

Things to Do with Toddlers in Las Vegas

Vegas is known as the ultimate playground for adults, but what about the kids, especially young toddlers? If you're planning a family vacation to Vegas, you want to know what family-friendly activities there are for all of you to enjoy. There are actually a lot of fun things to do in Las Vegas with toddlers. Here is a list of some favorites.

Kid-Friendly Museums in Las Vegas

Discovery Children's Museum

The Discovery Children's Museum is the perfect family-friendly venue in the Las Vegas area. Relocated in 2013, the Discovery Children's Museum is three stories of exploration and enchantment that caters to children and adults of all ages.

Three floors house nine different exhibits in the Discovery Children's Museum.

The Discovery Lab: An educational workspace that encourages creativity, critical thinking, and exploration through a hands-on approach. Lots of design materials for all ages, including 3-D printers but also clay and painting that smaller hands will enjoy.

The Summit: A 70-foot climbing structure that will lead your child through all three floors of the Discovery Children's Museum. 12 distinct levels in the summit build skills like problem-solving and physical coordination. There are also a few fun challenges along the way.

Fantasy Festival: Bring your toddler to this exhibit and let them live out their fantasies of playing pirate, princess, jester, and other fantastic characters where they can immerse themselves in an imaginary world aboard a lifesize pirate ship.

Eco City: Give your little one a head start on learning how to be a productive member of society while also learning about green living and environmentally friendly choices through interactive play.

Patents Pending: Children develop problem-solving skills while catering to their inner scientist, explorer, and creator in this lab setting. This exhibit is best suited for children who are a little older than toddler age but older siblings can have fun here while the toddler explores other areas that capture their interests.

Toddler Town: This interactive exhibit is a desert-themed area for play and exploration designed for children 5 years and younger. Toddler Town is also appropriate for older children who have sensory issues and developmental delays and can learn and grow from sensory play.

Water World: A wet and wild water display that celebrates the nature and movement of water. Don't worry, you don't need to bring a swimsuit. Little ones (and big kids, too) will be provided with a cute little raincoat to wear during their stay at the exhibit.

Solve It: Kids play the role of archeologists as they dig and explore to solve mysteries. Some of the challenges might be out of the scope of a toddler but they can have fun digging for clues.

Young at Art: Kids of all ages can explore their creative side with a range of different art mediums, from fluorescent crayons to watercolors.

The Discovery Children's Museum is open Tuesday - Saturday from 10 am - 5 pm and Sunday from 12 - 5 pm. The museum is closed on Mondays for deep cleaning.

Shangri La Prehistoric Park

Shangri La Prehistoric Park is a great place to visit with toddlers who love dinosaurs and all things prehistoric. Since 2006, the park has been operated by Dinoman Steve, a retired school teacher with more than your average fascination with dinosaurs. Currently, you'll find more than 57 replicas of dinosaurs and prehistoric creatures.

Admission to Shangri La Prehistoric Park is free. The park is open most days from 10 am - 4 pm, and if Dinoman Steve is available, he's more than happy to give you a personal tour.

Las Vegas Natural History Museum

The Las Vegas Natural History Museum is a tribute to Earth and all its lifeforms, past to present. Young visitors and adults alike will enjoy the many different exhibits. Marine life, wildlife, and the ancient Egypt exhibits are all fun ways to pass an afternoon but what's really going to capture your toddler's attention is the prehistoric life gallery and other dino-themed displays.

With the exception of a few holidays, the Las Vegas Natural History Museum is open 9 am - 4 pm daily. Children two and younger are free, and admission for older children is \$6, half the price of adult admission.

Aquatic Adventures

Shark Reef Aquarium

An up-close view of the underwater world will delight your toddler. More than 2,000 are on display at the Shark Reef Aquarium at Mandalay Bay. Aquatic friends on display include endearing and endangered green sea turtles to the more ominous piranhas and sharks.

The Shark Reef Aquarium also holds events and special activities, including feeding stingrays, feeding turtles, diving with sharks, and an undersea VR experience.

The Shark Reef Aquarium is open Sunday-Saturday, 10 am - 6 pm. Children 4 and under are admitted for free.

Siegfried & Roy Secret Garden & Dolphin Habitat

Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden & Dolphin Habitat is a bit of a magical playground for your toddler. You'll come face to face with some of nature's most majestic creatures, like white tigers, lions, leopards, and playful bottlenose dolphins. The setting is tranquil in this zoo-like paradise. In addition to observing the animals, there are other fun things to do like a meet and greet with the dolphins and painting with the dolphins.

The Siegfried & Roy Secret Garden & Dolphin Habitat is open daily from 10 am - 6 pm. There are also age restrictions on some activities and are only suitable for older children.

