

Celebrate New Years in Vegas

Las Vegas is a destination known for its extravagance and excitement. Fixx has partnered with Time Is Money Executive Concierge to bring you the best recommendations of what to try and taste in Vegas while ringing in 2009. Based on their 2008 adventures, Cynthia Pickering, founder of Time is Money, describes a New Years Eve getaway you're sure to love, complete with a few tips and tricks from the travel pros.



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For some, New Years Eve is a time to sit quietly in the privacy of their home, reflect on the past year and look forward to a new one. Others prefer to celebrate New Years Eve with a bang.

Although there are numerous options to enjoy New Years Eve in Calgary, why not pack a bag and experience the evening somewhere exciting? Take a few days away to catapult yourself in to 2009!

To focus in on the destination, Las Vegas is an exciting & surreal city where anything goes and there truly is something for everyone. Time is Money can organize groups and family trips, including weekend getaways with the girls, and romantic retreats, just to name a few. You really can find it all within the Strip.

Hotels

You can get hotels at any price point, but remember that if you want a five star, you must pay for a five star. This year, New Years Eve falls on a Wednesday, so there may be some midweek deals for both flights and hotels. However, buyer beware. Many cheaper flight options involve connections and inconvenient stopovers. Vegas is only a 3 hour flight, and saving approximately \$100 may mean a fairly lengthy flight.

Las Vegas has enough hotels for any taste or budget. We recommend a stay in the middle of the strip for the best Vegas experience.

For those on a tight budget, try Flamingo, NYNY, Excalibur or Harrahs. For something with a bit more pizzazz, Paris, Planet Hollywood, Treasure Island or MGM will do. If you really want to stay amongst luxury, you can't go wrong with Caesars, Bellagio, Venetian, Palazzo or The Wynn.

Looking to satisfy your palate? Do you want a buffet, something casual and quick or a special ambiance? Las Vegas has something at every price point. Some our favorites are Alex, PF Changs, Tao, Aureole, NOVE, Maggianos, FIX, In & Out Burger.



The Las Vegas Club Scene

The most popular questions clients ask us when we go to Las Vegas are where do we go and how do we get in? It's all about connections. It's not who you know, it's who we know. Our speed dial has connections in the best clubs in Las Vegas.

Go clubbing at the best ultra lounges like Blush, MIX, Christian Audgier or Tabu. If you're looking to rub shoulders with celebrities, check out LAX, PURE, TAO or Body English. Or hit the best clubs of the strip, like Tryst, Prive or Moon.

Las Vegas clubs are unlike anything you will ever experience at home. They are million dollar attractions. For starters, you don't sit down unless you have VIP Bottle Service - a very foreign concept in Canada. Generally, VIP Bottle Service in Las Vegas starts at \$600 per bottle for standard brands, although \$20,000 is not unheard of. The standard is a one bottle minimum per four people. There is room for negotiation in certain situations and with certain clubs; however, on New Years Eve, every inch of every club is a highly coveted space, so the rules may be strictly enforced.



Is VIP Bottle Service worth it? You really have to weigh your options. If you want to club hop and visit many clubs in one night, VIP Bottle Service is not recommended. If you plan to spend the majority of a night at one club, it really is the best way to enjoy your time. You'll have a place to sit, you make your own drinks with your choice of mixers, you have access to a waitress, a security guard to watch your belongings and you don't have to wait in line for drinks. This is the only way we experience Las Vegas.

For groups of four or more, it makes economical sense. VIP Bottle Service enhances your experience. Through our connections, we are able to get you on guest lists, which is a great way to see what the clubs are like without enduring long line ups.

With the start of the holiday season, we have already received information about who will be hosting or headlining New Years Eve venues. For example, at LAX, entry will start at \$200 USD per person and packages at \$2000 USD for four people (includes 1 bottle of vodka and 1 bottle of Dom Perignon). Body English is starting entry at \$150 USD per person and packages at \$2000 USD for four people (includes 1 bottle of champagne and unlimited premium liquor). As you can see, prices for everything, including general admission and VIP Bottle Service, jump for New Years Eve.

Remember that what we offer is different from club passes purchased through websites or promoters on the Internet. Time Is Money is impartial and will provide honest opinions. We make recommendations to meet your tastes, style and music preference. We are dedicated to providing you with the best Las Vegas experience, and to prove why it is one of our favorite destinations.

This is just a hint of our travel expertise. Check out our travel website for deals and ideas for New Years Eve, or any other getaways. Our destination planning includes trips to Miami, Mexico, New York City, Montreal, Quebec City and more. For help with travel ideas and itineraries, contact Time is Money.

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Time Is Money are your travel experts, having traveled in over 30 countries worldwide. In 2008 alone, they have made numerous trips to destinations including Montreal, Quebec City, Miami, New York City, Cabo San Lucas, Cancun and Mayan Riviera, and Las Vegas. With their passion of traveling to different cities at heart, Time Is Money provides their expertise to recommend the best locales for you to travel.