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Flying home for the holidays?

Use these tips to simplify your holiday travel experience at McCarran

LAS VEGAS – Traveling during Christmas and New Year's can be stressful. But with some simple advance planning, you'll avoid many of the most common hassles passengers encounter during this peak travel period.

Airlines at McCarran International Airport expect to handle approximately 1.14 million passengers between Thursday, Dec. 24 and Sunday, Jan. 3. The airport's busiest days this holiday season will occur on Sunday, Dec. 27 and Sunday, Jan. 3 when passenger counts are expected to be roughly 130,000 per day.

"This is an exciting time of year for friends and family to gather and share the wonder of the holiday season," said Randall H. Walker, director of the Clark County Department of Aviation. "We want our travelers to have a pleasant experience getting to and from those festivities, so we're encouraging everyone to exercise patience, and to plan ahead for a safe and smooth travel experience."

Whether you're flying out of McCarran, or simply visiting the airport to pick up or drop off friends or family, you're encouraged to plan ahead by following these simple tips:

Parking Tips

- **For 24-hour parking information please call McCarran's parking office at 261-5122.**
- Additional details on airport parking (including maps, fees and oversized vehicles sites) are available at www.mccarran.com.
- McCarran's Long Term parking garage and Valet Parking areas tend to fill early over holiday periods.
- An uncovered Economy Lot is located off of Paradise Road just south of Tropicana Avenue, and McCarran's Remote Lot on Giles Street north of Warm Springs Road is also available to accommodate additional demand.
- Travelers using uncovered lots should set aside at least 30 additional minutes to be shuttled to or from the airport.
- Short Term parking and the passenger pick-up curb will also be busy. Before coming to the airport to pick someone up, please check their flight status by visiting www.mccarran.com or calling 261-4636.
- Travelers with personal digital assistants or "smart phones" can obtain real-time flight information at www.flymccarran.com.
- Road construction is occurring near the Airport Connector Tunnel, though the tunnel is NOT scheduled to close at any time.

Travel Tips

- Remember that many airlines are now charging fees for each piece of checked luggage. Consult with your airline for details.
- Liquids, gels and aerosols should be placed in checked luggage whenever possible. If those items must be personally carried through a security checkpoint, they should be stored in containers sized 3 ounces or less, and be placed within a one-quart sealable clear plastic bag. **Items that do not meet these specifications must be surrendered.**
- Do not pack or bring prohibited items to the airport. Visit www.tsa.gov for a complete list.
- Do not bring wrapped packages to security checkpoints. TSA screeners may need to inspect what's inside.
- Be prepared to show your boarding pass and valid photo identification at the security checkpoints.
- Carry-on is restricted to one bag and one personal item, which includes purses, laptops, briefcases, diaper bags and pillows.
- Only ticketed passengers are allowed to go through security checkpoints. To meet unaccompanied minors or assist a disabled traveler, please visit your airline's ticket counter in advance to obtain written authorization.



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