SeaQuest Interactive Petting Zoo

What's the number one, most-heard sound at SeaQuest Interactive Petting Zoo in Las Vegas? It's squeals of excitement and delight from both children and adults as they touch and interact with animals from all over the world. SeaQuest Interactive Petting Zoo is more than 20,000 sq ft of cute, cuddly, interactive adventures with your little one.

Each exhibit is themed, with animal life that fits in with the natural habitat. Children and adults can feed, touch, and play with the animals, making this a truly unique zoo experience. Plan on spending about 2 hours at the SeaQuest Interactive Petting Zoo for the full experience.

Aquarium Mermaid Shows at Silverton Aquarium

The Aquarium Mermaid Show at Silverton Aquarium has been one of the Best Free Attractions in Las Vegas. The Aquarium at Silverton Casino & Hotel is so massive that it holds more than 117,000 gallons of water, thousands of tropical fish, and mermaids.

Yes, mermaids. Two real mermaids are known to swim around the Silverton Aquarium, performing and delighting visitors of all ages. The Silverton Aquarium is open 24 hours a day, with mermaid shows and other special attractions happening periodically.

Zoos & Wildlife

Springs Preserve (Temporarily Closed)

A trip to Springs Preserve is one of the best family things to do in Las Vegas off the Strip. This expensive space, completely dedicated to the natural world is a wonderful reprieve from the fast pace of Vegas city life. With 180 acres of land to explore, you'll find plenty of nature walks for your little one to run along, vibrant botanical gardens, museum galleries, event venues, and more.

Springs Preserves is located just a mere three miles outside of downtown Las Vegas. It's the perfect spot to take a restless toddler and let them run off some energy while exploring the natural world around them.

Bellagio Conservatory & Botanical Garden

The Bellagio Conservatory & Botanical Garden is a nice place to take toddlers where they'll be mesmerized by the colors, flowers, and special displays. It's a 14,000 sq ft botanical garden that's filled with beauty and whimsy. It's also a nice spot to just spend some time and unwind when your little one has had "too much Vegas" for the day.

Even if you've been to the Bellagio Conservatory & Botanical Garden in the past, it's always worth another visit. The displays change with each season, plus there's a special display for the Lunar New Year.

The Flamingo Wildlife Habitat

One of the best activities in Vegas for families is a visit to the Flamingo Wildlife Habitat. True, it's not high energy, and there aren't a bunch of jumping toys but kids will love getting a close-up view and interacting with all sorts of feathered friends - including a flock of Chilean flamingos.

The Flamingo Wildlife Habitat is open 7 am - 8 pm daily and free to the public.

Lion Habitat Ranch in Henderson

The Lion Habitat Ranch in Henderson is a non-profit haven for really big kitties located just minutes outside of Las Vegas. What started as a need to protect wild animals has become a favorite educational spot for children, families, and anyone who has a love and fascination for wild animals.

Guests can view lions from just a few feet away, along with other majestic wildlife, like giraffes, ostriches, emus, and more. Children 3 and under are free, plus one child aged 4-14 is free with the purchase of an adult ticket.

Sweet Treats & Eats

M&Ms Las Vegas

M&M is the first love for so many children. The little, candy-coated buttons are often a child's first introduction to the wonderful world of chocolate. The M&M Store in Las Vegas has four levels of nothing but pure M&M candy fun.

Not only is touring the 28,000 sq ft space dedicated to your child's favorite candy a fun thing to do. While you're there, don't miss the replica of Kyle Busch's 18 M&M's NASCAR and other racing merchandise. You can also bring home personalized souvenirs. In less than 2 minutes, you can create your own customized M&Ms.

Hershey's Chocolate World

As long as we're on the theme of candy here, visiting Hershey's Chocolate World is a fun thing for toddlers to do in Las Vegas (and their parents, too). The massive retail location offers more

than 800 Hershey's chocolates and candies. This is an experience that's sure to satisfy sweet tooth of all ages.

Hershey's Chocolate World is located in the New York, New York Hotel & Casino. It's here that your family will discover treasures like a Statue of Liberty made from nearly 800 lbs of chocolate. Visitors can also star in their own sweet television ad, customize their own candy, and shop from a huge selection of Hershey's and chocolate-themed gifts.

Rainforest Cafe

Eventually, you're going to have to find somewhere to eat with your toddler in Las Vegas. The dining options in the city are practically endless but not all are kid-friendly. Even many of those that welcome children don't have the best kids menu. When you have a toddler with a growing appetite, the Rainforest Cafe is a favorite.

