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McCarran to host nearly 1.5 million holiday guests

Twelve days of Christmas and New Year's activity will complete another busy year at the fifth-busiest U.S. passenger airport; travelers are urged to plan ahead

LAS VEGAS – The holidays will again bring big crowds to airports across the United States. But with a little advance planning, travelers can eliminate much of the hassle from this year's winter getaways.

"Crowded airports are a fact of life this time of year, but people can minimize the time they'll spend at McCarran before their flights," Clark County Aviation Director Randall Walker said. "Get a ride here to avoid our busy parking areas, and think about how you're packing your suitcases before you come to the airport. Those two little steps can save a great deal of time."

Airlines at McCarran expect to handle approximately 1.49 million arriving and departing passengers between Friday, Dec. 22, and Tuesday, Jan. 2. The season's busiest travel days will occur around the New Year's weekend, with nearly 144,000 passengers projected for Friday, Dec. 29 and another 138,000 expected to fly on Tuesday, Jan. 2. Travelers are encouraged to arrive at McCarran at least two hours prior to their scheduled departure during this busy period.

Parking Tips

- Due to heavy demand for parking, travelers are urged to take a taxi or bus, or ask a friend or relative to drop them off at the airport.
- McCarran's Long Term parking garage will be full for most of the holiday season. Uncovered Economy and Overflow parking lots are located east of the airport along Russell Road, though they are also expected to fill during peak periods.
- Shuttles will run continuously between uncovered parking areas and the airport's terminals. Travelers using uncovered lots should set aside at least 30 additional minutes to travel 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 access real-time flight information at www.flymccarran.com.
- Valet parking will be full during peak travel times.
- For 24-hour parking information, call the McCarran parking office at 261-5122 or valet parking at 261-6999.

Travel Tips

- Many airlines allow customers to print boarding passes at home via the Internet. Travelers can also save time at the airport by using McCarran's free Airport SpeedCheck kiosks to check in and obtain their boarding pass.
- Southwest Airlines customers can drop off baggage at the off-site check-in desks at Luxor, The Venetian or the Las Vegas Convention Center. The Airport SpeedCheck Advance service costs \$20 for three bags. The process must be completed on the day of travel at least three hours before the scheduled departure time.
- 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 in order to pass through the checkpoint.**
- Travelers are limited to one plastic bag filled with liquids, gels or aerosols. It must be placed on the security checkpoint's conveyer belt for screening much like a pair of shoes or laptop computer.
- Do not bring wrapped packages to security checkpoints. TSA screeners may need to inspect what's inside.
- Carry-on is restricted to one bag and one personal item, which includes purses, laptops, briefcases, diaper bags, pillows or camera cases.
- Be prepared to show your boarding pass and valid photo identification at the security checkpoints.
- Do not pack or bring prohibited items to the airport. For a complete list, visit www.tsa.gov.
- If locking checked bags, use only a TSA-approved lock. Information on these locks is also available at www.tsa.gov.
- 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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