LETTER TO FUTURE VISITORS ABOUT SOUTHERN NEVADA

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When living in southern Nevada,
the mind often thinks
about sun, desert, and summer. While
winters are basic and ordinary, it’s the hot summers
that you’ll never forget.
You’ll remember the experience of dry, high temperatures that cause
your sweat glands to work overtime.
Millions of sweat droplets give birth to new droplets of sweat.
It’s a repeating cycle
that goes between the months of June through August. The heat seems unbearable in what feels like
twenty trillion years. Your body
feels like it can’t cool off between the
months of June through August.
Soon, you feel hot, sweaty,
and exhausted, all because of
this. You wish that the intense
heat would go away once in a while.
Everyone tells you that Nevada is a desert
and once you’ve heard it, you probably would think in your
mind: *Have they gone mad?*
Trust me, though, once you’ve lived in the state for ten years,
you’d change your mind.
Despite all this, you’d be surprised
of how many sights await you in Nevada.
Nevada is home to Red Rock Canyon and Lake Mead, both of
which tires both the muscles and the mind,
every second you’re out there. But
they have beautiful sights—your eyes just take in the color of the water
in Lake Mead, or maybe
the big mountains and the big, red rocks
in Red Rock Canyon, fascinated by the color
and when your parents give you insight,
your mind feels like it wants to dig deeper into the soil,
and find out more,
more about the fascinating sights of
Lake Mead’s beautiful waters and Red Rock Canyon’s red color.
More about the history of the two popular sites.
More about everything Lake Mead and Red Rock Canyon—you’re just so fascinated that your mind blows up.
The Las Vegas Raiders are one of the teams
that play during NFL season.
It’s fun when the whole family is underneath the red, hot sky
and the bright, orange sun.
The cheer of the crowd makes you want to cheer
and let out your excitement
because your favorite team has scored a touchdown.
The scream of excitement is hard to resist—you want to shout
because you feel so happy, and it’s a feeling
that builds up inside you,
and you think that your team is going to win.
It feels good.
And when the Las Vegas Raiders win the game,
you feel pride, happiness, and excitement
just pushing to come out.
It tugs at you to come out.
It begs you to come out.
It would do anything to come out.
Your mind tells you that the Las Vegas Raiders
have won, and that gives you permission
to scream as loud as you can, giving out all that pride,
all that happiness, all that excitement,
and it comes out like water–
water that’s in a bottle
that’s turned upside down,
and when you screw off the lid,
it just comes out in huge amounts.
The Strip is a popular attraction
in all of Las Vegas–casinos, gambling
machines, and fancy restaurants
are found here.
You enter a hotel—it feels
so warm and so comfortable,
it reminds you of fluffy cotton
balls, and not even one or two.
It reminds you of a huge mountain of
cotton balls—a mountain the size of
Mt. Everest.
At six o’clock, it’s time
to eat out.
You take a bite out of a fancy steak—
it’s so good. It reminds you of heaven. It
reminds you of home. It reminds you of
the good things in your life.
As you bite through your steak, you
get lost in a dreamy world. You feel yourself
float to heaven slowly and at a comfortable pace.
You don’t realize that you’ve finished your steak
in under five minutes. That’s how good it was.
Before you go to bed that night,
you take a look at your view.
It brings you emotions
of both happiness and sadness.
The view of Las Vegas is so nice. Cars
zoom by with a loud roar. You hear
In the distance people’s chatter,
making this the vacation of a lifetime.
You see the desert landscape
in the distance—the setting sun reminds you of
home, making you sad.
The setting sun makes you think–
think about the comfort of home,
the fluffy couches that makes you feel so
warm inside,
and the air conditioning that feels nice when it touches you.
Home is everything and it is truly missed.
But remember that you 100% will see home
again. In the meantime, take into consideration,
that Las Vegas has more to offer than
just steakhouses and football games.
There are many things
that have yet to be seen
in Las Vegas,
by you.