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# DID YOU KNOW???

- Las Vegas Taxi drivers cannot pick up passengers off of the street (flag or hailed ride).
- Taxi passengers can only be charged the amount shown on the taxi meter.
- Taxicab fares must be paid in U.S. currency.
- All taxicab companies are required to maintain a lost-and-found for items left in taxicabs.
- All passengers must wear a seat belt while in a taxicab.
- In calendar year 2008, Las Vegas taxicabs completed 25,056,135 trips.
- The maximum number of passengers permitted in a Las Vegas taxicab is five.
- Use of the I-215 tunnel from McCarran airport is NEVER the shortest route to ANY Las Vegas Strip hotel.
- Taxi drivers must obey the passenger's directions as it relates to route taken.
- Baby seats are not required in Las Vegas taxicabs, but can be used if the passengers bring their own.
- Las Vegas taxi drivers are NEVER permitted to smoke if there are passengers in the taxicab.
- There are currently 16 taxicab companies in Las Vegas, operated by 9 different owner groups.
- The Nevada Taxicab Authority has been in existence since 1969.
- There are approximately 3,200 vehicles in the Las Vegas taxi fleet.
- Nevada law requires Las Vegas taxicabs to have air conditioning and heat.
- Taxicab passengers CANNOT be charged for the loading/unloading or transporting of their luggage.
- Tips or gratuities to taxi drivers in Las Vegas are optional and NOT required.
- "Long Hauling" occurs when a taxi driver takes the least direct route without the passenger's permission.
- "High Flagging" occurs when a taxi driver transports a passenger without engaging the taxi meter.
- New Las Vegas taxis can operate for 67 months from the date they are originally placed into service.
- There are approximately 9,800 taxi drivers in Las Vegas.
- "Front Loading" occurs on a taxi stand when a taxi driver illegally pulls in front of other taxicabs to load.
- It is a crime to enter a Las Vegas taxicab without sufficient funds to pay the fare.
- A Las Vegas taxi driver may refuse to transport, if a passenger gives no specific address or destination.
- A taxi passenger in Las Vegas must be given a completed receipt if they request one from the driver.
- Las Vegas taxi drivers are not permitted to divert a passenger from their original destination.
- Every taxi driver must display their "TAXICAB DRIVERS PERMIT" in the taxi at all times.
- All Las Vegas taxi companies have specific vehicle color combinations and vehicle numbers.
- Nevada Taxicab Authority enforcement personnel are on duty 24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year.
- When you enter a taxicab, the driver will start the taximeter (referred to as the "drop") and an initial charge of \$3.30 will register. If a taxi ride originates at McCarran International Airport, an additional airport surcharge of \$1.80 per trip is added to the taximeter. After the initial "drop", the taximeter will assess a fare of \$2.40 per mile (\$.20 for each 1/12<sup>th</sup> of a mile traveled). If the taximeter senses that the taxicab is moving less than 8-12 MPH, the taximeter will assess a charge of \$.20 every 24 seconds (\$30.00 per hour waiting time). That is why the taximeter continues to accumulate charges even when the taxicab is not moving. Once the taximeter senses that the taxicab is moving at a speed greater than 8-12 MPH the fare calculates on the actual distance traveled.