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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
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- 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]
- 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.