

Taxi

The taxi cab industry in Las Vegas is very tightly regulated by the Nevada Taxi Cab Authority. You can catch a cab outside the baggage claim area at the airport ...or at the main entrance of any hotel. You'll see a line, but it usually moves very fast. A little known fact is that Las Vegas cabs are prohibited by law from stopping for a customer on the street ...even if the cab is empty! Taxis may only pick up at hotels and established pickup points. If you are going to and from points on the strip, it is far cheaper to take the (No. 301 or 302) strip bus than a taxi cab.

There are 16 taxicab companies in the Las Vegas area, each making an average of 2 million trips a month . Every taxicab company is assigned a block of numbers for their cabs.

LAS VEGAS CAB COMPANIES

A-Cab Co.- (702) 365-1900
Ace Cab Co. - (702) 888-4888
A-North Las Vegas Cab
(ANLV) - (702) 888-4888
Checker Cab Co. - (702) 873-8012
Deluxe Cab Co. - (702) 568-7700
Desert Cab Co. - (702) 386-4828
Henderson Taxi - (702) 384-2322

Lucky Cab Co. - (702) 477-7555
Nellis Cab Co. - (702) 248-1111
Star Cab Co. - (702) 873-2000
Union Cab Co. - (702) 888-4888
Vegas Western Cab Co., (702) 888-4888
Virgin Valley Cab Co. - (702) 888-4888
Western Cab Co. - (702) 736-8000
Whittlesea Blue Cab Co., (702) 384-6111
Yellow Cab Co. - (702) 873-2000

In order to have more cabs available on the weekend and during peak times, some cabs are time restricted to Friday to Sunday ...or Noon to 2 a.m. operation. To cut down on crimes against cab drivers, cameras are installed in all taxicabs

Cab fares in Las Vegas

Sixteen taxicab companies service the Las Vegas valley. When you enter a taxicab, the driver will start the taximeter (referred to as the "drop") and an initial charge of \$3.30 will register. If a taxi ride originates at McCarran International Airport, an additional airport surcharge of \$1.80 per trip is added to the taximeter.

After the initial "drop", the taximeter will assess a fare of \$2.60 per mile (\$.20 for each 1/13th of a mile traveled). If the taximeter senses that the taxicab is moving less than 8-12 MPH, the taximeter will assess a charge of \$.25 (twenty-five cents) every 30 seconds (\$30.00 per hour waiting time). That is why the taximeter continues to accumulate charges even when the taxicab is not moving. Once the taximeter senses that the taxicab is moving at a speed greater than 8-12 MPH the fare calculates on the actual distance traveled

Most Las Vegas strip hotels are two to five miles from the airport. So using the above formula, the cab fare (from the airport) should be between \$12.00 and \$17.00 ...up to a couple of bucks more if traffic is slow and "waiting time" is assessed." Cab fare from the airport to a downtown hotel is about \$5 more.

AS A GENERAL RULE:

Cab fares from McCarran Airport to the South Strip Such as to the Mandalay Bay, MGM, NY-NY hotels	\$12
Cab fares from the McCarran Airport to the Center Strip Such as to the Bellagio, Mirage, Paris hotels	\$16
Cab fares from McCarran Airprt to downtown Such as to the Golden Nugget	\$24

Variables as traffic, traffic lights and pedestrians can add quite a bit to the average cab fare. Most cabbies are honest, but there are some that will take the long haul "scenic" route ...or through the tunnel connecting the airport to I-15.

If three or more people are traveling together, it is cheaper to take a cab rather than the airport shuttle. Nevada law provides that up to five passengers can ride in a taxicab for the one price listed on the taximeter. Passengers cannot be charged individually. Five passengers are permitted, as long as the driver does not carry more than two passengers in the front seat of the taxicab. Las Vegas taxi cabs do not accept credit/debit cards as payment.

