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# Fodor's Las Vegas 2008 (Travel Guide)



## Synopsis

Sin City is hotter than ever, with nearly 38 million annual visitors indulging in all the glitz and glam it has to offer. Fodor's Las Vegas 2008 takes a savvy, insider look at the city, uncovering the secrets that every traveler needs to know. A new, photo-rich design highlights what's best about Sin City in an easy-to-use format. A new "Experience Las Vegas" section rounds up the best of the city in one place. Size up what to do quickly with snapshot descriptions of the best attractions. A new "Where to Stay and Play" chapter profiles mega casino-hotel properties with four- to five-page spreads that include side-by-side hotel and casino reviews as well as bulleted lists of attractions, restaurants, shows, nightclubs, and shops for each property. A "Gamble" chapter tells you what to play, how to play, and where to play it. A special feature brings neophytes up to speed with a breakdown of the comp game, an overview of casino etiquette, and a primer on table lingo. A Pullout map

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I purchase guidebooks for two reasons: first, to have a handy resource guide I can use to for its maps, phone numbers, and addresses, and, second, for a chance to find overlooked, new, or hole-in-the-wall places to go that I might not think of or discover on my own. Fodor's 2008 guide does an okay job on both these points, but not exceptional. Perhaps Las Vegas just has too many hotels, restaurants, and other attractions for the guide to list even their most basic information, but it can be frustrating to look up a fairly well-known attraction (for a needed phone number and address) and not find it. It's less frustrating, but also less worthwhile, to sit back on the plane and flip through the guide looking for something new to do in a familiar place and not find anything ... and that happened, too. The guide hits many of the high points and does appear to try to spend time looking for a few "secret hideaways," but I think it does only an adequate job in each area. Perhaps the handy-but-somewhat-unnecessary gambler's guide could be shortened. Yes, the information there is cool and understandable, but there are dozens of better-written and easily available guides to gambling ... most of which can be found in the Las Vegas Airport or a casino gift shop. Maybe the guide could excise a few pages from the "around Las Vegas" sections, where it talks about attractions a good hour or two drive from the city. Still, those ARE things you aren't likely to find out about on your own. Maybe the guide simply needs to be longer. Anyway, I think the Fodor's Guide to Las Vegas is about as good a guide as I've seen ... but that's just not saying a lot.

For several years I've been using the Fodor's published books when going on vacation and wouldn't consider another product. When planning my visit to Las Vegas (having never been there) it was very helpful and detailed. The book is organized very well and now contains comments that have been submitted by other travelers. There are a lot of things to do in Vegas and this book tells you all you would need to know.

I didn't like this book very much. The Fodors New York was very useful for me, so I decided to buy Fodors again for Las Vegas. The text style has changed. I guess Fodors is trying to be more hip and cool to attract readers from Lonely Planet and Rough Guides, but seems pathetic. The guide

tells which hotel has the best groovy pool for you to see and been seen. Rubbish. And I must say that only some hotels are listed. I wanted to know their opinion about Signature by MGM Grand, cause it's very well quoted in Trip Advisor, but it's not mentioned. Well, it was very disappointing.

I have been visiting Vegas every year or two for about 20 years. I try to get as much new information as I can about it before I leave. Fodor's guide helped me considerably because it lets me know what's new so I can go right to it. I especially like the maps in the book. I'm going to take the pullout map with me. This book answered all my questions and answered them well.

When I receive the fodor's (Los Angeles, San Francisco and Las Vegas) I ordered month ago, I honestly didn't expect to be so good, it has been an incredible help when planning my next vacations. Thanks for being such a good tool for us (internet buyers). Pao

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