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YOUR INSIDER GUIDE TO LAS VEGAS LIVING



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WELCOME TO THE SPRING/SUMMER 2025 EDITION OF THE LOCAL EDIT

I created this guide because moving to Las Vegas is about so much more than cost of living charts, neighborhood comparisons, or utility checklists.

Sure—those things matter. But what about where to go for a great dinner? Where to catch a local jazz show on a Friday night? Where to find fresh produce—or the best burger in town?

That’s the real stuff. The things that make a city feel like home.

As someone who’s lived in Las Vegas for nearly two decades, and helped hundreds of clients relocate here, I know firsthand how important those lifestyle details are. So I pulled together my personal favorites, insider tips, and community highlights to help you experience Las Vegas the way locals do.

Whether you’re thinking of retiring here, downsizing, or just looking for a change of pace —this guide is your starting point for a vibrant, connected, and (yes) delicious next chapter.

Welcome to the version of Las Vegas you won’t find on Google.

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LAS VEGAS REAL ESTATE

Snapshot

MARKET PULSE

Builders are active, resale inventory is tight, and the buyer sweet spot is right now before the summer wave.

HOT COMMUNITIES

Ascension (Summerlin), Lake Las Vegas, Skye Canyon, and Grand Park in Summerlin — which has a host of new communities, some already under construction and others slated for late summer, early fall, and into 2026.

UPCOMING

Cello Tower breaks ground April 29; Four Seasons at MacDonald Highlands is 70% sold.** Builders are active, resale inventory is tight, and the buyer sweet spot is right now before the summer wave.



DINING OFF THE STRIP

Al Fresco



AL SOLITO POSTO (TIVOLI VILLAGE)

Chef James Trees brings East Coast Italian charm to Summerlin with this refined yet comfortable eatery. Enjoy handmade pastas and wood-fired pizzas on their charming patio.

ADA'S FOOD + WINE (TIVOLI VILLAGE)

Also led by Chef James Trees, Ada's features vibrant small plates and an extensive wine list. Their outdoor seating is a favorite for long, relaxed dinners.

FINE COMPANY (DOWNTOWN SUMMERLIN)

Chef Roy Ellamar's new local-favorite is known for its banana bread, brunch menu, and patio buzz. Elevated but relaxed.

HONEY SALT (RAMPART COMMONS)

A cozy farm-to-table favorite with a locally sourced seasonal menu. The outdoor space is great for brunch with friends or a quiet dinner.

AMERICANA & MARCHÉ BACCHUS (DESERT SHORES)

These two lakeside gems offer waterfront dining with distinct personalities:

- Americana: Modern American cuisine with global influences and an elegant-yet-casual vibe.
- Marché Bacchus: Classic French bistro fare and an on-site wine shop — a go-to for romantic date nights or brunch by the lake.

FARMER'S Market

ACROSS THE VALLEY



**DOWNTOWN SUMMERLIN
(SATURDAYS)**



**SKYE CANYON
(THURSDAYS)**



**THE LAS VEGAS FARM
(WEEKENDS)**



**FLOYD LAMB PARK
(SATURDAYS)**



**FRESH52 AT TIVOLI VILLAGE
(SUNDAYS)**



**BRUCE TRENT PARK
(WEDNESDAYS)**

SWEET TOOTH & SAVORY CRAVINGS OFF THE *Strip*

BAKE THE COOKIE SHOPPE

A local cult favorite



DIPPED BY DEE

Chocolate-covered elegance



YONUTZ

Smashed donuts +
milkshakes



SUZUYA PATISSERIE

Japanese cakes +
delicate pastries



CRAVE COOKIES

Stuffed and seasonal
indulgences



BURGERS & DONUTS



TOP LOCAL BURGER SPOTS

THE SPOT LV

Located at 8410 W Desert Inn Rd, The Spot LV offers a variety of smashed burgers, including the Classic Smashed Burger, Bacon Blue Cheese Smashed Burger, and Guacamole Smashed Burger. The venue is known for its fun atmosphere, scratch kitchen, and unique offerings like Funky Monkey Bread.

