



We've been going to Vegas for several decades, and on recent visits we've been shocked by the increasing high prices on everything. Room rates are through the roof. In 1990 we paid \$25, and now for the same hotel room it's \$250. A buffet was \$5, now \$29.99. Taxis for a 10-minute ride from the airport to the hotel were \$5, now \$40. How can we avoid the rising Sin City robbery rates? *PLF, San Antonio TX*

A: Consider all kinds of alternatives for seniors. To avoid airline, hotel and other high costs to Vegas, check prices at Native American casinos closer to you in Texas. For Sin City local transport, ride with Uber, Lyft or take the bus. Las Vegas RTC transit offers reduced fares to seniors with photo ID.

If you continue going to Vegas, do research before booking. There are seasonal money-saving promotions, packages that include flights, hotels and meals, as well as senior and AARP membership deals.