

Experience Las Vegas

Take a Tour

The American Academy of Physician Assistants has arranged a wide assortment of tours and activities for conference guests and families to enjoy. The best sites in Las Vegas and the surrounding area have been incorporated in the tours to provide the best value for your time and money. The tours include all entry fees and transportation to and from the Las Vegas Convention Center. All tours are based on a minimum number of 40 participants. If this number is not reached, alternative arrangements or a complete refund will be made. Each tour will have a limited number of participants, and registration will be allocated strictly in order of receipt of reservation. Please use the Tour Registration Form included in this program.

Tuesday, June 1 Las Vegas City Tour

Time: 12:30-5:30 p.m. Cost per person: \$35

See Las Vegas as it is meant to be seen! This informative, entertaining excursion begins downtown at the Fremont Street Experience, also known as Glitter Gulch for its canopy of 2.1 million dazzling, colorful lights. Your private tour guide enthralles you with facts – and some fables – of the revolution of Las Vegas. While downtown you will have the opportunity to see “Vegas Vic” and “Sassy Sally”, two local icons familiar to moviegoers and television viewers. As the tour progresses from downtown to the Las Vegas Strip, guests tour Wedding Chapel Row and pass eminent landmarks and hotel properties as your guide continues to give the history of this famed street. Guests will also tour the magnificent garden atrium at the Bellagio.

You will then be taken to the Ethel M Chocolate Factory where you will observe how delicious chocolates are made at this chocolate giant that gave us M & M's. At the end of the tour you will get the chance to sample these scrumptious tidbits. The final stop will be a photo opportunity of the world famous Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas sign that has been used in many movies and is an icon to Las Vegas.

Wednesday, June 2 The Thrill Seeker's Paradise

Time: 1:00-5:00 p.m. Cost per person: \$75

Excitement fills the air as guests set off for this tour of Las Vegas' most thrilling roller coaster and adventure rides. The first stop is the spectacular Stratosphere Tower. A thrill-seekers dream housing one of the world's highest and most exhilarating rides 100 stories above the ground. The Big Shot shoots astronauts-in-training 160 feet in the air with the force of 4Gs. Even the elevator taking guests to the Big Shot travels 1,800 feet per minute and takes just 30 seconds to travel from the ground to the observation deck! For the truly young at heart, the world's largest indoor double-loop, double-corkscrew roller coaster in America awaits. The Canyon Blaster is located inside the Adventuredome at Circus Circus and travels at speeds of up to 55 miles per hour pulling riders with both positive and negative G forces. For the final ride of the day, it's off to New York, New York, home to the amazing Manhattan Express Roller Coaster. At heights up to 203 feet and drops of 144 feet, this coaster whisks by the Statue of Liberty, through Central Park and around the Empire State Building at speeds up to 67 miles per hour.

Thursday, June 3 Hoover Dam Tour

Time: 8:00 a.m.-noon. Cost per person: \$50

Hoover Dam, without precedent the greatest construction of its day, is today still viewed in awe and acclaim as one of the seven man-made wonders of the world. Truly a magnificent monument to man's vision and creativity and a must see for even the frequent traveler. The dam was completed in 1936 forming the world's

largest man-made reservoir, Lake Mead. Officially named Hoover Dam in 1947 after President Herbert Hoover, it stretches 1,244 feet across the Colorado River and rises 44 stories above the river bottom. Visitors are given more information about the dam than ever before through a series of presentations offered by professional guides stationed at various locations around the dam site.

Friday, June 4 Jubilee Backstage Tour

Time: 1:00-5:00 p.m. Cost per person: \$45

Las Vegas stage shows are spectacular extravaganzas and the backstage scene is absolutely fascinating! Today you can go backstage at the feather and sequined-filled Jubilee – the most lavish and spectacular show ever staged in Las Vegas. As one of the longest running and most admired shows on the Strip, Jubilee offers guests the unique opportunity to get a rare behind-the-scenes tour of the making of and the success of a fabulous Las Vegas production show. Greeted by a cast member, guests are given insight to the excitement of the backstage pre-show. Beginning on the stage, the tour shows how the elevator and flyrails operate before moving on to the light booth. Next, it's down to the basement to see the enormous set props such as the Titanic and Samson & Delilah. Escorted to the prop shop, carpenter shop, electrical workshop, dressing rooms, and the costume shop, guests witness the maintenance and upkeep involved in keeping Jubilee a success. This amazing tour concludes with a current cast member transforming herself in to a glamorous showgirl with full stage makeup and a Bob Mackie costume at which time additional questions may be asked and photo ops are available. (No children under 16. This tour is not wheelchair accessible.)

Saturday, June 5 Legends of Las Vegas

Time: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Cost per person: \$40

At the Liberace Museum, you will view the custom and antique automobiles, rare and antique pianos, and much of Liberace's personal jewelry collection. Guests will be delighted at the close-up view of the legendary million-dollar wardrobe from the world of Mr. Showmanship.

You will then visit a museum fit for a king – the Elvis-A-Rama Museum. From the giant gold record and neon guitar anchored to the rooftop, to the \$3.5 million dollars worth of Cadillacs, clothes, records, posters and memorabilia inside, this collection will knock your socks off! This interactive tour begins with a music wall of every record he ever produced as well as autographed albums, a complete collection of movie posters, concert tickets, a roomful of furniture from his Beverly Hills home, and even his little black book from 1956 which contains the name and phone numbers of such starlets as Natalie Wood as well as his families and friends. The Museum also hosts its own Elvis impersonator performing 20-minute shows clad in a \$30,000 wardrobe of costumes as he sings and dances his way through three decades of Elvis' music.