As a taxi rider in Clark County Nevada, you have the right to dictate the destination and route used by the driver. Ask the driver to take the most direct route to your hotel. A taxi driver may not refuse even a very short trip. No smoking is allowed. You are entitled to receive a receipt if requested from the driver. Unless you wish to give a tip, pay only the amount displayed on the taximeter. (For good service, tip a dollar if the fare is under \$10.00, otherwise \$2.00.)

Those are the rules. If you have any complaint or have accidentally left something in a cab, call the [Taxicab Authority](#) at: (702) 486-6532 (staffed 24 hrs.) Their office is located at: 1785 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89104. They have a staff of Investigators who respond to public complaints.

In order for the Taxicab Authority to investigate a complaint, you must include in your statement: Your name, date and time of incident, where it occurred, the cab company and cab number. It is also helpful to include the driver's name and driver's Taxicab Authority Permit number if you can get it.

Estimated Taxi Fares

I used Taxi Fare Finder for the following and California Hotel as the central location for downtown.

They say it's max 5 people (two people in front, usually unless it's a small SUV)

Orleans Hotel to Mirage Hotel (Beatles)

Estimated Fare:
\$14.95

Per Las Vegas, NV taxi rates \$17.19 incl. 15% tip

Cost with Traffic

\$12.48 Light Traffic
\$14.95 Medium Traffic
\$18.05 Heavy Traffic

California Hotel to Mirage Hotel (Beatles)

Estimated Fare:
\$17.91

Per Las Vegas, NV taxi rates \$20.60 incl. 15% tip

Cost with Traffic

\$14.98 Light
\$17.91 Medium
\$21.57 Heavy

California Hotel to Orleans Hotel (Headquarters)

Estimated Fare:
\$25.20

Per Las Vegas, NV taxi rates \$28.98 incl. 15% tip

Cost with Traffic

\$21.98 Light
\$25.20 Medium
\$29.22 Heavy

We'll be using a coach service for Sunday's Aloha Kitchen.

Orleans Hotel to Aloha Kitchen (Karaoke)

Estimated Fare:

\$15.34

Per Las Vegas, NV taxi rates \$17.64 incl. 15% tip

Cost with Traffic

\$12.69 Light

\$15.34 Medium

\$18.66 Heavy

California Hotel to Aloha Kitchen (Karaoke)

Estimated Fare:

\$21.56

Per Las Vegas, NV taxi rates \$24.79 incl. 15% tip

Cost with Traffic

\$18.25 Light

\$21.56 Medium

\$25.68 Heavy

FYI

Transportation from Airport to Hotel.

There are several shuttle services that run on a 24 hour basis from McCarran Airport to strip and downtown hotels. You need not purchase shuttle tickets in advance. Cost is around \$6.00 one way (about \$12.00 round trip) to strip hotels; \$8.00 to downtown (about \$16 round trip.) Suggest you buy a round trip if you must return to the airport. Prices include airport tax & fuel surcharge. All shuttle companies operate 7 days.

The shuttles can be found just outside the baggage claim area. Be sure to ask the driver for a telephone number and when to call for a pick-up to return to the airport. Allow two or three hours between pick-up and when your plane leaves!



The main shuttle services are:

Ambassador / Ritz - 4 a.m. - Midnight - To strip hotels: \$7.00 one way, \$13.00 round trip - To downtown hotels: \$8.50 one way; \$16.00 round trip - Off-Strip hotels - subject to hourly rate - (702) 362-6200 - Location: Terminal 1 - Outside Baggage Claim Door #11

Bell Trans - Open 24 hours - To strip hotels: \$6.50, Roundtrip: \$12 - To downtown hotels: \$8.00, Roundtrip: \$15.00, Off-Strip hotels: \$8.00, Roundtrip: \$15.00 - Walk-up limousine: \$57.00 per hour - Walk-up sedan - \$46.00 per hour - (702) 385-5466, (800) 274-7433 - Location: Terminal 1 - Outside Baggage Claim Door #8

CLS Transportation - Open 24 hours - To strip hotels: \$6.00, Round trip: \$12.00 - To downtown hotels - \$8.00, Round trip: \$16.00 - (702) 740-4050 - Location: Terminal 1 - Outside Baggage Claim Door #13

