

## *The Thrill Rides Tour*

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Thrill rides abound on the Las Vegas Strip, and there are probably more than you'll have time to visit. Here are a few suggestions. If you want more than this, it's easy to find Vegas thrill rides with an internet search.

Right across the street from the Excalibur to the north is New York New York. Towering drops, multiple loops and stunning views of the Strip. The cost is \$14 for one ride or \$21 dollars if you want to ride twice.

Circus Circus has a whole amusement park, the Adventuredome (\$29.95 for a day pass or \$10 per ride), inside the building. Canyon Blaster and El Loco are two of the extreme rides. Canyon Blaster is not known for its steep drops but it reaches highway speeds of up to 55 miles per hour. There's also a portion of the ride where it gets dark and you don't know what to expect next. El Loco ascends 90 feet before diving backwards at negative 1.5 vertical Gs, zips through a 45-degree outwardly banked turn and makes a 180-degree turn that drops over the edge into a barrel roll. For more information, go to <http://www.adventuredome.com>.

The Stratosphere has the most insane rides of all. This hotel juts 1,149 feet upwards and the rides are on top and even HANG OUT OVER THE EDGE!!! The "Sky Jump" (\$119) drops you down a vertical zipline starting 829 feet up. "Insanity" (\$15) hangs passengers out 68 feet from the edge of the building and spins them up to 3 Gs. As the passengers spin, their ride cars angle out to 70 degrees FACING YOU DOWNWARD. "Big Shot" (\$15) shoots you 160 feet upwards along the Stratosphere's needle. And "X Scream" (\$15) is basically a giant teeter-totter that plays on our natural fear of heights, letting passengers feel like they're about to be thrown off the building. Tickets to the tower are \$20. For more information, go to <http://www.stratospherehotel.com/Activities/Thrill-Rides>.