

travel snippet

Welcome to Australia, where leisure, sports and shopping knows no bounce! If you like a place to relax, just go to Queensland, Cairns, Tasmania or Victoria. If you prefer water sports or just want to take a hot-air balloon bird's eye view, try the Gold Coast, or Cairns, where the wonders of the Great Barrier Reefs will bring new life to your routines. The Great Ocean Road in Victoria is a spectacular sight to behold. Sydney is a shopping paradise, don't miss out on it too!



DOWN UNDER IN AUSTRALIA

A destination that promises scenic spots, shopping malls, adventurous sports and wonderful dining. **EDMOND NG** provides you with a glimpse of what to expect.



Visit Sydney in the heart of the cities, where all the activities will keep you coming for more. Shopping Malls are a common sight in areas like Darling Harbour, Chinatown and Queen Victoria Building, featuring a whole new style in shopping. Don't miss the magnificent sight of the many colonial buildings and churches. Take a monorail or train around town or tour on your own by boarding the Red Bus.

Visit the Opera House, the thirteenth wonder of the modern world.



Visit the beaches, theme parks and plantation in the Gold Coast and around Brisbane. Besides the beautiful beaches, the theme parks such as the Movie World, Dream World and Sea World, do not forget to visit the Big Pineapple plantation at Brisbane and taste the sweetest of Australian home-grown pineapples. Take a ride in the plantation through the rainforest and the macadamia nut plantation.



The Great Ocean Road boasts of the a spectacular coastline overseeing the Twelve Apostles. One of the most visited places in Australia, it stands as a memorial to those who gave their lives in the Great War.

Tasmania, the island off mainland Australia, is filled with a relaxing effect, as you wander through the beauty of nature. Visit Port Arthur and the national parks for a scenic experience.

Visit Australia in whatever season, summer, winter, autumn or spring time and you will still enjoy the vibrant of life filled with unforgettable moments and sweet memories for many days to come!





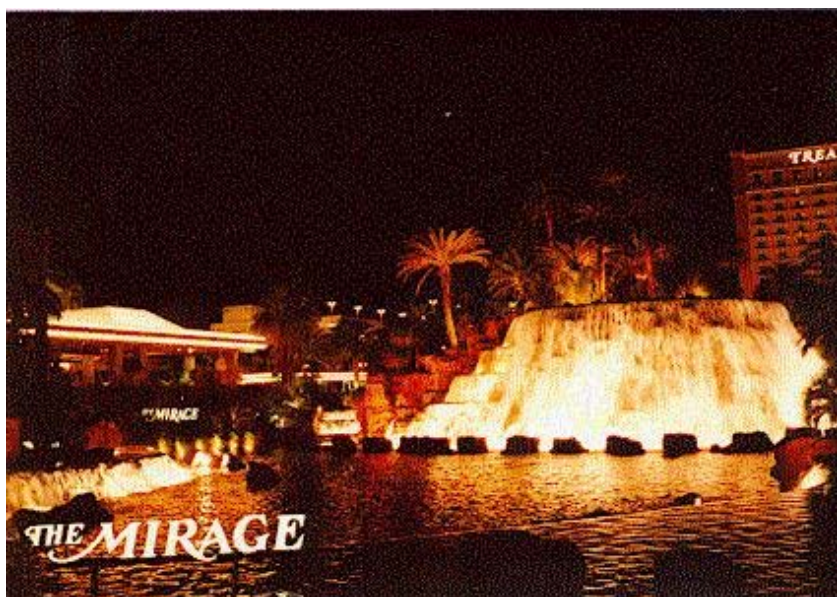
IN THE DESERT LAND OF NEVADA - LAS VEGAS

The desert wonderland for pleasure and seekers of riches. **EDMOND NG** explores the place where more weddings are held than anywhere else in the world.

Visit Nevada, the desert place that once was sand, but now is a place of pleasure for seekers of riches, a place where couples tie the knots, and the climbers pace the volcanic mountains in the panorama of scenic desert land, filled with the awesome cloud of mystery.

Just beyond the outskirts from Nevada, in Northern Arizona, stands the Grand Canyon, one of the wonders of the natural world, a sight not to be missed. Fly over by jet plane or helicopter and then go on a land tour to see the great canyon of America, which boast of volcanic mines, as well as being a national park and a forest reserve.

Not too far distant away is another place not to be missed, the Hoover Dam, one of the seven wonders of the engineering/modern world. It is the fact of its early architecture expertise in the 1930s that make its name of being a



wonder of the world.

Nevada is also known for its conventional meetings throughout the year, as well as a place for riches seekers in the many casinos of Las Vegas.

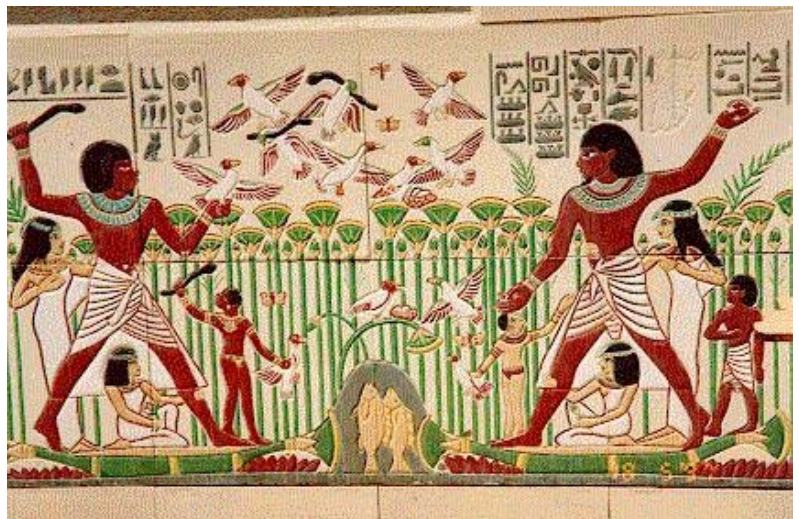
In Las Vegas, gambling is usual and wedding chapels are plentiful. Almost at every corner of the street, in every hotel, is a wedding chapel. It is said that Las Vegas is a paradise to tie the knots. Accommodation in Las Vegas is plentiful, and depending on preference and budget, you can stay at the Strip, or downtown.



Those on the Strip includes Aladdin Hotel, Desert Inn, Flamingo Hilton, Caesar's Palace, Bally's, Mirage, Treasure Island, Tropicana, MGM, Excalibur, Monte Carlo, Luxor, New York New York, and many others. For those who prefer downtown, Stratosphere or Hard Rock Hotel would be a good choice. Stratosphere house a landmark of Las Vegas as an observatory tower.



Usually, each hotel comes with its own theme of focus, such as Luxor with Egypt, Caesar's Palace with Rome, Mirage with jungle and volcanic waterfall, New York New York with New York. Coming up in 1998 is Bally's Paris theme. Each of these hotels would offer services, shops and merchandise of similar theme, which are usually obtainable only at the specific hotel shops. Take for example, you get to see flamingoes at the Flamingo Hilton, Caesar's animated statues at the Caesar's palace.



Do not miss walking through the streets of Fremont, at downtown Las Vegas. In the nights, the place is lighted up with a spectacular sight of laser performance on the ceiling. The residents of Las Vegas patronize these streets more than the Strip, and the prices of gifts and merchandise at the shops here offer better prices than those at the Strip.

With the magnificent lightings in the evenings, make sure you keep your camera handy at all times to take photographs of the surroundings. Don't forget to use films for taking night scenery. At Las Vegas, the city stays alive right through the night to the early morn!