

## Las Vegas Monorails

Navigate the Las Vegas Strip with the help of these monorails that run between Sahara and the MGM Grand, Bellagio and Monte Carlo (with a stop at Crystals), Treasure Island and the Mirage, and Excalibur and Mandalay Bay.



### Las Vegas Monorail (MGM Grand to Sahara)

The Las Vegas Monorail runs from the MGM Grand to the Sahara hotel. The route has seven stations: MGM Grand, Bally's / Paris, Flamingo, Harrah's / Imperial Palace, Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas Hilton and the Sahara. The monorail is open Monday - Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and Friday - Sunday, 7 a.m. - 3 a.m. Rates for the monorail are \$5 for one ride, \$14 for an unlimited one-day pass for one person and \$30 for an unlimited three-day pass for one person.

### **Mirage-Treasure Island Tram**

The Mirage-Treasure Island tram runs between 7 a.m. - 2 a.m., daily. The tram arrives just about every 15 minutes and the ride lasts about two to four minutes.

The Mirage stop of this monorail is outside but well shaded with a misting system, and located just to the left of the hotel's front entrance. At Treasure Island, passengers wait indoors in a corridor located near the entrance to the parking garage. Those waiting for the tram stand behind automatic gates. Because the automatic gates tend to open almost as soon as the tram arrives, it is best to allow everyone on the tram a chance to disembark first before getting on. The waiting areas, as well as the tram itself, have televisions playing ads that feature TI and Mirage shows and attractions.

The track is set back from the Strip and the ride is smooth, passing palm trees and vegetation. It also offers a nice aerial view of the TI pool on the west side. Seating is bus-style, with long benches and some standing room.

### **Bellagio - CityCenter - Monte Carlo Tram**

The Bellagio - CityCenter - Monte Carlo tram runs 24 hours a day, every seven minutes. The tram arrives just about every 15 minutes and the ride lasts about two to six minutes.

The Bellagio stop of this monorail is accessible from a hallway in the Bellagio Spa Tower just past Sensi restaurant and near the walkway to Vdara. There are stairs and an elevator that go up to the station. The station itself is located outside but it does have a roof to protect you from the weather. Guests at Vdara would access the tram by taking a short walk along a walkway to the Bellagio Spa Tower entrance. Once there, follow the signage

The tram stops at Crystals and again you'll be outside but within a shelter. From this stop riders can go downstairs into the mall. The tram station exit will put you near Beso restaurant and the entrance to Aria Resort is accessible through an outdoor area just past Beso.

The tram's final stop is the Monte Carlo. The tram's exit is at the Monte Carlo's Street of Dreams shopping center. There is also an entrance to Aria accessible from this stop. It will lead you to the front portion of Aria's casino.

### **Mandalay Bay-Excalibur Tram**

This monorail's route varies based on what hotel you start at. If you start at the Excalibur main station, the monorail will take you directly to Mandalay Bay - about a 3-minute trip. If you start from Mandalay Bay, you will stop at the Luxor and then the Excalibur - about a 7-minute trip. It is in operation daily from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., and trains leave every 3-7 minutes.

All waiting areas are indoors or covered except the Luxor's, but some walking is required to make the loop (there are stairs as well as an elevator to access the tram stop). Fortunately, everything is well air-conditioned. Small platforms and a lack of any attendants at the Mandalay Bay end mean you may have to scramble to a car when traffic is heavy, but even a holiday weekend crowd can be accommodated once the initial rush for a seat dies down.

Although it's a little more complicated to make this loop, the profusion of stations has some advantages: The Main Station is convenient to a free pull on a slot machine with a \$5,000 payoff (though it gives out many more free show tickets), and the Luxor's is the only monorail stop with music for waiting passengers.