Executive Las Vegas - Open 24 hours - To strip hotels: \$6.00, Roundtrip: \$12.00 - To downtown hotels: \$8.00, Roundtrip: \$16.00 - Off-Strip hotels: \$7.00, Roundtrip: \$14.00 - (702) 646-4661 - Location: Terminal 1 - Outside Baggage Claim Door #8

Gray Line/Coach USA - Open 24 hours - To strip hotels: \$7.00, Roundtrip: \$13.00 - Downtown hotels: \$8.50, Roundtrip: \$17.00 - Off Strip: \$9.00 to \$12.00 - (702) 739-5700, (800) 559-9522 - Also can be booked online. - Location: Terminal 1 - Outside Baggage Claim Door #10

Showtime Shuttle - Open 24 hours - Strip hotels: \$6.50, Roundtrip: \$12.00 - Downtown: \$8.50, Roundtrip: \$16.00 - (702) 895-9976 - Location: Terminal 1 - Outside Baggage Claim Door #12

Shuttles between hotels

There are many free shuttles between hotels. More than are listed here. Ask the desk clerk when you check in if your hotel has any. The major ones are:

Bill's Gambling Hall to Gold Coast to The Orleans shuttle - Runs about every 30 minutes from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. The last shuttle leaves Bill's Gambling Hall at 12:30 a.m.. (Shuttle stops at a loading zone on the south side of the Bill's Gambling Hall near Bally's and across from Caesars Palace. The Gold Coast is next to the Rio and The Orleans is on Tropicana, a couple of miles west of New York-New York.)

Rio Hotel has a free shuttle service to Bally's/Paris and Harrah's Las Vegas. Pick up locations: Rio (Carnival World Buffet entrance); Bally's/Paris (Limousine entrance); and Harrah's Las Vegas (Shuttle/Bus/Trolley drop off.) Shuttle runs 7 days approximately every 30 minutes: 10 a.m. - 1 a.m., No luggage allowed

This is the complete website for the above information, kinda interesting.

