**Our Las Vegas Adventure - March 28 thru April 1 2024**

**When we found out that Tyler and Kirsten would soon be heading off to Iowa, we knew we wanted to send them off in a memorable way. We each took on a challenge: come up with an exciting and fun idea for a trip. We presented our trips and then voted for the winner. When it came down to the details and planning, we decided to save some time and money and landed on Las Vegas as the destination. Being so full of energy, it was the perfect adventure for the send-off.**

**Cindy, Danyel, Tyler, Kirsten and I made the trip. We stayed towards the North end of the Strip at Treasure Island, which gave us plenty of opportunity to walk many, many miles over the four days. I think that was more walking than I had done in quite some time; it was well worth the time spent together!**

**One of the highlights of the trip was seeing the Blue Man Group. It was an unforgettable night—not because of the energy of the show, but because Tyler got pulled up as an audience participant! Watching him on stage, not exactly sure what to do, but seemingly having a blast, gave us all a good laugh and made for one of our favorite memories of the trip.**

**We also visited the Mob Museum, where we explored the history of organized crime and law enforcement in Vegas. It was full of stories that sparked our curiosity and made for good conversation for us all.**

**We spent an evening at the Lost Spirits Distillery & Museum (now closed)—an immersive vaudeville-like experience that blended art, science, and a bit of rum. Well, maybe more than just a bit. It was like stepping into another world. Upon leaving we decided food was in order, so we had quite a fun and entertaining drive to the nearest McDonalds; the radio turned up loud and everyone having a great time.**

**Between shows and museums, we walked for miles (thousands, I am convinced), enjoying the Las Vegas experience, just being together and having great conversations. We ate *incredibly* well and walked many miles. More than anything, we cherished the time together laughing, exploring, and just enjoying each other’s company.**

**This trip wasn’t just about Vegas—it was about marking a transition, celebrating Tyler and Kirsten, our family, and strengthening the bonds that will hold us together. It was the perfect send-off, and we’re so grateful we took the time to make it happen.**

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