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A Contrarian Christmas in Las Vegas

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New Year's in Las Vegas, everybody understands —where else would you set "The Hangover?" But Christmas in Sin City? Now, that's contrarian. Lynn Langway shares her Las Vegas Christmas plans as well as tips for finding holiday deals on and off the strip.



Usually, my husband and I take turns with hosting the holidays at our home. But this year, with only three grownups able to get together, we decided to take a chance on somewhere more daring: Christmas in Vegas, baby!

True, this good-time town may not seem like the ideal winter wonderland. Who would even notice if the hotels had decked the halls especially for Christmas when stage lights glitter year-round? But we knew the low-traffic Christmas and Chanukah season—the lull before the New Year's Eve hullabaloo —would offer sweet deals on hotels, restaurants and shows. And we were willing to, well, *gamble* that the competitive spirit among the casinos would spur them to outwit and out-



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watt each other when it came to holiday displays. After all, who knows better than Vegas that nothing succeeds like excess?

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Since we're not exactly high-rollers with access to hotel suites — we once returned from an Atlantic City stay with enough complimentary quarters to cover the tolls home — we started planning our Dec. 23-26 trip at [VisitVegas.com](#), the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority that can help you scout anything from buffets to show tickets.

We choked on cigarette smoke during our only other visit to Vegas 10 years ago, so now we're staying at the smoke-free, all suite [Signature at MGM Grand](#). We

figure the kitchen facilities will allow us to cook up a Christmas-morning feast—and there are two gyms where we can work it all off.

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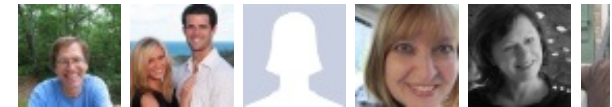


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