

# NEW YEAR'S EVE GUIDE

## Las Vegas: The Ultimate NYE Party On the Strip

The Las Vegas Strip transforms into a giant pedestrian-only block party on New Year's Eve. Here's what you need to know:

### Road Closures:

5:30 PM: I-15 off-ramps at Flamingo and Tropicana close.  
6:30 PM: Las Vegas Boulevard begins shutting down.  
By 8 PM: The Strip is fully closed to vehicles from Russell Road to Sahara Avenue. It reopens around 6 AM on Jan 1.

### Fireworks:

At midnight, enjoy an 8-minute synchronized fireworks show launched from nine resort rooftops, including MGM Grand, Caesars Palace, ARIA, Planet Hollywood, Resorts World, The STRAT, Treasure Island, The Venetian, and Fontainebleau.

### Tips for the Best Experience:

- Arrive early—crowds exceed 400,000 people.
- Use the Monorail—it's the only public transit running along the Strip during closures. RTC buses are free valley-wide from 6 PM–9 AM.
- Dress warmly—temps hover in the mid-50s at night.
- No glass bottles or large bags—bags over 12"x12"x6" and strollers are prohibited

## Skip the Strip: Celebrate NYE in Style Off the Boulevard

Avoid the gridlock, crowds, and chaos of the Strip this New Year's Eve. These off-Strip resorts offer luxury, entertainment, and a relaxed atmosphere—perfect for ringing in 2026 without the frenzy.

### M Resort Spa Casino

**Aurora Nights NYE Celebration Dec 29-31**  
\$30,000 Celestial Countdown Drawings  
\$15,000 Cosmic Bets Table Drawings  
\$10,000 Stellar Spins Slot Tournament  
VIP New Years Eve Celebration VIP Dinner

## Downtown Las Vegas (Fremont Street)

If you want a high-energy party with live music, head to Fremont Street for the Countdown Under The Canopy™ celebration:

### Event Details:

Gates open at 7 PM; party runs until 4 AM.  
Tickets: \$60 (21+ only).  
Lineup: Robin Thicke, CeeLo Green, Common Kings, Chingy, and more across three stages.

### Countdown & Viva Vision Show:

At midnight, enjoy a digital fireworks display on the world's largest LED canopy, plus pyrotechnics and a mayor-led countdown.

### Tips for Fremont Street:

Buy tickets early—prices rise closer to NYE.  
Plan for crowds—seven blocks are closed to traffic.  
Dress for comfort—you'll be walking and dancing all night.

### Safety Reminders

- Curfew: Under-18s are not allowed on the Strip or Fremont Street without a parent.
- Security: Expect heavy law enforcement and National Guard presence. Report suspicious activity to (702) 828-7777.

### Virgin Hotels Las Vegas

**Winter Wonderland NYE Party**  
Phat Cat Swinger bad  
\$50,000 drawing

### Resorts World Las Vegas

Zouk Nightclub with Meduza on December 30  
Zouk Nightclub with James Hype on December 31  
NYE VIP Party



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## West Coast Celebrations: How to Get the Best Experience

### Viejas Casino & Resort (San Diego, CA)

Why Go: Viejas throws one of Southern California's most extravagant NYE parties.

#### Highlights:

- \$65,000 Bingo Into the New Year Bash
- \$6,000 Jingle Ball Evening Drawing
- New Year's Eve Party

### Yaamava' Resort & Casino (Highland, CA)

Why Go: A luxury AAA Five-Diamond resort with world-class entertainment and dining.

#### Highlights:

- Janet Jackson concert on December 29
- Salt-N-Pepa and Spinderella VIP Show on December 31
- bEATS Technotic New Years Eve Show

### Graton Resort & Casino (Rohnert Park, CA)

Why Go: Northern California's ultimate NYE hotspot in wine country.

