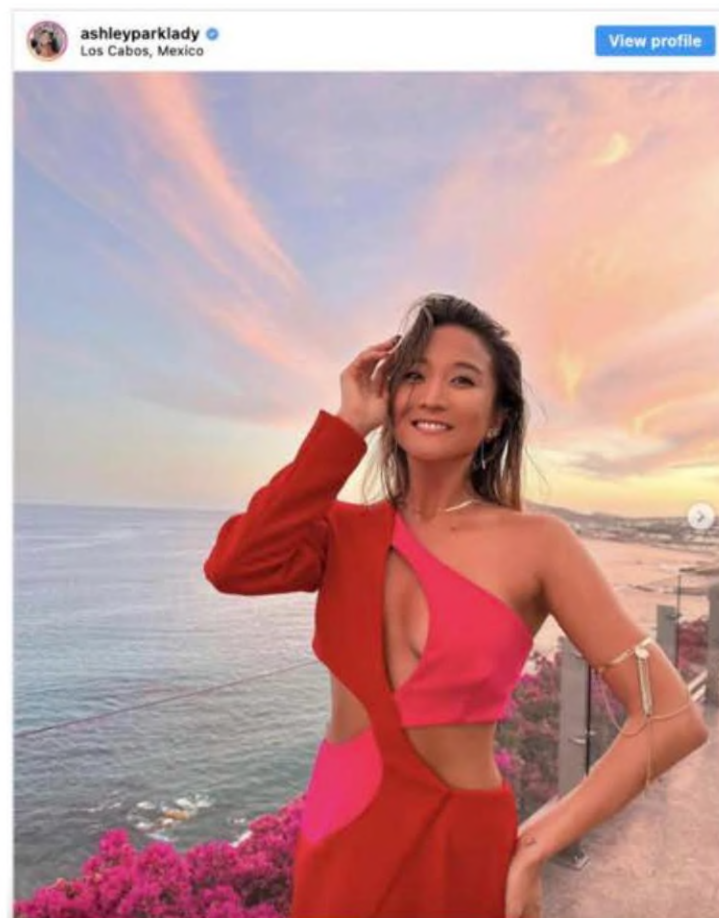




Ashley Park in Bathing Suit Has "Best Days Off"



Ashley Park is a star of both stage and screen. She's a Broadway performer who's appeared in productions of *The King & I* and *Mean Girls*. She's also starred in TV series like *Emily In Paris*, *Girls5eva*, and most recently, *Beef*. Park recently took a trip to Los Cabos, and shared some highlights on Instagram. In them, she is seen painting, playing ping-pong, eating at restaurants, and going to the pool and beach. Park captioned the post, "The absolute best days off, sunsets, and breaths of my life." How does she stay so fit? Read on to see 5 ways Ashley Park stays in shape and the photos that prove they work—and to get beach-ready yourself, don't miss these essential [30 Best-Ever Celebrity Bathing Suit Photos!](#)



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Best Golf And Fishing Vacations: Two Great Trips In One

Peanut butter and jelly. Ham and eggs. Sonny and Cher. Some things just go really well together, and one of these is golf and fishing. Many fans of one sport love the other, and each leaves enough time in the day for even the most passionate devotee to immerse himself or herself in both.

But best of all, when planning a vacation, you don't have to choose between them, because there are a lot of places where world-class versions of both can be found in the same spot. Even better, they are often both at a single exceptional resort, the kind most of us would love to visit for any reason, with lots of other amenities, spas, beautiful beaches and pools, and exceptional cuisine. That can make for not just two, but three or more great vacations under one roof. Here are some of the top spots that fit this bill.



Los Cabos, Mexico: While most of the resorts here have just one golf course, the combination of exceptional luxury resorts and standout golf courses make the Los Cabos region one of the world's best hotspots for an upscale golf vacation. But long before the first course was built, it was so renowned for its fishing that Hollywood stars like John Wayne and Bing Crosby would fly down in chartered seaplanes from Southern California and stay in rustic lodges to chase tuna and giant marlin. Today the main marina in Cabo San Lucas is home to one of the biggest and best equipped charter fleets in the world, and the many luxury resorts here with great golf can easily arrange charters and transfers to and from the nearby marina. Many will even cook your catch when you return. I stayed at the [One & Only Palmilla](#), with its 27-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature Course - his first ever in Latin America - and when we returned from a full day charter with fresh tuna, our butler took the catch to the chef at the Jean-Georges Vongerichten eatery here, who prepared a tasting menu featuring our tuna in myriad different preparations.