STAY TUNED BURGERS

Situated inside the Hard Hat Lounge, this spot is renowned for its classic smash burgers with hand-ground patties, house-made pickles, and diced onions, all served on toasted buns.

BAR CODE BURGERS

A family-owned establishment offering certified Angus beef burgers with a variety of toppings in a casual atmosphere.

FLANKER KITCHEN + SPORTS BAR

Recognized for its award-winning Wagyu smash burgers and vibrant sports bar ambiance.

ROLLIN SMOKE BARBEQUE

Recognized for its award-winning Wagyu smash burgers and vibrant sports bar ambiance.



BEST DONUT SHOPS

PINKBOX DOUGHNUTS

A local chain offering whimsical and colorful donuts, with multiple locations across the city.

SAINT HONORÉ

A women-owned, couture doughnut shop featuring brioche dough and seasonal flavors, all made from scratch daily.

GLAZE DOUGHNUTS

Known for their unique and flavorful creations, this shop has garnered a loyal local following.



COFFEE & COOL LOCAL *Shops*

BEST LOCAL COFFEE SHOPS

Vesta Coffee Roasters
Alchemy Coffee
Yaw Farm Coffee Roaster
Mothership Coffee
The Writer's Block – Books + brews



LOCALLY OWNED FASHION & GIFT SHOPS

Sassy the Boutique
For the Love, LV (Arts District)
Dandelion Boutique (Downtown Summerlin)
Moondog Accessories (local artisan gifts)



Soon to open

WHOLE FOODS & STARBUCKS GRAND OPENING

Opening May 15, 2025, near West Sahara and Downtown Summerlin. Grab your morning latte and fresh finds all in one stop!



DINING WITH YOUR *Dog* IN TOW



SUMMER TIPS: BRING WATER, SHADE, AND BOOTIES FOR HOT SIDEWALKS

GRAPE STREET CAFÉ (DOWNTOWN SUMMERLIN)

Pet-friendly patio and wine.

LAZY DOG RESTAURANT

Literally made for dog lovers.

BIG DOG'S BREWING CO

Spacious patio + dog treats during "Yappy Hour."

EGG WORKS

Offers a "Doggie Dish" (scrambled eggs + bacon).

MARKET GRILLE CAFÉ

Mediterranean food + a dog menu.

PARK ON FREMONT

Hip vibes and dog-friendly front patio.

BROKEN YOLK CAFÉ

Multiple locations with dog-welcoming patios.

LEONE CAFÉ (TIVOLI VILLAGE)

European café with a stylish dog-friendly patio.

CANONITA (THE VENETIAN)

Canal-side dining with your pup.

TRIPLE GEORGE GRILL

Classic steakhouse with sidewalk dining.

CROWN & ANCHOR BRITISH PUB

Outdoor patio welcomes pups and their humans.

MAKERS & FINDER

Latin-inspired eats in Arts District + Downtown Summerlin with outdoor seating.

COTTONWOOD CANYON PARK (PRE-MEAL STROLL)



LIVE LOCAL

-THEATRE, MUSIC, COOL SPOTS & *Weekend* HIKES



Don't miss her tribute show to Connie Francis. It's a nostalgic, high-energy performance in a venue dedicated to celebrating legendary music.

THEATRE & ENTERTAINMENT

Majestic Repertory Theatre
Las Vegas Little Theatre
The Space LV
Jazz in the Park (seasonal)
Live Bands: Tivoli Village, Ferguson's Downtown,
Green Valley Ranch

COOL SPOTS TO CHECK OUT

Bel-Aire Backyard at Durango Casino
Brooklyn Bowl at The LINQ
Punch Bowl Social
Jazz in the Park (seasonal)
The Nerd (Downtown)



BONUS OFFBEAT EXPERIENCE



ZAK BAGANS' THE HAUNTED MUSEUM

A spine-tingling downtown destination filled with paranormal artifacts and haunted Vegas lore. Perfect for curious visitors or spooky-loving locals.