The Rainforest Cafe is a restaurant but it's also an adventure. Your child will think they've walked into a true jungle paradise, complete with animatronics, Tracy the Talking tree, and lush rainforest decor at every turn.

For parents, the best part is that there's a child's menu that has a decent selection of kid-friendly foods, rather than the 2-3 options you might get at other restaurants. Plus, parents will love the regular menu, including the grown-up drinks.

Indoor Playgrounds

SkyZone Trampoline Parks

SkyZone Trampoline Park is someplace where it's actually encouraged to bounce off the walls. The entire place is filled with trampolines and walls you can bounce right off of. There are obstacle courses, climbing walls, jumping, and all sorts of bouncy activities.

SkyZone offers a special Toddler Time event, where younger children can have fun without bigger kids getting in the way or jumping in on their fun. Toddler Time offers some peace of mind for parents who also might not like the idea of bigger kids, and their rougher play, taking away from their little one's fun.

Kids Club

Kids Club is a unique indoor playground experience that is designed specifically for children 8 years and younger. This 8,000-square-foot space is filled with all types of play structures, bounce houses, art stations, and more for your toddler to explore and play.

The Kids Club is family-owned and operated, so it's a nice change from all the corporate-run places in Vegas.

Water Parks

Wet'n" Wild Las Vegas

Wet'n" Wild is one of the most popular water parks in Las Vegas. This waterpark is known to draw a few crowds but you shouldn't let that discourage you from bringing your toddler for some soaking wet fun. Wet'n" Wild Waterpark has areas designated for younger visitors. This includes Paradise Falls and Kiddie Cove with mild thrill level water activities with low speed and shallow water.

Cowabunga Bay

Cowabunga Bay is a water wonderland that's located just minutes away from the action in Las Vegas. We all know it can get really hot in Vegas, and this can make toddlers (and their parents) a little cranky. A trip to Cowabunga Bay is perfect for cooling off and enjoying time with the family.

Like other popular water parks in Las Vegas, Cowabunga Bay has areas that are specifically designed for younger guests. The Cowabunga Kids Cove features a heated pool, slides, and water rides that have been scaled down in size, and a single, controlled entrance for safety. The Kids Cove is designed for children under 48 inches tall. Life jackets are free and available upon request.

Marvel Avengers S.T.A.T.I.O.N

Does your toddler absolutely love superheroes? At Marvel Avengers S.T.A.T.I.O.N, the entire family can explore the science, technology, engineering, and history of their favorite Avengers characters. Visitors assemble case files for Hulk, Iron Man, Captain America, and Thor through interactive and engaging activities.

Even toddlers who might not be skilled at assembling a case file for their mission will be excited to see and engage with the interactive displays. Children 3 and under are free, and the Marvel Avengers S.T.A.T.I.O.N is open Thursday - Monday from 11 am - 6 pm (the last tour begins at 5 pm).

Adventuredome

The Adventuredome is an indoor amusement park spanning more than 5 acres in the Circus Circus Hotel & Casino. For parents who are looking for a more budget-friendly option for enjoying Las Vegas with toddlers, Circus Circus has a reputation for being a great, family-friendly, and budget-friendly option.

The Adventuredome has family-friendly rides, and an arcade, along with roller coasters and thrill rides for older thrill-seekers. If you visit the Adventuredome on Friday or Saturday after dark, you'll also get the chance to see the entire place lit up in neon lights.

FAQs

Is Las Vegas kid-friendly?

Yes, Las Vegas is kid-friendly, as long as you know where to look...and what to avoid. It might be considered an adult's playground but there are plenty of child activities in Vegas. There are plenty of museums, play areas, outdoor adventures, and sights that children will love.

What can you do in Vegas with a baby?

There is a lot you can do in Vegas with a baby. Babies that are young enough for a stroller or baby carrier/sling can go just about anywhere the parent goes, except the casino floor, shows where the baby may cause disruption, bars, and some restaurants with age restrictions. A baby will enjoy the bright colors of the Bellagio Botanical Gardens or the many aquariums and wildlife habitats around Vegas.

Are toddlers allowed in a Las Vegas Casino?

You have to be 21 to enter a Las Vegas casino. The only exception is in casino resorts where you might have to walk through the casino to get from one area of the resort to another. People under the age of 21 cannot be at a gaming table or gaming area, like slots. This holds true even if a parent is holding a young child and wants to try their hand at the slots real quick.

Bottom Line

Are there things to do with toddlers in Las Vegas? Yes! Vegas is a playground for all ages and many locations and venues are family-friendly and welcoming toward the youngest guests. If you're planning a trip to Vegas, there's no reason for the kids to miss out on a minute of the fun.