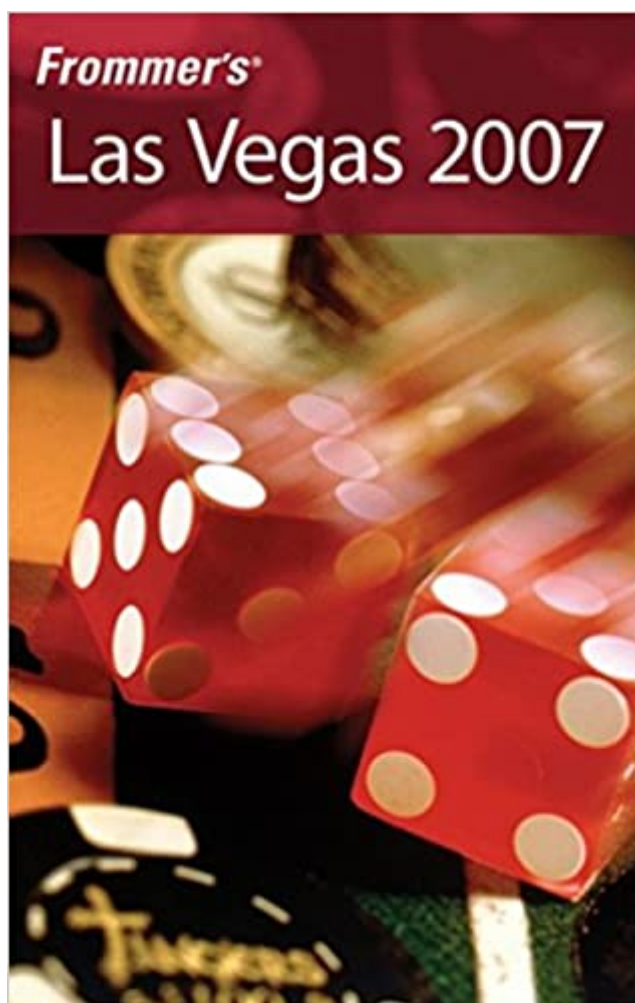


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# Frommer's Las Vegas 2007 (Frommer's Complete Guides)



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Bought this as a gift for a friend of mine; who collects things about Las Vegas. He was very happy about it. He looked at all the places he went to when he was there and told me all about them. It brought back a lot of memories for him and I could see he really enjoyed it. Maybe it will bring back memories for you or a friend. Happy reading.

I love visiting Las Vegas, and have the 2005 and 2007 edition of this book. If you've never been this is a great guide book to have, however if you've been before or you already have a previous edition, most all the info you need is on the internet.

Great book. Good info. Recently used the book on the trip and their info was dead on. Well worth the money and unlike other travel books the info seemed to be up-to-date. Just wish they reviewed more of the restaurants.

I was disappointed in this book. It doesn't offer a complete view of Vegas as some other books do. I was hoping for up to the minute casino and restaurant information, but this book didn't have all the restaurants, only a select few.

All travel guides have the same problem: how to give the visitor (and sometimes even a resident) up to date information such as phone numbers and opening times, while offering useful maps and general advice, and wrapping it all up in a package that is worth reading. In other words, how to be both a book and a bulletin board. I think Mary Herczog has done a very impressive job here. The book is marvelously written, a book so funny and informative that you might enjoy reading it even if you live in Vegas or have no intention of ever setting foot there. That is important, because some of Frommer's guides have lots of numbers, but no narrative skills to tie them together. I should point out

that two of the negative reviews of this book by other reviewers refer to a previous edition that I have not seen. This book does discuss the new(ish) Aladdin and other topics those reviewers said they could not find. The book spends about two thirds of its length on the Strip and its offerings, and the rest on non-resort offerings around town, which seemed about the right mix for me. Please note that not all hotels are covered, just a selection of the more prominent resorts. I personally would have preferred a general overview of the major casinos; instead the accommodations are reviewed in one section, the shows in another, the restaurants in yet another. All authors must make decisions, though. It's not all Mirage and Mandalay Bay, either: bookstores, strippers, and gay clubs get their own sections, and much else. All in a book so well written that you won't want to throw it out in 2003....

I own a number of travel books on Vegas, and Frommers falls squarely in the middle of the pack. It provides a lot of great information, but it's not quite as comprehensive as some of the other books I own. Once you get past the generic introductory fluff of "check the web for good prices", we start into the meat of the book. They have the hotels broken down into area of Vegas and then price range. While this might seem OK, I would have much preferred something that actually listed them by things I'd care to break hotels out by - do they have a pool? What restaurants do they have? Are they right on the strip? I do agree that the descriptions of the hotels here are much better than in other books about Vegas, but you still have to dig through that description to draw out what you are looking for and then make your own feature grid. Also, I just have to mention this, the author seems to LOVE making side comments (there seem to be a pair of parenthesis and side comments every third line). While it's cute once or twice it gets really annoying (especially when the side comments are completely meaningless - oh, did I mention that I should get to sleep soon?) Once you wade through all of the commentary, you do end up with a good sense of which hotels will appeal to you, to go investigate further. However, they could have done a much better job of organizing that up front for you. Next we move into restaurants which has the same bad/good balance - there are great reviews, but sometimes they tend to drift, and they just aren't organized very well. Then we promptly go into shows - only a few are mentioned - and then unlike the other books, we drift into some pretty strange categories. The book lists out coffeehouses, strip clubs, even wigs and getting married. It hits a number of topics. There's a small section on non-Vegas attractions too. Really, I find this a great "second book" because of the detail it goes into on the hotels. I find it fascinating that what they CHOSE to tout on the cover is "with insider gambling tips" when really this book has far less info on gambling than many other Vegas books I own. Certainly none of the tips shared seem very

insider. Still, I suppose a book has to have a cover that entices people to pick it up. Maybe people wouldn't pick up a book that said "great thorough reviews of hotels in Vegas". But that is really where this book shines.

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