

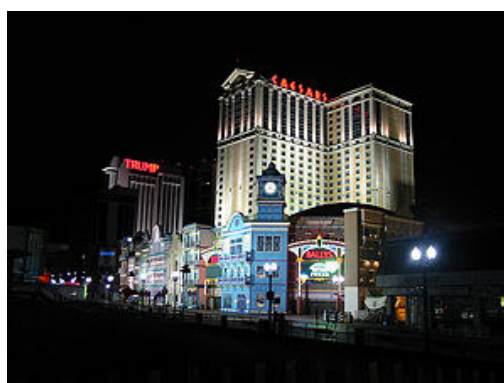
## Top 10 Casino Holidays in the World

### 1. Las Vegas, Nevada, USA



Las Vegas has giant mega-casino hotels decorated lavishly and with attention to detail to create a fantasy-like atmosphere. The casinos often have names and themes that evoke romance, mystery and far-away destinations. Opportunities to gamble are found in most places in the Las Vegas metro area, even at McCarran airport and small supermarkets. No wonder then that it is often known as the Sin City and the Entertainment Capital of the World. Some of the popular casino hotels are Wynn, Bellagio, Venetian, Planet Hollywood, The Palms, Mandalay Bay MGM Grand and Mirage. The newest most popular casinos in Las Vegas are located along the southern end of Las Vegas Boulevard, known as "The Strip". Each of these features a large casino containing thousands of slot machines and hundreds of gaming tables, large swimming pools, multiple restaurants and a variety of entertainment venues. Some of them offer health spas, wedding chapels or golf packages.

### 2. Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA



Atlantic City is a resort community located on Absecon Island in New Jersey on the Atlantic Ocean coast. It is a popular destination because casino gambling is legal and also because of its beach and entertainment. It is famous for its boardwalk, casino gambling, sandy beaches, shopping centers, spectacular view of the Atlantic Ocean, and as the inspiration for the board game Monopoly. The casinos offer slots, poker, blackjack, roulette, craps, baccarat, keno, race books and specialty table games. The Atlantic City Boardwalk is the backbone of this seaside resort city, providing access to hotels, resorts, shops, casinos and more. Stemming from the boardwalk are several piers featuring a number of attractions. Steel Pier features an amusement park right off the Atlantic City Boardwalk with rides, games and food. Garden Pier is known as the arts and cultural center of the boardwalk

complete with a historical museum and Art Center. With the city being right on the beach, one can also go swimming, tanning, fishing, or surfing too.

### 3. Monte Carlo, Monaco



Monte Carlo, which lies in the French Riviera on the Mediterranean Sea in Monaco is known internationally as a playground for the rich and famous. It is widely known for its casinos, gambling, glamour, luxurious yachts and for sightings of wealthy businessmen and famous people. The Monte Carlo Casino is one of the most notable tourist attractions of Monaco. The casino complex is a gambling facility which also includes the Grand Théâtre de Monte Carlo, an opera and ballet house, and the headquarters of the Ballets de Monte Carlo. The casino has facilities to play a variety of games which include different kinds of roulette, Stud poker, Blackjack, Trente et Quarante, Craps, Baccarat, Video poker and Slot machines. The route of the Monaco Grand Prix (the Circuit de Monaco) runs past the casino. Monte Carlo also hosts world championship boxing bouts, the European Poker Tour Grand Final, the World Backgammon Championship and fashion shows and other events.

### 4. Macau, China



Gambling is Macau's biggest industry and busloads arrive daily from mainland China to try their luck. Some of the most popular spots are: Casino Lisboa, Galaxy Rio Casino, and the Sands Casino. Baccarat is the most popular game in Macao. Most casinos are located along the waterfront on the southern side of Macau Peninsula. North of the Lisboa is a strip with many smaller casinos, a number of hotels and bars, and quite a few restaurants. This can be one of the more interesting areas of Macau; among other things it has quite a good Indian restaurant and several Portuguese ones. To hundreds and thousands of Asian casino devotees, Macau already is Asia's very own Las Vegas. There are in Macau the familiar bright exciting signs, nightlife, casinos, bars and basically one of the world's

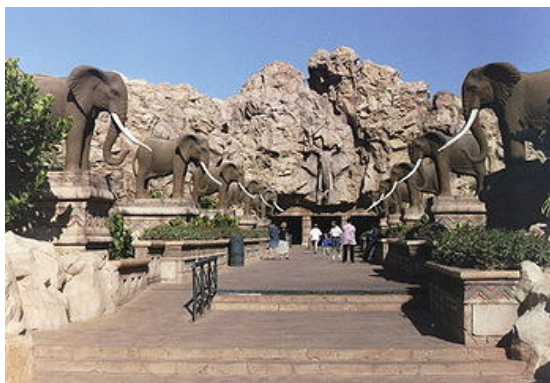
largest parties. More exciting projects are underway along the Cotai Strip which will soon be the "The Las Vegas Strip of the East". There are also several casinos on Taipa, including the Crown Macau.

