



TOP REASONS TO CHOOSE LAS VEGAS FOR MEDICAL TRAVEL

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- 1 Comprehensive Medical Care**

In addition to 16 hospitals with nearly 3,500 patient beds, Las Vegas offers access to a world-class collection of renowned medical experts, including the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health; Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada affiliated with UCLA Clinical Trials and the US Oncology Network; and Dignity Health Stanford Center for Neurosurgery.
- 2 Specialty Areas of Medicine**

Las Vegas' medical providers also excel in unique specialties such as brain health, executive physicals, age management medicine, reproductive/fertility medicine, cosmetic surgery, bariatric surgery, and dental treatments and cosmetic dentistry.
- 3 Las Vegas' Medical Services for Executives**

Las Vegas's medical community offers a variety of services designed for the executive business traveler as well as their guests. These services include comprehensive executive physicals; age management services; dental treatments; and cosmetic dentistry services.
- 4 A Destination for Continuing Medical Education**

Las Vegas is a destination for medical meetings. The city offers unique medical laboratory meeting facilities for hands-on bio-skills labs and surgical training; a clinical simulation center and specialized continuing medical and dental education training facilities in addition to traditional convention space. These venues are designed specifically for continuing medical education of doctors and nurses and other health care providers. In 2011, Las Vegas was ranked No. 1 on the "Top Healthcare Meeting Locations" list produced by the Healthcare Convention & Exhibitors Association.
- 5 Physician Expertise**

Southern Nevada is home to a diverse community of dedicated physicians, dentists and other practitioners representing numerous ethnicities, cultures and religions. They combine their diversity with exceptional training from institutions around the country and the world to offer medical travelers world-class-quality care in a world-class destination.
- 6 Hospital Accreditation**

All acute-care hospitals in Southern Nevada are Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations accredited. Many also maintain specialty accreditations.
- 7 Hospital Facilities**

Over the past five years, Nevada hospitals have supported technology infrastructure by spending nearly \$1 billion on construction of new facilities and major facility expansions and renovations, according to a 2011 Health Policy Report by University of Nevada School of Medicine. These newly constructed and remodeled facilities have allowed hospitals to offer the latest state-of-the-art surgical care in the areas of cardiology, orthopedics, and emergency and trauma services; and have created new space for diagnostic imaging, including PET, MRI, CT and Tesla Imaging as well as DiVinci Robotics, Cyber Knife and Gamma Knife, among others.
- 8 Electronic Medical Records**

Funded under the Broadband Technology Opportunities program, the Nevada Hospital Association received a \$19.6 million grant to construct and operate a statewide broadband network for the purpose of improving patient care by eliminating technology disparities between rural and urban areas through Telemedicine and Health Information Exchange (access to electronic health records).
- 9 Nevada Biotechnology**

The biotechnology industry is one of the fastest-growing in Nevada. It generates \$281 million in value output, employs 654 people and creates \$58 million in household income, according to the Nevada Office of Economic Development. New biotechnology research is being conducted to address the use of proteins to regenerate blood vessels, skin and other tissues. The Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health is focused on research, early detection and treatment of neurological diseases. And a 2012 National Institutes of Health grant is currently funding a clinical study to obtain FDA marketing clearance for a new in-vitro diagnostic test that forecasts the onset of sepsis pathology. All this, in addition to hundreds of clinical trials for cancer, is being conducted in numerous area hospital and cancer treatment facilities.

10 Licensing

To apply for the privilege of practicing medicine in the State of Nevada, a physician must pass stringent licensing requirements and comprehensive investigation programs. All physicians who pass the licensing process are required to maintain their licensure in good standing.

11 Academic Institutions

Nevada academic institutions of higher education provide medical, nursing, dental and pharmacology education to ensure that the future of medicine remains stable. These facilities include University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) School of Medicine; Touro University of Osteopathic Medicine; Roseman University of Health Sciences (pharmacology, nursing and dental schools); UNR School of Nursing; University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) School of Nursing; University of Southern Nevada School of Nursing; Nevada State College School of Nursing; College of Southern Nevada; National University School of Nursing; and UNLV School of Dentistry.

