



*Today is your lucky day...*







*You are cordially invited to*

**THE 86TH DUCKS UNLIMITED  
NATIONAL CONVENTION**



*Caesars Palace • Las Vegas, Nevada*

*May 31 - June 3, 2023*





## *Dear Friends of the Ducks,*

Please join your DU friends in Las Vegas as we celebrate Ducks Unlimited's 86th National Convention at Caesars Palace May 31- June 3, 2023. Bright lights, world-class shopping, and plenty of opportunities to enjoy the nightlife that is unmistakably Las Vegas! But please don't forget about the celebrity-chef operated restaurants and shows that span every genre of music and entertainment and the over-the-top facilities at Caesars! Las Vegas has it all!

On Wednesday night join Sammy, Dean and Frank at an only in Las Vegas welcoming party. Dress in your Rat Pack attire and relive the heyday of early Las Vegas. This show will entertain you with their nostalgic music. Thursday is the President's Council Dinner/ Dinner-on-your-own, Friday is the Wings Over Wetlands Dinner, and Saturday is our evening gala featuring cocktails, dinner, auction and dancing!

Las Vegas is also home to some incredible tour opportunities. With the West Rim of the Grand Canyon only two hours from Las Vegas, we are offering full day tours to experience its grandeur. Whether you want to walk on the sky at the Skywalk at Grand Canyon West Rim extending over the 4,000 feet above the canyon floor or explore the ancestral homelands of the Hualapai Tribe, the Grand Canyon is a not to be missed excursion. Maybe heights are not your thing, so we have arranged a DU-only special tour inside the myriad of hidden passageways few have experienced deep within the Hoover Dam. Our partners at the Municipal Water District have put together an encounter few have the opportunity to experience. All this is possible and even more! These unique tours and many more are described in this brochure.

Caesars Palace is at the epicenter of all that is Las Vegas, and this is your invitation to join the Ducks as we celebrate our 86 years. We hope to see you in May!

For the Ducks,

Chuck Smith  
President  
Ducks Unlimited

**LAS  
VEGAS**







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We are busy putting the finishing touches on what we believe will be a memorable convention in Las Vegas. Our Business Sessions will inform and educate, and our events will remind you of why you come back. DU's 86th National Convention is an opportunity to reengage with old friends and meet new friends.

*Please mark May 31 - June 3, 2023  
and make your plans to join us.*

*We have so much fun in store!  
Caesars Palace · Las Vegas, Nevada*

**Pattie Kempka, Senior National Director of Meetings & Conferences**





# Hotel and Air Information

## HOST HOTEL - CAESARS PALACE

3570 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89109

Room rate: \$189, resort fee \$19

Parking free for Platinum, Diamond and Seven Star members.

Self parking: \$18 Mon – Thurs, \$23 Fri – Sat

Valet: \$36 Mon – Wed, \$40 Thurs – Sun

Cancellation Policy: Reservations must be cancelled at least 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid a one night's room and tax charge.

Reservations must be made by May 5, 2023

For booking information, visit [convention.ducks.org](http://convention.ducks.org) for booking link or call 866-227-5944.

## AIR TRAVEL INFORMATION

Delta is proud to partner with Ducks Unlimited for flights to our National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Fly into Las Vegas Harry Reid International Airport (LAS) and take advantage of a 2-10% discount. Go to [Delta.com](http://Delta.com), enter your travel destination and dates and select Advanced Search to enter DU's meeting event code, NY27G. You may also call Delta Meeting Network® at 1-800-328-1111\* Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. (EST) and refer to Meeting Event Code NY27G.

\*Please note there is not a service fee for reservations booked and ticketed via Delta Meeting Network reservation 800 number.

## AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Uber, Lyft and taxi are readily available from Harry Reid International Airport, Las Vegas (LAS).

For all Hotel and Air questions, contact  
Elizabeth Harris at [eharris@ducks.org](mailto:eharris@ducks.org) or 901-758-3843.





# *Schedule of Events*

## **TUESDAY, MAY 30**

**Pre-Convention Grand Canyon West Rim Trip**

Gathering and DU pin trading - Cash bar

Hospitality

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 31**

Tours

Committee Meetings

**Las Vegas Rat Pack Opening Reception and Dinner, Omnia in Caesars Palace**

Hospitality

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 1**

Tours

Committee Meetings

DU Board Luncheon\*

DU Board Meeting

**Presidents Council Reception and Dinner\*/Dinner on your own**

Hospitality

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 2**

Morning Coffee and Pastries

General Business Session I

Tours

Committee Meetings

**Wings Over Wetlands Celebration Dinner**

Hospitality

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 3**

Morning Coffee and Pastries

General Business Session II

**86th National Convention Reception and Gala**



\* By Invitation Only





# TOURS



## *Grand Canyon West Adventure*



**\$180**  
/person



**Tuesday  
& Thursday**

**7:00 am – 3:00 pm**



With its unparalleled views, the Grand Canyon is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and only two hours from Las Vegas. Located on the Hualapai Indian Reservation, your Grand Canyon West adventure is worth the trip. Included in this excursion is the skywalk experience, a horse-shoe shaped glass floor that projects 70 feet from the rim. See raptors glide effortlessly on thermal currents while enjoying stunning views of the canyon floor 4,000 feet below. Next you can take a short hike to Guano Point with its dramatic viewpoints of the Grand Canyon. With many restaurants overlooking the canyon to enjoy lunch on your own, this bucket list adventure is one you will not forget. Depart the hotel via motorcoach.