WHEN YOUR ADULT KIDS VISIT:
HOW TO LOOK COOL IN LAS VEGAS



CATCH A CONCERT AT THE SPHERE

Whether it's U2 or another mind-blowing immersive show, it's a bucket-list venue that'll earn you major cool points.



WEEKEND HIKES (EASY & SCENIC)

- Calico Basin Boardwalk (Red Rock)
- Willow Springs Loop
- Wetlands Park Nature Preserve
- Jazz in the Park (seasonal)
- Lone Mountain Trail (quick + great views)

DRINKS AT GHOST
DONKEY

Hidden tequila bar at Cosmopolitan with glowing pink lights and unforgettable cocktails.



DINNER AT BARRY'S
DOWNTOWN PRIME

Classy, vibey, and full of Vegas charm.

LATE-NIGHT BITES AT
SECRET PIZZA

No signs. Just follow your nose. (Trust us.)



55+ LIFESTYLE & GIVING BACK



55+ REAL ESTATE COMMUNITIES TO EXPLORE

Sun City Summerlin

Regency at Summerlin

Trilogy by Shea Homes

Four Seasons at MacDonald Highlands

Bonus: High-rise luxury at Regency Towers (not 55+, but serene & elevated)

TOP LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTERS FOR ADOPTING

Nevada SPCA

The Animal Foundation

Hearts Alive Village

Homeward Bound Cat Adoptions

Foreclosed Upon Pets, Inc.

PLACES THAT ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS

Three Square Food Bank

Opportunity Village

Nevada SPCA

Project 150 (supporting local teens)

The Just One Project



FOOD FESTIVALS & LOCAL FAIRS TO *Savor* 2025

DREAM ASIA FOOD FEST

Feb 14–16 | DTLV Events Center – 90+ Asian food vendors, performances & Lunar New Year celebrations.

FOODIELAND FOOD FESTIVAL

April 18–20 | Las Vegas Motor Speedway – Over 230 food, craft, and entertainment vendors.

GREAT AMERICAN FOODIE FEST

May 9–11 | Desert Breeze Park – Food trucks, beer gardens, carnival rides & eating contests.

VEGAS UNSTRIPPED

April 27 | Palms Casino – Local chefs showcase exclusive dishes and cocktails in this hyper-local food fest.

UNLVINO GRAND TASTING

May 2 | Thomas & Mack – A celebration of wine, food, and hospitality benefiting UNLV.

GREAT VEGAS FESTIVAL OF BEER

April 5 | DTLV Events Center – Unlimited beer samples, food pairings & live music.

GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL

Sept 2025 | St. John the Baptist – Authentic Greek cuisine, dancing, and Mediterranean culture.

MORE LOCAL EVENTS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

AGE OF CHIVALRY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL (OCTOBER)

Held at Sunset Park, this annual fair transports you back to medieval times with jousting, food, and family fun.

DOWNTOWN SUMMERLIN SIGNATURE EVENTS

Look for seasonal festivals, like the Spring and Summer Art Walks, Wine Walks, and Food Truck Fridays.

FIRST FRIDAY LAS VEGAS (MONTHLY)

A Downtown Arts District tradition filled with local art, live music, food trucks, and street performers.



VEGAN & HEALTHY DINING IN *Las Vegas*

CROSSROADS KITCHEN

(Resorts World)

Plant-based fine dining with Mediterranean flair — truffle mushroom pizza, spicy rigatoni, and upscale vibes.

THE MODERN VEGAN

(Near UNLV)

Comfort food classics gone vegan: burgers, mac & cheese, brunch galore.

TRUE FOOD KITCHEN

(Downtown Summerlin)

A wellness-minded chain with beautiful bowls, edamame dumplings, and seasonal dishes for all diets.

FLOWER CHILD

(Summerlin)

Bright, cheerful, and great for nourish bowls, wraps, and salads.

