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Vegas Weekender: Football frenzy and fun hit Vegas



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It's the Big Game on Sunday, Feb. 7. You could go to your buddy's house and veg in front of the TV. But we've got a better idea. Why not live it up, Vegas-style? Ditch the chips on the couch and head to Sin City for the best football weekend ever.

Football

On Feb. 7, watch the Big Game in Las Vegas

Rockhouse Bar & Nightclub hosts The Ultimate Super Sunday Football Party, starting 30 minutes before kickoff and continuing until the wee hours of the morning. For \$100 per person, get all-you-can-drink draft beers and well drinks. All-you-can-eat bar fare is just \$25 more. See the big game on 18 flat-screen televisions. DJs get the party pumping during commercial breaks for a one-of-a-kind experience.

RHUMBAR at Mirage hosts its own Big Game party. Enjoy brats hot off the grill, drink specials and bloody Mary cocktail concoctions.

At Cabo Wabo's Big Game Fiesta at Miracle Mile Shops inside Planet Hollywood, scarf down all-you-can-eat nachos, fajitas, chicken wings and hot dogs, enjoy drinks and a chance to win prizes — all for \$100. Watch the game on eight big screen televisions and receive special drink promotions each time your team scores.

Also at Miracle Mile: Blondie's offers an open bar and a premium buffet with steaks and seafood for \$200 per person. Doors open an hour and a half before the game and the party lasts until the game ends. Hawaiian Tropic

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Zone, meanwhile, offers food and drinks for \$125.

Lagasse's Stadium inside Palazzo combines Emeril Lagasse's cuisine with more than 100 flat screen televisions, luxury boxes, plush stadium-style seating, billiard tables and an outdoor patio.

At McFadden's at Rio, \$100 covers the open bar and halftime buffet.

If you're open to leaving the Strip, check out Sammy's Woodfired Pizza (6500 West Sahara Ave.), about a 15-minute drive away. The party starts at 2 p.m. and features giveaways as well as 2-for-1 drink specials on well drinks, domestic bottles and drafts. If you plan on being the sober one (how noble of you!), you'll receive free soda and water. Watch the game live on five flat-screen televisions and try a variety of Sammy's tapas for half the price.

Not football

Take a break from football, see a show

Capture the feeling of Old Vegas with **The Rat Pack is Back** at the Plaza nightly at 7:30. It's the next best thing to seeing Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Joey Bishop.

Other Vegas tribute shows include Barbara & Frank: The Concert That Never Was at Riviera, Fab Four Live and Hitzville The Show at Planet Hollywood, American Superstars at the Stratosphere and Purple Reign – The Ultimate Prince Tribute Show at Hooters.

If you want to experience the real thing,



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see Carlos Santana in **Supernatural**

Santana: A Trip Through the Hits at the Hard Rock Friday, Feb. 5 and Saturday, Feb. 6.

Other artists performing here this weekend are George Strait, Reba McEntire and Lee Ann Womack at MGM's Grand Garden Arena on Saturday, Feb. 6. Drew Carey presents The Improv All Stars at MGM Grand's Hollywood Theatre from Feb. 4-7.

At Mandalay Bay's House of Blues, Joe Rogan performs Friday, Feb. 5 and Badfish – A Tribute to Sublime on Saturday, Feb. 6.

You're in Vegas, so be sure to enjoy the ride

Ride The Roller Coaster at **New York-New York** (\$14, with a second ride for \$7) or Speed at Sahara (\$10).

If heights are not an issue, the Stratosphere offers Big Shot (\$19.95), Insanity (\$13) and X Scream (\$19.95).

Get behind the wheel at Pole Position Raceway (4175 S. Arville St.) for \$55 and enjoy going at speeds up to 45 miles on an indoor track. Even professional drivers make frequent appearances here.

And if you don't mind the 30-40 minute drive outside the city, check out Bootleg Canyon Flightlines, which offers an exhilarating zip line ride through Boulder Canyon with amazing views of the Southwest.