Miss Nevada Nia Sanchez returns to Las Vegas for first time since winning Miss USA



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2014 Miss Nevada USA Nia Sanchez.

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Reigning Miss Nevada Nia Sanchez of Henderson returns to town today for the first time since making history June 8, the night she was crowned 2014 Miss USA in Baton Rouge, La., becoming Nevada's first pageant queen to take the tiara.

"I am so excited for my official return to Nevada," said Sanchez, 24, in a news release. "Ever since I was crowned as Nevada's first Miss USA, I have been looking forward to going back to where my journey started, surrounded by family, friends and loved ones. I'm so excited to see everyone!"

2014 Miss USA Nia Sanchez of Nevada



This is no typical itinerary in Las Vegas, though, as Sanchez's first celebratory homecoming is jampacked with events, including red carpets, charity work, dinners, dayclubs and nightclubs and an appearance at Nellis Air Force Base.

The rundown:

Thursday, July 17

12 to 2 p.m.: **Best Buddies** charity event at **Brooklyn Bowl** in the Linq.

2:30 to 4 p.m.: Appearance at **Nellis Air Force Base.**

7:45 p.m.: Dinner with previous titleholders at **Todd English PUB** in Aria.

11:30 p.m.: Haze at Aria.

Friday, July 18

Appointment at Michael Boychuck's salon Color in Caesars Palace.

12:30 to 3 p.m.: **Drai's Beach Club** + **Nightclub** atop the Cromwell.

8 p.m.: Dinner at Fix at Bellagio.

11:30 p.m.: The Bank at Bellagio.

Saturday, July 19

1 to 2:45 p.m.: **Shade Tree** women's shelter Royal Day Party.

Miss Nevada USA Nia Sanchez in Baton Rouge



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3:15 to 3:45 p.m.: **Wet Republic** at MGM Grand.

4 to 6 p.m.: Miss Nevada USA and Miss Nevada Teen USA recruitment event at **Towbin Fiat**.

7 to 8 p.m.: Bowling at Brooklyn Bowl.

8 to 10 p.m.: Dinner at Brooklyn Bowl.

10:15 to 11 p.m.: Ride the **High Roller** at the

Linq.

11:30 p.m.: Drai's Beach Club + Nightclub.

Sunday, July 20

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: **National Lollipop Day** benefiting Shade Tree at **Sugar Factory Town Square.** Sanchez will sign autographs and take photographs with fans. 2014 Miss Nevada Teen USA **Alexa Taylor** also will make an appearance. Taylor celebrated her 16th birthday at Sugar Factory last Friday.

Sanchez departs Las Vegas for New York.

<u>Sanchez was in Carson City on Wednesday</u>, where Gov. Brian Sandoval congratulated her on winning the title.

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