



## FACT FILE

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# Las Vegas



**OFFICIAL NAME** Las Vegas

**STATE** Nevada

**COUNTY** Clark County

**NICKNAME** Sin City

**GEOGRAPHY** Las Vegas is situated in a basin on the floor of the Mojave Desert and is surrounded by mountain ranges on all sides. The landscape is rocky and arid, the desert vegetation.

**CLIMATE** Subtropical hot desert climate with long, extremely hot summers; warm transitional seasons; and short winters with mild days & cool nights.

**WILDLIFE** Mountain lions, bobcats, sheep, coyotes, roadrunners, owls, tortoises and reptiles are among the hundreds of species that share the desert with Las Vegas.

**LARGEST HOTEL** MGM Grand, with 5044 rooms.

**ELVIS PRESLEY** Legend Elvis Presley played 837 consecutive sold-out shows at the LVH (formerly the Las Vegas Hilton)

## A BRIEF OVERVIEW

Mormons from Utah were the region's first settlers. They were attracted by the artesian springs in the arid valley. 'Las Vegas' is Spanish for 'the meadows'.

Las Vegas is known primarily for its luxury hotels, gambling casinos, and nightclub entertainment. It has become so popular that more than 40 million people visit the city every year.

The casinos, many of which