#### Highlights:

- \$450,000 Holly Jolly Giveaway on December 27 - Mercedes-Benz GLE
- \$50,000 Countdown Giveaway - \$500 free play for 100 winners
- New Year's Giveaway - every 15 minutes win your share of \$2,500
- New Year Huge Wheels Giveaway - January 1,2,3 - win a 2026 GMC Hummer EV every night

## Celebrate NYE on the Gulf Coast: Biloxi's Best

Skip the Vegas crowds and head to Biloxi, Mississippi, where Southern hospitality meets world-class gaming and beachfront views. Enjoy beachfront fireworks over the Gulf for a stunning midnight moment. Here are two top picks for ringing in 2026 in style:

### Beau Rivage Resort & Casino

- Arctic Adventure \$50,000 Slot Tournament on December 27
- The Molly Ringwalds at Beau Rivage Theatre on December 31
- NYE Gala & Live Music - Beau Rivage hosts elegant celebrations with live bands, dancing, and a midnight countdown that lights up the Gulf Coast.
- Winning Wonderland \$300,000 Giveaway - including a 2026 BMW 740i Sedan on January 1
- Snow Much Fun \$50,000 Slot Tournament on Jan. 2

### Join the Beachfront Fireworks Show!

This dazzling display lights up the sky above the Gulf, creating a magical start to the New Year that you won't want to miss. With the ocean breeze and stunning views, Biloxi Beach is a magical spot to welcome the New Year.

**Pro-tip** - Arrive early, bring a blanket, check the wind direction to set up your best viewing spot.

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## East Coast NYE: Big Parties, Big Wins

If you're ringing in the New Year on the East Coast, these casino resorts know how to throw a party! All-in-one experience – Gaming, dining, concerts, and parties under one roof. From Connecticut to Florida, here's where to celebrate in style:

### Foxwoods Resort Casino – Connecticut

- NYE26 Back To The Prom – Step back in time for a night filled with dancing, live music, and vintage vibes.
- Bingo Unleashed NYE Bash – High-energy bingo with DJ Meechie, prizes, and a balloon drop.
- VIP Dinner at Vue 24
- VIP Brunch at Hell's Kitchen

### Hard Rock Tampa – Florida

- \$200,000 Play-To-Enter Slot Tournament – Dec. 27
- Afrojack NYE Pool Party – Grammy-winning DJ headlines a massive poolside bash starting at 9 PM. VIP cabanas available.
- NYE VIP Party

### Hard Rock Hollywood – Florida

- Hard Rock The Holidays - Explore more than 20 unique displays and over 2 million lights across 24 acres of the Guitar Hotel pool.
- \$1,620,000 Mercedes-Benz Fortune Drive Giveaway \$1,620,000 Mercedes-Benz Fortune Drive Giveaway – December 27
- Shakira concert – December 27, 28, 29
- Jonas Brothers NYE 2026 Concert – December 31
- Jonas Brothers Live Concert – Ring in 2026 with the Jonas Brothers at Hard Rock Live, starting at 10 PM. Tickets from \$95. [\[casino.hardrock.com\]](http://casino.hardrock.com)
- Rooftop Live NYE Bash – Premium open bar from 9 PM to midnight, live DJs, and stunning views.

## Ring in 2026 at Sea: Cruise into the New Year

Why fight traffic and crowds when you can celebrate New Year's Eve on the open ocean? Cruise ships offer all-in-one luxury—gourmet dining, world-class entertainment, and unforgettable parties—all while sailing to stunning destinations.

### Royal Caribbean

- NYE Deck Parties – Dance under the stars with live DJs and countdown celebrations across the fleet.
- Fireworks at Sea – Select ships feature dazzling pyrotechnics for a midnight spectacle.
- Utopia of the Seas & Wonder of the Seas – These mega-ships deliver Broadway shows, casino thrills, and champagne toasts in style. Perfect for fans who want big energy and endless activities.

### MSC Cruises

- Elegant Gala Dinners – Multi-course menus paired with fine wines.
- White Party & Countdown – MSC's signature NYE bash with live music and themed décor.
- European Flair – Chic design and international cuisine make MSC a stylish choice for ringing in the new year. Ideal for those who love sophistication and global vibes.

### Other Cruise Lines Worth Considering

- Norwegian Cruise Line – Known for freestyle dining and vibrant nightlife.
- Carnival Cruise Line – High-energy parties and casino fun for a lively celebration.
- Celebrity Cruises – Upscale, modern luxury with craft cocktails and rooftop countdowns.