

The Perfect Weekend Getaway in Las Vegas

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WHY YOU SHOULD GO: What better way to beat the summer doldrums than to fall down the glittering rabbit hole of Las Vegas? This is where **pool parties** happen every day, **clubs party all night**, restaurants satisfy any craving you have, and there's a giant zip-line ride named **Slotzilla** that flies you over downtown. Oh, and you can try your luck at the tables, too. If you're looking for some quiet time, you can hide out in one of Sin City's several low-key, non-gaming hotels, but really, what's the fun in that?

WHERE TO STAY: The **Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas**

is a one-stop shop for the weekend. There's a culinary wonderland on the second and third floors with restaurants from STK, Comme Ca, Holstein's and Jose Andres, to name a few, all centered around the three-story, gleaming Chandelier Bar. The Marquee Nightclub and Dayclub hosts wild (and wet) DJ-fronted parties while the Boulevard Pool is running a series of summer concerts, including a mini-residency featuring Bruno Mars. Looking for something a

little unconventional to do at night? Check out Vegas Nocturne at **Rose.Rabbit.Lie**, an unusual and provocative dinner, show and club experience (and the spot where Condé Nast Traveler threw its **Hot List Party** celebrating the **best new hotels of the year**).

Ladies, if you forgot something to wear, rent a dress for the night from the Rent-the-Runway shop at the Cosmopolitan which carries 1,000 short and long dresses. Room rates can be high during big weekends so the all-suite **Vdara Hotel** next door at CityCenter is a close and slightly cheaper alternative with a high-end spa on-site but no casino and only a cafe restaurant.



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COURTESY THE BLIND PIG

WHERE TO EAT: Take a break from the cavernous casino eateries, and visit the intimate **The Blind Pig – Provisions & Lounge**, located just a bit off-Strip behind the CityCenter complex. Order the grass-fed bacon and gruyere cheeseburger and deliciously gooey poutine, which you can wash down with hand-crafted cocktails like the Forgotten History, served with rum, cognac, peach brandy and topped with soda.