# **SUGGESTED ATTRACTIONS**

## Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area

For those staying at the Red Rock Casino, Resort, and Spa, Red Rock Canyon's nearly 200,000 acres and hundreds of millions of years of geology are little more than six miles away. Its sandstone peaks are breathtaking, and the hiking and biking opportunities are well worth investigating. Wild burros and desert tortoises may interpretive



material, and information about trails. For more information, see <a href="http://www.redrockcanyonlv.org">http://www.redrockcanyonlv.org</a>.

# **Springs Preserve**

This 180-acre "desert central park" at the site of the original Las Vegas Springs includes desert botanical gardens, walking trails, a wetlands habitat with a variety of birds and other animals, a Desert Living Center that focuses on sustainability, a museum that emphasizes early Las Vegas history and water issues, historic buildings and replicas of old Las Vegas sites, and a café open for lunch complete with great views of the Strip and the valley. Next door, the Nevada State Museum traces the state's history from the beginnings of known geologic time to the present. See <a href="https://www.springspreserve.org/">https://www.springspreserve.org/</a> and <a href="http://nvculture.org/nevadastatemuseumlasvegas/">https://nvculture.org/nevadastatemuseumlasvegas/</a>.

### **Neon Museum**

The two-acre Neon Boneyard features 200 signs, many of them from the classic Las Vegas Strip and downtown of the early post-World War II era. The visitors center is the former La Concha Motel, designed by Paul Revere Williams and a classic example of Googie architecture. It is conveniently located to downtown and the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Park. To book tours, see <a href="http://www.neonmuseum.org/">http://www.neonmuseum.org/</a>.

## **Atomic Testing Museum**

From 1951 to 1963, the federal government conducted 100 aboveground nuclear tests at the Nevada Test Site, about 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas, and another 800-plus underground tests in the next 30 years. This museum traces the world's atomic history, with a focus on the Test Site, its people, and popular culture, and is just two miles east of the Strip. See <a href="http://nationalatomictestingmuseum.org/">http://nationalatomictestingmuseum.org/</a> for details.

#### **Shows**

Las Vegas is called the "Entertainment Capital of the World," and continues to be long after Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis, Jr., Liberace and Siegfried & Roy have left the scene. The most popular "production shows" are Cirque du Soleil, including Mystére, Love, and O, while Penn & Teller combine comedy, drama, and illusion. Many entertainers are in "residence" as part of shows or at specific hotels; during the conference, they include Elton John, Bill Maher, and Terry Fator. Numerous sites provide information, prices, and special rates for tickets; a good place to start is <a href="https://www.vegas.com/shows/">https://www.vegas.com/shows/</a>.

#### **Concerts**

From the Rolling Stones to George Strait, numerous stars perform in large arenas up and down the Strip or in hotel showrooms on weekends. Diana Ross and Ringo Starr are among the entertainers appearing during conference weekend. For more details, see <a href="https://www.vegas.com/shows/">https://www.vegas.com/shows/</a>.