[I recently wrote here at Forbes about how Tiger Woods' first public golf course design in the world is in Cabo](#) at the wonderful 36-hole Diamante, and just landed its own annual PGA Tournament, and that's another two courses to check out. But there are many options with standout onsite golf, including Auberge Resorts' Chileno Bay, Four Seasons, Rancho San Lucas, Rosewood's stunning Las Ventanas al Paraiso - long one of the world's most acclaimed luxury resorts - and several others including some all-inclusive options. The region has an [excellent visitors' website](#) that can steer you to all of these - and fishing.





Emily In Paris Actress Spotted Vacationing In Los Cabos

Recently one of the actresses from the hit streaming series Emily in Paris wasn't exactly spotted in the French capital.

Instead, Ashley Park, who played the character Mindy Chen in the series, was in fact spotted [enjoying the sun](#) in the beach resort destination of Los Cabos.

Mindy In Cabo

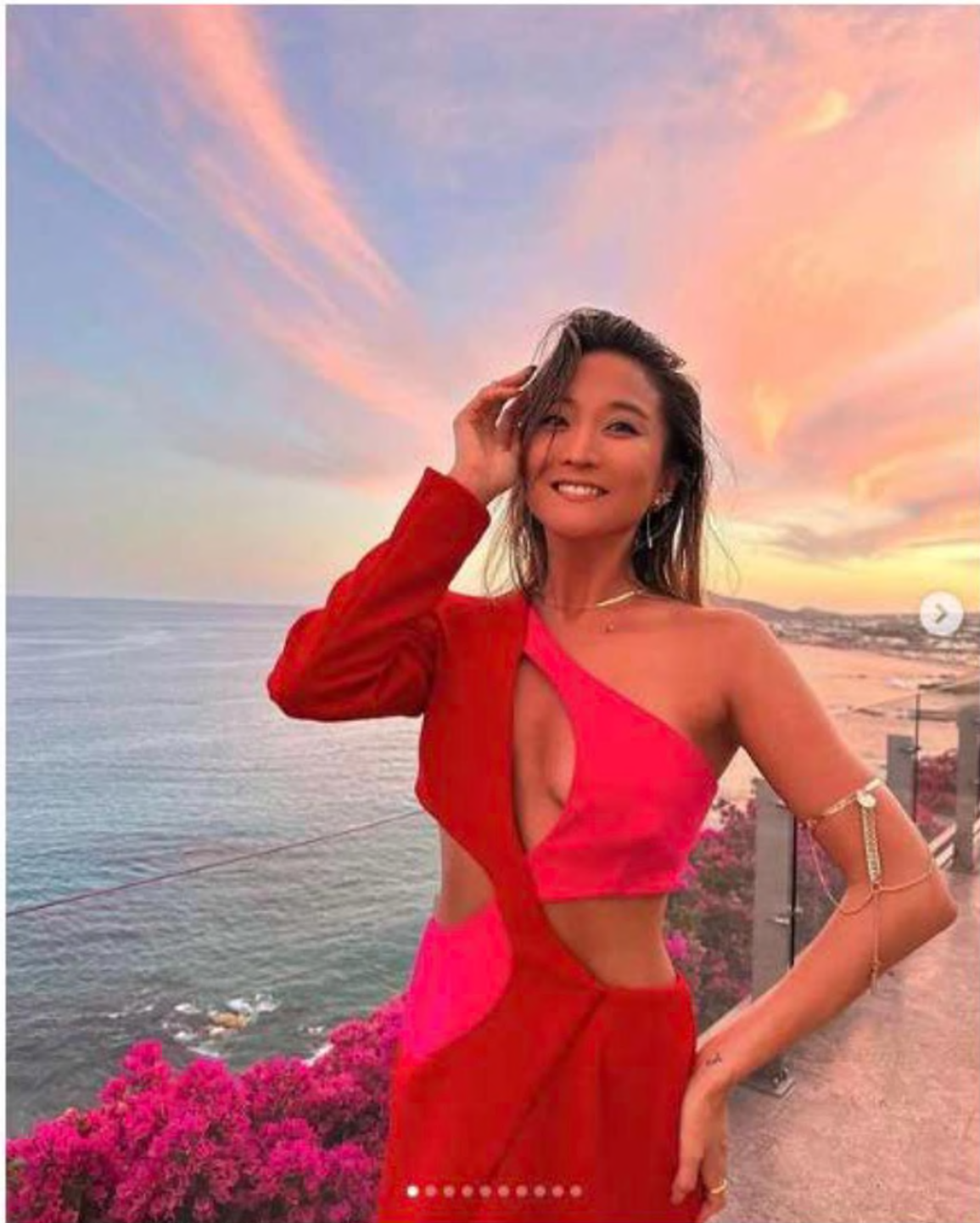


Actress Ashley Park enjoyed some of the natural beauty found around Los Cabos in a break from shooting the popular streaming series.

She shared her vacation experiences resting in an oversized chair, posing on a fluffy sofa, and even running through a plunge pool in a blue dress on Instagram.

Ashley also participated in a game of ping pong and took some time to reflect on her creative side, shooting a video of herself painting an ocean

landscape painting with distant mountains with some butterflies and flowers in the foreground.



