

## LAS VEGAS FOR HISTORY BUFFS

There's no other place in the world like Las Vegas, so it's not surprising the city's past is packed with interesting tales of days gone by. Whether you're a regular history buff or just want to get to know a little more about a destination you love, here are five attractions that offer a look back at Las Vegas through the years.

### **Hoover Dam**

Want to get to know the history of Las Vegas? Start with a tour of the Hoover Dam, the namesake infrastructure of the 31st President of the United States. During its construction, the dam boosted the city's population, luring thousands of workers to the region. Later, its turbines powered Las Vegas's iconic neon signs.

### **Atomic Testing Museum**

During the 1950s, the sight of mushroom clouds blooming over the Nevada desert was considered a tourist attraction (legend has it hotels used to charge extra for rooms with a view). With a variety of interactive exhibits, this museum offers a thought-provoking look back at a fascinating – and frightening – chapter of US history.

### **Neon Museum**

Located in the Fremont Street Experience, this is a collection of antique neon signs that date back to the 1940s. True to its city, the attraction is open 24 hours a day for self-guided walking tours that feature classic signs such as *Aladdin's Lamp*, *The Hacienda Horse and Rider* and the *Nevada Motel*. The museum is currently taking reservations for Fall 2010 tours of "the Boneyard," a collection of signs not on public display, viewable only by private appointment.

### **Liberace Museum**

The legacy of "Mr. Showmanship" lives on! See the cars, costumes, jewelry and pianos that once belonged to Liberace, one of the most popular, memorable and talented entertainers ever to grace the stages of Las Vegas. A free shuttle to and from the museum makes stops at Treasure Island, the Bellagio and several other major hotels.

### **Lost City Museum**

Located 60 miles north of the city, this attraction is highly recommended for those with an interest in Native American history, with a look at 12,000 years of the region's past and a huge collection of Pueblo artifacts.

Want to make these or any other Las Vegas attractions a part of your vacation? Book your trip to Las Vegas with Liberty Travel today by calling a Liberty Travel Vacation Expert at 1.866.412.1934 or inquiring online at [libertytravel.com](http://libertytravel.com).

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