SKINNYFATS

(Multiple Locations)

Split menus — “Happy” vs. “Healthy” — featuring vegan-friendly and indulgent comfort eats.

TACOTARIAN

(Arts District & Beyond)

Plant-based tacos with wild flavor combos and Instagrammable energy.



BOUTIQUES

& SPECIALTY SHOPS THAT

Deserve A VISIT



Gypsy

GYPSY05 LIFESTYLE BOUTIQUE

Downtown Summerlin

Boho-chic with a desert twist. Think flowy dresses, curated denim, and natural materials. Perfect for dressing up without trying too hard.



PATINA

PATINA DÉCOR – ARTS DISTRICT

Mid-century meets modern desert flair.

Vintage furniture, home accents, and treasures you didn't know you needed.



chloe rose

CHLOE ROSE BOUTIQUE – GREEN VALLEY/HENDERSON

Romantic, feminine, and always on-trend.

Locally owned and stocked with pretty things you'll actually wear (and get compliments on).



The NOW

THE NOW MASSAGE – SUMMERLIN & HENDERSON

Part experience, part retail therapy. The clean, minimalist vibe is perfect for gifting or treating yourself—aromatherapy oils, calming candles, and stress-melting massages.



Hip Stitch

THE HIP STITCH – SOUTHWEST LAS VEGAS

A modern sewing studio and fabric boutique. Great for creative types or those who love a locally made moment.

“GET OUT OF DODGE”

DAY TRIPS FROM *Las Vegas*

VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK

About an hour northeast of the city, this surreal landscape of red sandstone formations and ancient petroglyphs is a must for nature lovers and photography buffs.

MOUNT CHARLESTON

When you need to beat the desert heat, head just 45 minutes northwest. Enjoy cooler temps, pine forests, and scenic hikes — even snow in winter!

PAHRUMP WINERIES

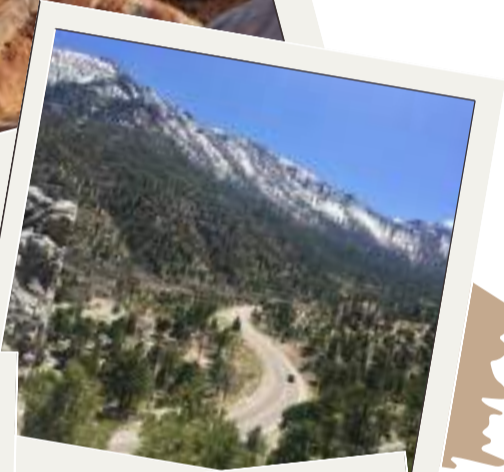
Yes, wine in the desert! Less than 90 minutes from Vegas, Pahrump offers casual tastings and laid-back charm at spots like Sanders Family Winery and Pahrump Valley Winery.

