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This book is thinner and shorter than the original Eyewitness series. While I liked all the pictures and

the top 10 shows, I felt like everything was covered in only 5 sentences. Plus I had to wonder if the book was paid by certain companies to feature them. For instance, why is there a 2 page spread on the Aladdin hotel when I can think of better theme hotels to be featured. They list 10 tour companies but only the ones that offer the most expensive trips like helicopter rides. I feel like this a good starter book to get a quick idea of everything that's available, but you really need an additional in-depth guide.

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We forgot to bring it along on the trip, but still utilized it for many searches and planning before the trip. we will definitely bring it with on our next Vegas experience!

Planning a little trip to the Glitter Gulch? Budget impaired like myself? Let Eyewitness help you plan your trip. Essentially it will be all you need to purchase for 'the what to do in and how to survive Vegas' for the first time Vegas goers. It's what I used for my recent trip and I found it to be invaluable. I'd like to, of course, add my two cents in. *Take some comfortable, comfortable shoes as well as a lot of shorts and short-sleeved shirts/blouses, like Eyewitness suggests. Fergoshsakes, Vegas is still the desert. And plus all the things that you are going to want to see and do may take some walking and standing. The MGM Grand Lion Habitat had a lot of on-lookers when we went--it's a free exhibition--but it was also near midnight and even then we had to maneuver to see something. *There's a strip trolley that costs like a buck and some change that hits all the places as far north as the Stratosphere. (You can take the city bus which rides til 1-2 in the AM to go downtown to the Fremont Experience and Glitter Gulch.) The only problem with this is that these trolleys go the service routes and in these routes are those speed bumps that end up jostling the passengers. Not too cool. But it's one of the best bargains going. By the by, if you are needing a lift from the airport to any of the strip hotels, there are plenty of limos--some are specific for the hotel--and shuttles (the one I got was \$4.50 one way). Save yourself a buck or two and take the time to find out. *If you really like your slot buck to go a long way, play penny slots. I know that there are some at the Stardust and Circus Circus and I'm sure there are plenty elsewhere, so if you are convinced that your luck is going south but still wanna play something, try 'em out. Other than that, like Eyewitness suggests, ask the cabbie or the croupier where they usually go to play. Most of the time it's a casino where all the locals go to get more mileage out of their \$. *Cabbies and folks wanting you to do a quick two minute questionnaire--usually about a time share--well, they give out free shows and dinners! Some

shows are free with the purchase of a beverage of some sort. They are a god send. Like Eyewitness says, though, be careful of the xxx shows.*Eyewitness tells you which exhibition, which museum, which show is going to cost a lil dough and which is free. Expect to pay something for one of these roller coaster rides that f'rinstance shoot in and out of New York New York. In fact, the entire Eyewitness section of 'Streetsmart' should be required alongside the Gideon's for every hotel room in Vegas and I don't lie...gaming risks, tips, ways to stay safe and healthy during your stay. These things are priceless tidbits of information.*The cheapest thrill is to see any or all of the Strip at night. It will make you want to come again, but with more \$\$ to spend. And the Eyewitness Top 10 will again be a valued resource....

This book lists the Tropicana as the #2 hotel after all the big themed hotels. I chose the Tropicana over two other hotels based on this book's rating, since I've had luck with these Top 10 guides for other cities like Cancun, San Fran, and Seattle. This book is a bit outdated, but even a couple of years back, the Tropicana couldn't have deserved to be #2. In fact, I would rate it #2 on the list of the worst hotels I've ever stayed in. We booked a Garden room, but they put us in a Tower room at first. The hallways were dark, with peeling wallpaper and damaged wood trim. The elevators had poorly-painted pictures on the door with the paint peeling off. Our non-smoking room smelled of smoke and we couldn't get the window open, so we called the desk and they sent someone to spray it down, adding more of whatever odor was already attempting to cover the cigarette stench. We went back to the desk and got the Garden room we had paid for, which was a step up, but not far up. I had to pick the toilet seat up off of the bathroom floor and reattach it. The hot water in the bathtub wouldn't completely turn off. The air wasn't turning on, so I opened the balcony door, kicking over a half-empty beer can as I stepped out. Our departing flight got canceled and we had to stay an extra night, so we booked a hotel that was luxurious in comparison to the Tropicana - the Comfort Inn!

DK Top 10 guides are fabulous references, especially for short trips where one has to prioritize in order to maximize vacation time. The pictures are a nice addition to the book and most of the lists are helpful. As with any list that ranks items/places/people, it is highly subjective to individual taste. Nevertheless, this book is still useful to plan your trip to Vegas. Being a little, short book, this guide isn't as comprehensive as other books. This guide is short on good dining tips, which I would recommend online food forums or websites anyway. Also, this book is short on the practical information that other books include in the normal appendix section. Some of the information is

outdated, which misled me to an attraction that no longer existed when I was in LV. Specifically, I walked all the way to the Hilton to check out the Star Trek Experience attraction, only to find out at the end of a 3-mile trek, that the attraction was taken down last year. Overall, this guide is good for a short trip. It will help you get an idea to what not to miss and will assist in prioritizing. However, for more up-to-date and practical information, I would recommend other more comprehensive guide books or the internet.

We used this guide in March and found it most helpful in determining which places we'd like to see and what to do in the three days there. The Around the Region section is perfect for those of you who plan to be in Vegas 4-5 days or longer. From festivals, spas, outdoor activities, buffets to the grandest resorts...everything is covered with great photos for visually-based decisions. I would recommend this for all first time Vegas visitors.

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