She also connected with her foodie side by sprinkling some small candies in a frozen desert while it appears liquid nitrogen smokes off the desert.

“The absolute best days off, sunsets, and breaths of my life,” she wrote on her Instagram account.

A visitor can definitely tell that she was having a positive experience in the Mexican beach resort destination.



She included a hashtag, presumably of the resort she stayed at in Los Cabos, the five-star Grand Velas Los Cabos.

Celebrities in Cabo

Ashley Park is one of many celebrities that recently made a vacation getaway to the beach resort destination of Los Cabos.



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Ashley Park ('Emily in Paris') presume de abdomen tonificado durante sus vacaciones



Vaya, vaya, en París no hay playa. Nuestra Mindy ha abandonado la ciudad de las luces hasta nuevo aviso (léase para el rodaje de '**Emily in Paris**') para disfrutar de las playas de México, en concreto, de Los Cabos. Las envidiables instantáneas que ha publicado **Ashley Park** en Instagram dejan ver que ha dado con [la rutina de ejercicios perfecta para tonificar abdominales](#), y queremos que la comparta, 's'il te plaît'.

En el otro lado del mundo, Ashley ha querido presumir de las magníficas vistas desde su hotel en Los Cabos, con vistas al mar y a unos atardeceres que resultan irreales. Entre baños en la piscina, siestas y partidas de pin pon, **de seguro la actriz ha dedicado parte de su rutina vacacional a ejercitar su cuerpo**, o eso nos indica el 'selfie' en el espejo en el que deja ver sus abdominales tonificados.



