



TIMELINE OF NEVADA'S HISTORY

1844 Explorer John C. Fremont travels through western Nevada, including the future site of Carson City.

1848 The United States gained control of Nevada land after the Mexican–American War ended.

1849 Over 60,000 settlers in covered wagons (49ers) passed through Nevada on their way west.

1851 Gold was discovered near Dayton, Nev.

1854 The land was admitted as part of Utah Territory.

1861 Nevada Territory is created and Carson City is designated the territorial capital.

1864 Nevada gains statehood on October 31 and Carson City is selected as the state capital.

March 21, 1864 Congress approves the drafting of Nevada's constitution. (The Nevada Constitution was written July 4–27, 1864 as 44 pages, handwritten on paper 17" x 24")

October 26, 1864 Nevada's constitution was telegraphed from Carson City to Salt Lake City, where it was transcribed and sent to Chicago, transcribed and sent to Philadelphia, transcribed and forwarded to the U.S. War Department in Washington for final transcription, before being dispatched to President Lincoln. At 16,543 words in length the telegraph is believed to be the second–longest ever sent; it took twelve hours to send to Salt Lake City and a total of two days to reach Washington, D.C.

May 13, 1868 The city of Reno was established.

1868 The Central Pacific Railroad reached Nevada from the west. It would connect as part of the Transcontinental Railroad on May 10, 1869.

1874 The University of Nevada was first established in Elko.

1886 The University of Nevada was moved to Reno.

1897 The world heavyweight championship fight between James "Gentleman Jim" Corbett and Australian Robert Fitzsimmons was held in Carson City.

1900 Jim Butler found ore that was laced with silver in Tonopah.

May 15, 1905 Clark County auctions 600 plots of land, establishing Las Vegas as a town.

1906 The Golden Gate Hotel & Casino opens as the Hotel Nevada in downtown Las Vegas.

1910 The first air flight in Nevada took place in Carson City on June 23. A Curtis biplane climbed 50 feet and traveled a distance of about a half mile in a field about three miles north of Carson City.

March 16, 1911 The city of Las Vegas is incorporated.

1917 The city of Elko was officially established.

1925 Fremont Street in Las Vegas is paved.

1928 The Reno City Council decided to put their famous slogan "Biggest Little City" on a lighted structure.

1931 Gambling became legal by the Nevada State legislature; Pair-O-Dice Club opens on Highway 91, which later is known as the famous Las Vegas Strip.

1935 Hoover Dam was completed and dedicated by President Franklin Roosevelt.

1941 The Las Vegas strip was established; U.S. Army creates a gunnery school that will become Nellis Air Force Base.

December 26, 1946 Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel opened the Flamingo Hotel.

1951 The first atomic bomb was detonated at the Nevada Test Site; Frank Sinatra had his first performance at the Desert Inn.

1953 The city of Henderson, Nev. was established.

1956 Nellis Air Force Base became the home of Thunderbirds, the Air Force aerobatic team.

1957 The University of Nevada, Las Vegas holds its first classes.

1959 Wayne Newton opened at the Fremont Hotel in Las Vegas; "Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas" sign is created by Betty Willis.

1963 Wayne Newton performs his first show at the Flamingo.

1964 The Beatles perform at the Las Vegas Convention Center; Lake Mead National Recreation Area became the nation's first national recreational area.

1967 Elvis and Priscilla Presley marry at the Aladdin in Las Vegas.

1969 The Nevada State Legislature approved the consolidation of Ormsby County and Carson City into the state's only combined city-county government.

1971 The 96,000-square-foot State Legislative Building was completed.

1979 Liberace opens the Liberace Museum, which displays his collection of rare pianos, cars and his bejeweled wardrobes.

1986 Great Basin National Park, the only national park in the state, was created. It includes the area around Wheeler Peak and Lehman Caves in eastern Nevada.

1989 Steve Wynn opens the Mirage (the first new casino in 16 years) which ignites a resort building boom that revolutionizes Las Vegas into the 1990's and 2000's.

1990 UNLV's basketball team wins a national title with a 103–73 victory over Duke in Denver.

1995 The \$70 million Fremont Street Experience opens; the world's first Hard Rock Hotel opens in Las Vegas.

1999 Barbra Streisand's New Year's Eve concert at the MGM Grand becomes Vegas' highest grossing concert ever.

2002 There were officially three million marriage certificates recorded in Clark County.

2005 Las Vegas celebrates its centennial; Harrah's Entertainment became the world's largest owner/operator of casinos after purchasing Caesars Entertainment.

2007 Nevada regained its title as the fastest growing state in the country. They lost its title in 2008.

2012 The Smith Center for Performing Arts opens in downtown Las Vegas.

2011 The new 70,000 square-foot Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas opens on the campus of the Las Vegas Springs Preserve.

2011 The 1910 McKeen Motorcar in the collection of the Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City is named Nevada's 8th National Historic Landmark and the first self-propelled railcar to be granted this distinction.

2012 The Mob Museum opens in Las Vegas.

Oct. 24, 2013 Nevada kicks-off its yearlong sesquicentennial celebration.

Resources

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