12 Accommodations

With more than 150,000 rooms, Las Vegas offers the best value proposition in the world. The average nightly room rate is \$107. The city also boasts unique accommodations such as the MGM Grand's "Stay Well" Suites for wellness-minded travelers and extended stay suites for relaxation as well as recovery and recuperation. Many hotel rooms and suites are eco-friendly and considered "green" environments, which may benefit the health-minded traveler as well as the recuperating patient.

13 Dining

There are few other cities in the world that are able to match our wide array of dining options available. Many great chefs have set up shop in Las Vegas restaurants, where patrons are consistently rewarded with great food. Las Vegas has options for every culinary taste, including vegan, superfood and farm-to-table choices.

14 Wellness Spas

The city also boasts more than 50 of the finest wellness spas and thousands of wellness treatments. It is one of the best collections of spas, treatments, salons and renowned stylists. Highlights include ultra-luxurious treatment rooms; private spa suite packages; individual, couple and group experiences; adventure and eco-tourism-spa combos; and fine dining and spa pairings.

15 Transportation

The close proximity of Las Vegas hotels, in many cases, eliminates the need for transportation as visitors can walk to many destinations. When transportation is required, however, Las Vegas offers myriad of options, including care rentals, buses, taxis, shuttles and the country's first automated monorail.

16 Pools

Visitors often choose to vacation in Las Vegas because of its fabulous year-round sunshine. Swimming in the many pools found in Las Vegas is a great way to enjoy a healthy activity and beat the heat.

17 Leading Global Spa Trends

Las Vegas spas lead the top global spa trends as defined by the acclaimed SpaFinder.com. Among the leading trends are culturally diverse treatments and services (Japanese stone beds, Turkish hammams, Shio salt rooms and Ayurvedic treatments, acupuncture and Moroccan rhassoul); healthy foot treatments and gait analysis; ice and cold therapies (arctic ice room, cedar wood saunas, laconium rooms, tea rooms); massage and reflexology (pre- and postnatal massage); wellness and beauty coaching; aquatic therapy, including Aquastretch™; organic skin and cellulite treatments; microdermabrasion and age-defying treatments; vibration, sound, music, light and color experiences; chakra balancing and dream interpretation; craniosacral therapy; beauty and grooming by world-class stylists; fitness and personal training services; diet, nutrition and healthy-eating counseling; and hypnosis for wellness.

18 Visitors with Disabilities

Las Vegas has more accessible guest rooms than any other city in the country. Hotels offer rooms with roll-in showers, transfer showers, and tubs with built-in or portable seats. For swimming pools, many Las Vegas hotels have lifts to assist you getting in and out. You may also find a beach entrance.

If you are certified to ride paratransit, bring your certification and you will be allowed to ride for up to 21 days without a Nevada certification. Call 702-228-4800 one to three days in advance to schedule rides.

Take time to talk to the reservation operator about your specific requirements, or if you need additional details, ask for the hotel's ADA coordinator.

19 Air Service

With more than 900 flights per day and nonstop services from 120+ U.S. cities, Las Vegas is easy on your time and budget. Additionally, international flights arrive daily from nearly every part of the world. McCarran International Airport is conveniently located just one mile from Las Vegas Boulevard. Most hotels are within a 15-minute drive from the airport.

20 Weather

Las Vegas averages 320 days of sunshine per year and averages less than five inches of precipitation annually. This warm, dry climate is attractive for leisure and medical travelers throughout the year and allows visitors to engage in outdoor wellness activities such as hiking, walking, running/jogging and horseback riding, which may be seasonally prohibitive in other destinations. The dry climate is also beneficial for medical travelers who benefit from warmer temperatures.