**\*\*Add a flight to the bottom of the canyon on a Maverick Helicopters Grand Canyon Discovery flight that departs from the Grand Canyon West airport, right next to the Grand Canyon West visitors center, for \$229.00. Fly through the canyon and experience the time-forged rock formations and stunning coloration as the Grand Canyon walls surround. Land 3,500 feet below the rim where you will enjoy the mystique and grandeur of the canyon. You will spend 20 minutes enjoying breathtaking views of the canyon so be sure to bring a camera! This opportunity must be booked in advance separately from the tour by contacting Maverick at 702-261-0007. Space is limited! Valid ID must be presented prior to flight.**





## *Eldorado Gold Mine Tour*

Gear up to be immersed in a true wild west experience at one of Nevada's richest gold mines. There are tales of gold fever and claim jumping, disastrous floods, fortunes won and lost, wild politics and more. Hear true stories of the men who blasted their way underground in search of gold and silver.

You'll learn from a local expert about gold mining in southern Nevada at the oldest and richest gold mine, which operated from 1861 until 1942. While you're there, explore ¼ mile deep into the mine on level paths. Once in, you will be amazed at the labyrinth passageways as the cavernous mine opens. The abandoned city is now home to memorabilia, and souvenirs from movie sets filmed in the area.

A short drive from the mine reveals interesting geological formations and ends at an overlook above a beautiful stretch of the Colorado River at Nelson's Landing, the main arrival point for the mine. Cameras ready for a terrific photo op!



**Thursday**

**8:00 am – 12:00 pm**

## *Hoover Dam Hard Hat Tour*

Go deep inside Hoover Dam, one of the nation's most iconic structures and engineering feats on this special "hard hat" tour. Through our partnership with the Metropolitan Water District and the Bureau of Reclamation, DU convention attendees are invited to experience a special tour that is closed to the public. View the 30' diameter Penstock Pipe in the diversion tunnel, walk on the generator floor as you are guided through the Arizona Wing Powerplant Powerhouse. End with magnificent views of the dam, Black Canyon and the Colorado River. Space is limited so register early. Uneven surfaces and narrow spaces are inside the dam. Please wear good walking shoes. Depart hotel via motorcoach.



*Space is limited!*

**Wed. & Thurs., 8 am – 12:15 pm or 12:45 - 5:00 pm**





# TOURS



## *City Highlight Tour*

There's a reason the Las Vegas Strip is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world- there is nothing else like it! You'll get to see the best of the best in a few hours, a crash course in all things Vegas that includes history going back to the day of the Rat Pack and Elvis. You will be guided during this motorcoach tour to some of the city's highlights. Tour an over-the-top hotel, see what is happening on funky Freemont Street and finish with a photo by the world-famous "Welcome to Las Vegas" sign. There will be opportunities to get out and explore on this bus tour. Depart hotel via motorcoach. Timing 4 hours

**Wednesday**  
**8:30 am - 12:30 pm**  
**or 1:00 - 5:00pm**

**Friday**  
**12:30 - 4:30 pm**



## *Las Vegas by Night Helicopter Tour*

Enjoy unparalleled views of the Las Vegas Strip from the best perspective- the sky! Soar high above the world-famous neon landscapes including Bellagio, Allegiant Stadium, Caesars Palace, High Roller, Wynn Las Vegas, The STRAT and many others. This ultimate flight over Las Vegas is a 12-15-minute experience offering stunning views above one of the world's most dramatic and dazzling cities that comes alive after dark. Departs hotel via motorcoach. Book early, space is limited.

**Friday**  
**9:30 pm**



# SUPER DUCK PACKAGE

**The Super Duck package is \$300 and limited to the first 300 buyers.**

Reserve your tickets online today. Remaining packages will be for sale at the raffle desk or Hospitality starting Wednesday while supplies last.

Super Duck buyers who purchase their package prior to 10:00 am on Friday, May 26 will be entered into a drawing for Garth Brooks concert tickets. \* Garth Brooks is the artist in residence at Caesars during our time in Las Vegas. Tickets were sold in a lottery, and we were lucky to secure two sets of front orchestra section tickets for his sold-out show on Thursday, June 1. The two winners will be announced that Friday.



**SUPER DUCK** buyers who purchase their package prior to 1:00 pm on Thursday, June 1 receive additional lucky duck tickets.

