



Grand Canyon Caverns to Mc Carran Intl

Mesmerizing Desert

A scenic flight from the Grand Canyon National Park to Las Vegas is a unique adventure experience. The journey takes you through the magnificent natural landscape of the Grand Canyon, with its majestic mountains and canyons.

During the flight you can admire Lake Mead from above, the largest artificial lake in the United States. The flight then continues towards the city of Las Vegas, with an approach at sunset that enhances the spectacular view of the famous Strip, with its myriad of lights and colors. Landing at McCarran Airport in Las Vegas is equally exciting, as it is one of the busiest airports in the country.

No. of Legs:	1
Total distance:	108 nm
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1Legs

1.1Leg 1: L37 - KLAS

Departure: Grand Canyon Caverns (L37)

Destination: Mc Carran Intl (KLAS)

Distance: 108,1 nm



1.1.1POI1-Nelson Plant

Distance: 3,3 nm

Dist. from Dept.: 3,3 nm

Dist. to Dest.: 104,7 nm

True Course: 263°

Magnetic Course: 252°

Nelson Plant, a ghost of Arizona's industrial past, sits near the ghost town of Nelson. Built in the early 20th century to process limestone and gypsum, it fueled railroad expansion until the 1950s, when dwindling resources silenced its hum.

1.1.2POI2-Peach Springs

Distance: 4,9 nm

Dist. from Dept.: 8,2 nm

Dist. to Dest.: 99,8 nm

True Course: 288°

Magnetic Course: 277°

Leaving Nelson Plant's, turn right on a heading of 275. The desert unfolding beneath you in waves of ochre and sage. Peach Springs, home to 1,100 souls in Mohave County, anchors along the fabled Route 66, a lifeline dubbed 'The Mother Road' by Steinbeck. Named for peach orchards planted by Mormon settlers in the 1860s, it thrived as a trading post and later a tourist stop, its motel neon once a beacon for road-weary travelers.

1.1.3POI3-Hualapai Indian Reserve

Distance: 12,7 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 21,0 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 87,1 nm
True Course: 337°
Magnetic Course: 326°

At Peach Springs turn to 325, climbing gently to 7500 feet, as the terrain ripples into deeper folds.

The Hualapai Indian Reserve, spanning 1 million acres in northwestern Arizona, cradles a people whose name echoes their bond with the pine-strewn heights. Granted in 1883 after decades of conflict with settlers, it's a sovereign land where the Hualapai have long hunted, fished, and revered the canyon's depths. Elders speak of ancestors who navigated these mesas by starlight, their traditions now blending with tourism, from skywalks to river trips.

1.1.4POI4-Grand Canyon West Sign

Distance: 20,4 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 41,3 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 66,8 nm
True Course: 313°
Magnetic Course: 302°

Set your course to 300, tracing the canyon's western lip. Keep the Hualapai's mesas on your right, the abyss yawning leftward. After 20 nautical miles, the Grand Canyon West Sign emerges.

The Grand Canyon West Sign stands as a modern herald. A marvel 277 miles long and a mile deep, carved over 6 million years by the Colorado River. Managed by the Hualapai since the 1980s, this spot birthed the Grand Canyon Skywalk in 2007, a glass bridge jutting over the void. Far from the National Park's crowds, it's a rawer slice of the canyon, where tribal voices narrate a landscape sacred to their kin, a place where time feels both eternal and fleeting.

1.1.5POI5-Colorado River

Distance: 16,1 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 57,4 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 50,7 nm
True Course: 284°
Magnetic Course: 273°

Follow the Colorado River to the northwest. The Canyon's walls plunge toward the river's embrace. The Colorado River, a 1,450-mile titan born in the Rockies, sculpted the Grand Canyon over eons. Its name from the Spanish 'rio colorado', or 'red river', for its once-silted hue. Revered by the Hualapai and Navajo as a life-giver, it fueled ancient pueblos and now powers dams like Hoover, taming its wild flow. Explorers like John Wesley Powell braved its rapids in 1869, their tales etching its legend into American lore.

1.1.6POI6-Lake Mead

Distance: 13,5 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 70,9 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 37,2 nm
True Course: 294°
Magnetic Course: 283°

Continue to follow the Colorado River towards the northeast. Lake Mead is a 247-square-mile reservoir birthed by the Hoover Dam in 1936. Holds the Colorado's might, its name honoring engineer Elwood Mead who dreamed it into being. Once a lifeline for Depression-era workers, it watered the Southwest's growth, feeding Vegas and farms with its depths. The Mohave and Paiute fished its ancestral shores long before, their stories drowned beneath its waves. Now shrinking from drought, it's a fragile giant.

1.1.7POI7-Skrillex Rocks

Distance: 13,0 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 83,9 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 24,2 nm
True Course: 269°
Magnetic Course: 257°

Turn left to heading 260 and stay on the Colorado. Skrillex Rocks, an unofficial moniker for a striking outcrop near Lake Mead, owe their fame to a viral photo dubbed by fans of the DJ Skrillex, though locals call them the 'Valley of Fire Rocks' for their fiery hues. Shaped by millennia of wind and sand, they rise from Nevada's desert like sentinels of a forgotten age. Paiute legends weave tales of spirits dwelling here. A roadside oddity, they're a fleeting wonder in a land where nature plays the artist

1.1.8POI8-Las Vegas Bay

Distance: 6,1 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 90,0 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 18,1 nm
True Course: 263°
Magnetic Course: 252°

Continue straight ahead for about 6 nautical miles.

Las Vegas Bay opens below, a quiet inlet of Mead's waters. Once a watering hole for Paiute travelers, it became a boating retreat in the dam's heyday, its coves alive with fishers and houseboats. As Mead recedes, its shores grow wilder, a quiet counterpoint to Vegas's roar, where herons stalk and the desert whispers of older days.

1.1.9POI9-Lake Las Vegas

Distance: 6,0 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 95,9 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 12,2 nm
True Course: 274°
Magnetic Course: 263°

A little further on we pass Lake Las Vegas, a 320-acre oasis crafted in 1991, gleams in Henderson's desert. Born from a developer's vision to rival Italy's Lake Como. Fed by a hidden spring and piped water, it cradles golf courses and villas, a playground for the affluent fleeing the Strip's chaos.

1.1.10POI10-Las Vegas

Distance: 6,5 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 102,4 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 5,7 nm
True Course: 249°
Magnetic Course: 238°

Keep the lake's curve behind, the Frenchman Mountain's bulk on your right a final sentinel. Las Vegas unfurls, a glittering sprawl of towers and lights, the Strip's arteries pulsing below. Las Vegas, Nevada's sin-soaked jewel of 650,000, rose from a 1905 rail stop named for 'the meadows' its springs once fed, a rare oasis in Paiute lands. Transformed by Bugsy Siegel's 1940s casinos, it bloomed into a global playground, its Strip a neon cathedral of excess and dreams. From mob roots to mega-resorts, it thrives on gambling, shows, and defiance of the desert's grip, a city where fortunes turn with the roll of dice and the night never ends.

1.1.11KLAS-Mc Carran Intl

Distance: 5,7 nm
Dist. from Dept.: 108,1 nm
Dist. to Dest.: 0,0 nm
True Course: 272°
Magnetic Course: 261°

Next Waypoint: Mc Carran Intl Airport - Turn right and prepare to alnd at Mc Carran Intl Airport.