#### 5. Lake Tahoe, California, USA



Lake Tahoe is know worldwide for many things including over 300 days a year of sunshine, it's beautiful blue waters, skiing and best of all for casino lovers. Lake Tahoe is a world-class gambling destination with casinos clustered on the Nevada side of the California-Nevada border. Casinos in Tahoe offer the full experience in quality lodging, vacation packages, restaurants, casino weddings, shopping, and headliner entertainment. Each casino has a variety of slot machines and table games. While Tahoe's top casinos keep pace with Las Vegas, a number of others have preserved the style and charm of the old Sierra-style gaming establishments. All conveniently located near the lake and ski resorts, the South Lake Tahoe casino resorts include Harvey's, Harrah's, Lakeside Inn and Casino, MontBleu Resort Casino & Spa and Horizon Casino Resort. On the North Shore in Crystal Bay there is the historic Cal-Neva Resort Spa Casino and the beautiful Tahoe Biltmore and in Incline Village, the popular Hyatt Regency.

#### 6. Sun City, South Africa



Sun City is a luxury South African casino resort, situated about two hours' drive from Johannesburg, near the city of Rustenburg, surrounded by the imposing mountains of the Pilanesberg. The resort complex is another Sun International Casino offering guests the greatest gambling experience available. With a list of table games that includes craps, Let it Ride, Stud Poker, Mini Punto Banco, Baccarat, Blackjack and single zero European roulette as well as eight hundred and fifty-two slot

machines it's no wonder that it's rated number one. For high rollers, the Slots Prive is open twenty four hours a day and offers slot machines and video poker. Sun City, unique in the context of world resorts, with a combination of features unmatched anywhere, draws thousands of visitors each year to its four top-quality hotels, a Vacation Club plus magnificent sporting and recreational facilities including 2 world class golf courses, and the magical Lost City water-park, The Valley of Waves. The wide choice of conference venues ensure a level of convention and banqueting facilities which few can beat.

### 7. France



Though France is more known for art, romance, fashion and everything that is modern and chic, it also offers some great casinos and gambling there is quite an experience. Although France casinos are not exactly like the Las Vegas casinos and there are lots more slots here, France offers some fabulous table and card games too. There are some very luxurious destinations in France that offer splendid casinos. Two very popular casinos include Lyon Vert Casino situated at Lyon and Palais de la Mediterranee Casino at Nice. The former is the biggest in France and has over 400 slot machines along with stud poker, roulette and blackjack. The latter offers an amalgamation of Egyptian, Greek and 1930's French décor. The highly stylized casino-hotel is spacious and has table games, American Roulette tables and French Roulette tables. Roulette was in fact invented in France. While casino games and poker are very popular, much of the gaming revenue continues to be generated by slot machines. Paris has the most number of casinos in France.

### 8. Australia



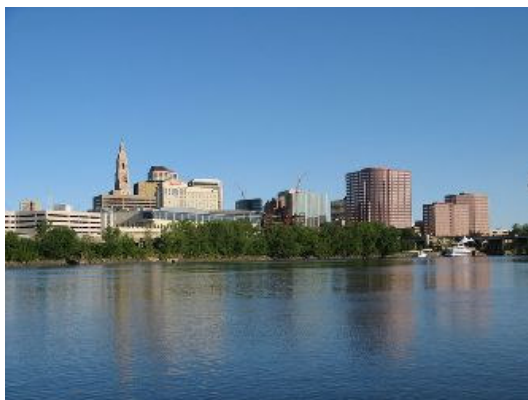
Australia is home to a number of prestigious casinos offering exciting gaming, fine food, accommodation and top quality entertainment. It boasts one of the best gambling scenes worldwide

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with many famous gamblers coming from the land of down under. Sydney, a premier vacation destination in its own right has among others, the Star City Casino, an excellent establishment for the general gambler or the poker player. Located on Sydney Harbour, Star City operates 200 gaming tables and includes a 480-room hotel, two theatres with a total 3000-seat capacity, seven restaurants and a nightclub. Another popular casino of the city is the Casino Nova Scotia. This international standard casino offers a wide range of gaming options to the visitors. The Crown Casino in Melbourne is a sparkling entertainment complex that is the largest casino in Australia and sits on the south bank of the Yarra River. The Atrium entrance features falling fountains, flashing towers and light shows that correspondent with the current season outside.

### 9. Connecticut, USA



Well-known for its rolling hills, Connecticut has miles and miles of green grass and sleepy, family communities. Hartford, the capitol of Connecticut, is known for its bustling, state government lifestyle. However, throughout this state, a busy Connecticut casino industry thrives. Foxwoods casino and Mohegan Sun casino, two of the world's largest casinos, call Connecticut their home. These casinos are most well known within Connecticut and they are grand-scale facilities known of worldwide. Being direct competitors of one another, they are constantly upgrading to try to show each other up. Foxwoods is home to the one of the world's largest poker rooms and Mohegan Sun boasts both world class entertainment and high-end shopping. This area is conveniently situated between the tourist heavy cities of New York City and Boston and is a favorite destination of college-aged gamblers who flood the region annually.

### 10. Bahamas



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Home to amazing beaches and coveted vacations spots, Bahamas is well known for its Islands. The Caribbean gambling age of 18 and the spring break parties running from February to April also make this a gambler's paradise. The Bahamas sports three large casinos, two on New Providence, one at Cable Beach and the other on Paradise Island, and one on Grand Bahama in Lucaya. The Atlantis, located on the appropriately named Paradise Island, is a treasure for both its gambling space and its beach-themed allure. Everything here is exorbitant. And there's plenty to do here than simply gamble in the vast casino or sportsbook, as there is also a water park, aquariums and dolphin habitat All casinos in Bahamas sport a wide variety of games, including roulette, black-jack, baccarat, dice, slot machines, the wheel of fortune and of course the 'big six.' For those who don't trust their luck, the casinos also offer shows. In between casinos are hundreds of bars and night clubs.