**Included in the Super Duck Sweepstakes:**

## TEN TICKETS FOR THE CONVENTION RAFFLE

Winner receives an all-expense paid trip to the 2024 National Convention in San Diego, California

## NINE TICKETS (THREE EACH DAY) FOR THE DUCKS UNLIMITED LUCKY DUCK GUN

Four lucky winners each day (Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

## ONE TICKET FOR THE GRAND PRIZE

1 in 300 chance for winner's choice from our dream vacation package

**\* Contact Elizabeth Harris at [eharris@ducks.org](mailto:eharris@ducks.org) or 901-758-3843.**



# CONVENTION MERCHANDISE

**PRE-ORDER AND  
SHOW YOUR  
DU SPIRIT AT  
CONVENTION!**



Our convention store has the perfect mix for everyone to enjoy. Visit us online, and don't forget to stop by the merchandise room at convention.

Items pre-ordered are available to be shipped to your home for a nominal cost or can be picked up in the merchandise room! Deadline for shipping is May 10th.

**[HTTPS://GO.DUFUNDRAISING.COM/CONVENTIONAPPAREL](https://go.dufundraising.com/conventionapparel)**



# *Las Vegas Rat Pack*

## *Opening Night Reception and Dinner*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

Get ready to transport back to the Hollywood age when entertainers and mobsters shaped Las Vegas into what it is today! Join us at our opening night reception in the hotel's Omnia nightclub. Relive the days of the Rat Pack with Las Vegas' most famous entertainers and their live big band orchestra just as they appeared live in the Sands Hotel Copa Room back in the early 1960s! Grab your friends and join Frank, Sammy, Dean, and others as we kick off convention week Vegas style!



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# CONVENTION REGISTRATION

## Online

Submit Convention Registration Form with credit card information at:  
[convention.ducks.org](http://convention.ducks.org)

## Mail

Send Convention Registration Form with payment information to:  
Elizabeth Harris  
Ducks Unlimited  
One Waterfowl Way  
Memphis, TN 38120-2351

## Cancellation Policy

A full refund of registration and tours will be given with written cancellation notice received by Monday, May 22, 2023. Please contact Pattie Kempka, [pkempka@ducks.org](mailto:pkempka@ducks.org) with additional questions.

## Access

A full convention registration (\$450.00/adult, \$200.00 young adult) with credentials grant you access to:

### Wednesday, May 31 –

Las Vegas Rat Pack Opening Reception and Dinner  
Hospitality

### Thursday, June 1 –

Hospitality  
President's Council Reception & Dinner\*

### Friday, June 2 –

Morning Coffee and Pastries  
General Business Session I  
Wings Over Wetlands Celebration Reception and Dinner  
Hospitality

### Saturday, June 3 –

Morning Coffee and Pastries  
General Business Session II  
86th National Convention Reception and Gala

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# REGISTRATION FORM

## 86th Annual Ducks Unlimited National Convention

### Registrant Information

☐ First Convention

First \_\_\_\_\_

Last \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Current DU Position(s) or Contribution Level  
(Maximum of two, for your name badge)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

### FULL CONVENTION REGISTRATION WITH CREDENTIALS INCLUDES:

All scheduled meals, social events, hospitality,  
convention reception, and gala. Gala-only credentials  
will be available Saturday.

Adult Registration. \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \$450

I plan to attend the:

Opening Night Reception & Dinner (Wed., May 31) . . . Y / N

Wings Over Wetlands Dinner (Fri., June 2). . . . . Y / N

Gala (Sat., June 3). . . . . Y / N

Saturday Gala Only (not registering for convention) . ☐ \$175

Young Adult Registration (ages 15-24)

D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \$200

Super Duck Sweepstakes Ticket(s) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \$300/each  
(Available for pick up at DU's onsite registration desk)

Grand Canyon West Adventure . . . . . \$180

☐ Tuesday, May 30 ☐ Thursday, June 1

Gold Mine Tour. . . . . \$120

☐ Thursday, June 1 (am)

Hoover Dam Hard Hat Tour . . . . . \$100

☐ Wed., May 31 (am/pm) ☐ Thursday, June 1 (am/pm)

City Highlight Tour . . . . . \$60

☐ Wednesday, May 31 (am/pm) ☐ Friday, June 2 (pm)

Las Vegas by Night Helicopter Tour . . . . . \$140

☐ Friday, June 2 (pm)

Total for Registrant \$

### Spouse, Guest, or Child Information

☐ First Convention

☐ Spouse ☐ Guest ☐ Child

First \_\_\_\_\_

Last \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Age (if child) \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Current DU Position(s) or Contribution Level  
(Maximum of two, for your name badge)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

*\*NOTE: For children 14 years of age and younger, convention registration is complimentary. Fees for tours are the same as adults and are listed below. Gala meal options are \$125 for a child or \$35 for a kid's meal.*

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### Guest or Child Information

☐ First Convention

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First \_\_\_\_\_

Last \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ CHECK PAYABLE TO: Ducks Unlimited-Convention 2023

☐ CHARGE: ☐ Discover ☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ AMEX

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Total for Entire Party (USD) \$



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