<http://www.lasvegas4newbies.com/>

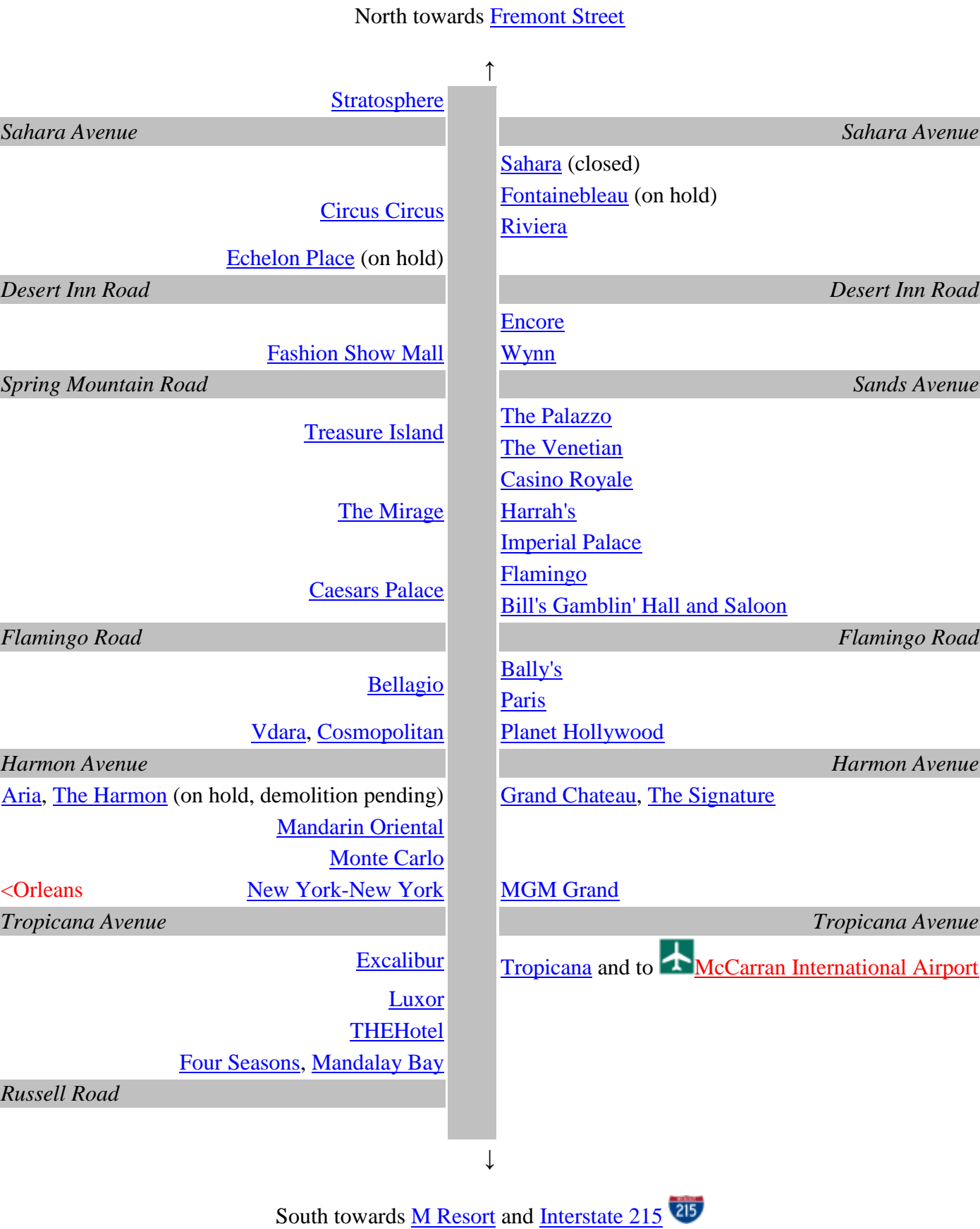
Orleans Hotel
4500 West Tropicana Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89103
Phone: 702-365-7111
Toll Free: 1-800-675-3267

California Hotel
12 East Odgen Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
Phone: 702-385-1222
Toll Free: 1-800-634-6505

Mirage Hotel
3400 Las Vegas Blvd South
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109
Phone: 702-791-7111

Aloha Kitchen
2605 S. Decatur Blvd. #110
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102
Phone: 702-364-0064

Map of Strip Hotel in relative terms to each other



THE LAS VEGAS STRIP

TO UTAH

STRATOSPHERE TOWER

SAHARA HOTEL

CIRCUS CIRCUS

ALGIERS HOTEL

WESTWARD HO

RIVERA HOTEL

STARDUST ON THE STRIP

CONVENTION CENTER DR.

LAS VEGAS HILTON

DESERT BLVD

FRONTIER HOTEL & GAMBLING HALL

FASHION SHOW MALL

WYNN LAS VEGAS

SPRING MOUNTAIN

TI

MIRAGE THE HOTEL AND CASINO

VENETIAN CASINO RESORT

SANDS EXPO

CASINO ROYALE

HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS

IMPERIAL PALACE

FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS

CAESARS PALACE

FORUM SHOPS

BARBARY COAST

WESTIN CASUARINA

FLAMINGO

BALLY'S LAS VEGAS

PARIS LAS VEGAS

ALADDIN RESORT & CASINO

BELLAGIO THE RESORT

BOARDWALK HOTEL AND CASINO

MONTE CARLO RESORT & CASINO

NY/NY HOTEL & CASINO

MGM GRAND HOTEL & CASINO

EXCALIBUR HOTEL - CASINO

TROPICANA RESORT & CASINO

LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO

MANDALAY BAY RESORT & CASINO

THOMAS AND MACK

McCARRAN AIRPORT - LAS

TO CALIFORNIA

UNLV

Graphic Map of Downtown

