

Visit the original gambling mecca of America

You've been lucky or clever! Somehow, by sharp pencil or sharper mind, you've managed to earn a Federal Income Tax refund from Uncle Sam. Now, when that big check comes in, the problem is what to do with it. Pay the rent, buy groceries, a new outfit? Not this year. Take the money and spend it on pure enjoyment. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Take a trip to Nevada. Prices for air and hotel have never been better. The scenery is beautiful this time of year, and the casinos in Reno, Lake Tahoe and Las Vegas are waiting to help you spend that refund.

2. Go on a cruise. All kinds of luxurious new ships and exotic ports of call can make spending your refund at sea lots of fun.

3. Visit the Big Apple. Many new and revived hit shows are all over Broadway. All the tourist features are waiting to welcome you: the Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, Central Park, Greenwich Village and Fifth Avenue.

Don't let that refund burn a hole in your pocket, and don't spend it on unnecessary luxuries, such as food, clothing and rent. Enjoy a spree, courtesy of your generous Uncle Sam.