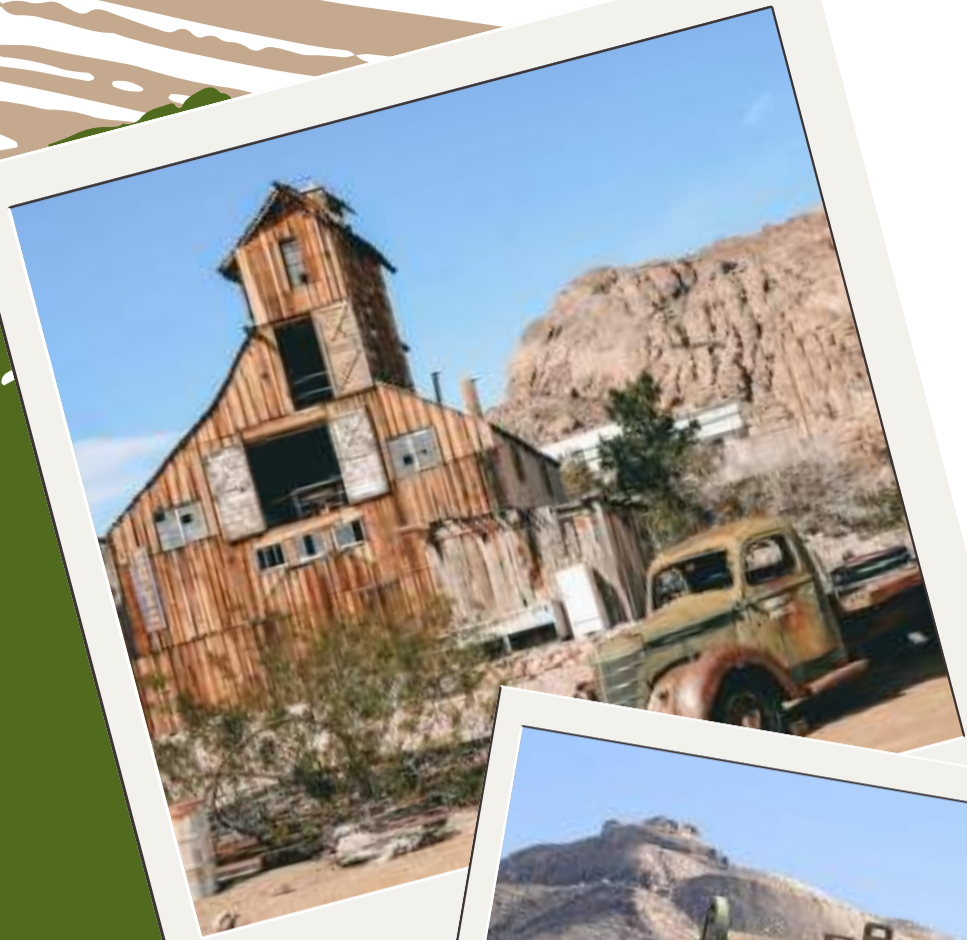
BOULDER CITY + HOOVER DAM

History, art deco engineering, and a cute downtown. Stop for lunch at The Dillinger or Milo's Cellar & Inn before walking the dam.

ZION NATIONAL PARK (UTAH)

If you're up for a longer day trip (about 2.5 hours each way), Zion delivers epic hikes, jaw-dropping views, and total perspective reset. Worth the early start.





NELSON GHOST TOWN

Just 45 minutes south of Vegas, this restored 1800s mining town is full of quirky photo ops, desert charm, and even a crashed plane movie set.

RHYOLITE GHOST TOWN

Located near Beatty, NV, this eerie and artistic ghost town features crumbling ruins, desert sculpture gardens, and a wild western vibe.

SEVEN MAGIC MOUNTAINS

A quick and colorful photo stop just 30 minutes from town. These massive neon boulders rising out of the desert are pure Instagram gold.

OUTPOSTX

More of an overnight stay kind of trip, located approximately 3.5 hours northeast of Las Vegas, OutpostX is an immersive, off-grid retreat set on a 240-acre dry lakebed near Beryl, Utah. Accommodations include cave villas, transparent Zen domes for stargazing, and Bali-inspired Sky Lodges. It's a unique blend of luxury, adventure, and imagination, making it a must-visit for those seeking an extraordinary getaway.

TECHATTICUP MINE TOUR

Take a step back in time with this guided tour through the oldest, richest gold mine in Southern Nevada, located in El Dorado Canyon



TOP 5 *Reasons*

TO HIRE ME TO FIND YOUR PERFECT HOME IN VEGAS

1

NEW CONSTRUCTION EXPERTISE

I know the builders, the incentives,
and how to time it right.

2

LUXURY MARKET KNOW-HOW

Whether you're relocating,
retiring, or moving up, I know
what's out there (and what's not
listed yet).

3

LOCAL INSIGHT

I've lived here since 2006 and can
introduce you to neighborhoods
that truly fit your lifestyle.

4

MARKETING POWERHOUSE

I bring the same high-level
branding and video strategy to
helping you find the right home.

5

RELATIONSHIP OVER TRANSACTION

My clients become long-term
partners and friends. I work with
you like I would for my own
family.





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