The 2 sides of Las Vegas
Things to do in Las Vegas that “don’t have to stay here”

- Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
  - 17 miles west of the strip on Charleston Blvd

- Hoover Dam Tours
  - 30 miles SE of Las Vegas on US 93

- Atomic Testing Museum
  - 755 E. Flamingo road

- Valley of Fire State Park
  - 55 Miles NE of Las Vegas on Interstate 15
Cool Stuff To Know About Clark County/Las Vegas

- Clark County is 8,000 square miles in size
- McCarran airport moved 41.4 million people in 2004, making it the 6th busiest airport in the USA
- There are 131,000 hotel rooms in Las Vegas (excluding the new Wynn resort)
- New drivers licenses issued in January 2005 totaled 6,285 (suggesting Clark County is holding steady at 6,000 new residents/month)
Cool Stuff Continued...

- Clark County taxable sales in January 2005 totaled 2.4 billion
- Convention attendance in January 2005 totaled 931,769
- There were 22 conventions in the 1st quarter of 2005 with more than 10,000 attendees, with an economic impact of 1.1 billion. Total attendees from those 22 events was more than 800,000
Cool Stuff Continued...

- Clark County is the 33rd largest metro area in the country. Just larger than Sacramento and Ft. Lauderdale.
- Since 1996-97 school year, 37% growth in student population. We add 14,000 new students/year.
- School District builds 12-14 new schools/year, adds 100 buses, and 1300 new employees.
1 resort with 3,000 rooms uses enough electricity to power 9,000 three bedroom homes

The sign in front of the MGM Grand has 6,000 light bulbs, the Sahara sign has 7,250
Clark County Air Quality Status

- **Carbon Monoxide – Serious Nonattainment**
  - EPA approved SIP Oct 2004
  - Have not had an unhealthy day for CO since 1998

- **PM10 – Serious Nonattainment**
  - EPA approved SIP July 2004
  - 2 unhealthy days in 2004 compared with 16 in 1995
  - Attainment date Dec 2006

- **Ozone – 8-hour Basic Nonattainment**
  - Designated non-attainment April 15, 2004
  - One exceedance of NAAQS in last 3 years
Measures Implemented

- **Carbon Monoxide (Co)**
  - Gasoline programs (Oxygenate and CBG)
  - Annual smog check program
  - Voluntary TDM (CAT bus system and Club Ride program)

- **PM10**
  - Stringent dust control (vacant land and construction)
  - NEAP (Air Quality Advisories & Alerts)
  - Outreach programs

- **Ozone**
  - Preparing a State Implementation Plan for 2007
  - Several studies launched to determine sources of ozone
Challenges

- Rapid growth in Clark County
  - Current population >1.7 million
  - Sustained Growth >5%.
  - More and more vehicles on the roads
  - Hundreds of new and modified air permits
  - More disturbed vacant land and off-road use
  - Continued high levels of construction activities
Welcome to Las Vegas
Enjoy Your Stay!