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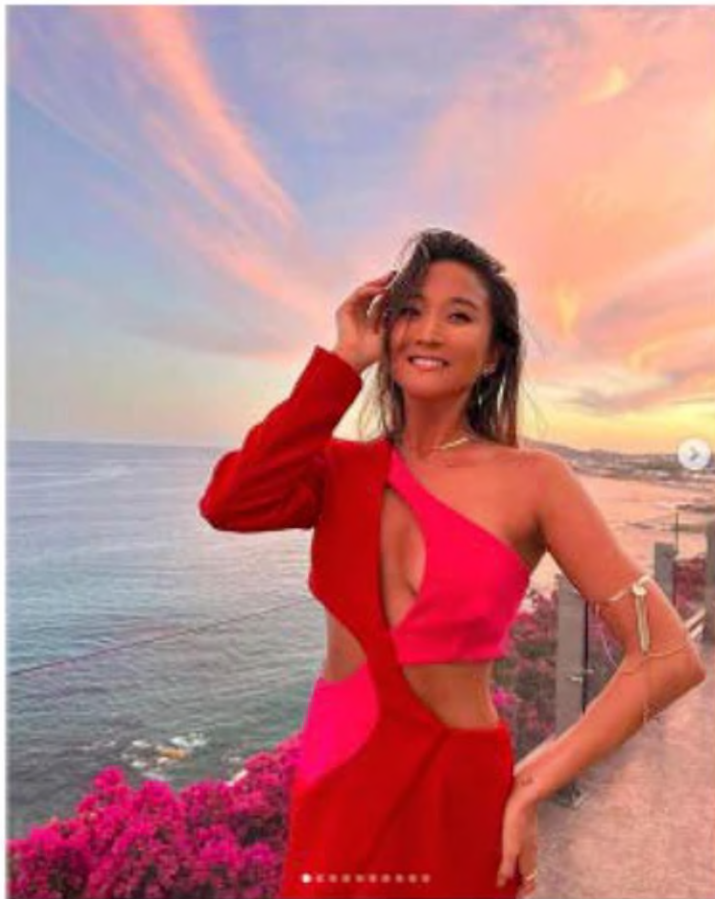
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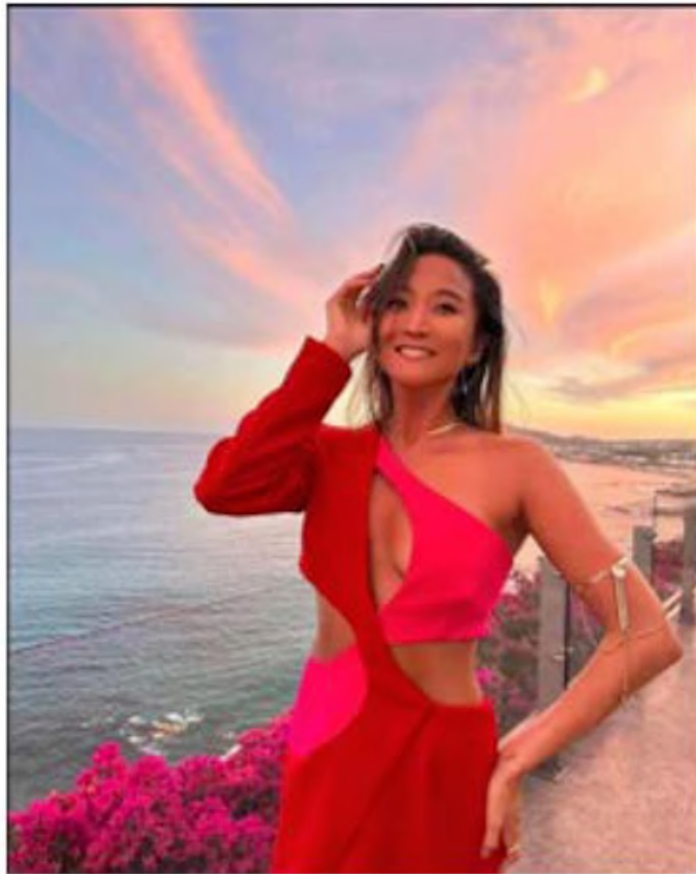
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**ASHLEY PARK'S
CABO GETAWAY**





Los Cabos Sees Rapid Recovery from COVID Due to Spike in Air Travelers



During a recent media breakfast hosted by the Los Cabos, Rodrigo Esponda, managing director for Los Cabos tourism, said the destination's recovery from COVID has been more rapid than expected and he has airlift to thank for that.

"We have not been in New York City since COVID, so things have really changed in the last two and a half years," said Esponda, "So, the opportunities to show you what is going on is important for us. We are looking forward to keeping Los Cabos as an important destination."

Esponda, said 2022 was "a historic year in all regards." The tourist numbers that Los Cabos got in 2022 were not expected.

"It was truly remarkable," he said.

In 2021, we were able to recover the total number of travelers versus 2019 and then 2022 was a growth versus 2019 with 25 percent growth (from 2019) that Los Cabos was not expecting, said Esponda,

He said Los Cabos saw 2.8 million air travelers in 2021 and 2019. And then there was 3.5 million air travelers in 2022, which comes out to about 700,000 additional travelers.

"But what is more impressive is not only the numbers, but the average daily rate (ADR)," he said.

The ADR increased more than \$200. It used to be \$300 in 2019, but 2022 closed with \$530 on ADR.

"That is what really impressed us because the destination has an average of 200 rooms per property, so it's not a massive destination," he said. "Only 1/3 of 18,000 rooms are all-inclusive. So 2/3 are not AI and are EP and are a unique type of hosting."

The first three months of this year, Los Cabos continued with 25 percent growth from the year before, Rodrigo said.

"That is also remarkable," he said. "We did not think we would continue growing."

Who is responsible for the growth?

"New York is the biggest surprise," he said. "New Yorkers have so many options to travel and much closer options to travel. But the destination has a natural product that is appealing to New Yorkers. You can golf all year round, not too warm, not too humid. No matter what time of the year, there is an outdoor activity you can do."

Esponda said most usually come from the west coast and now it is mostly diverse. For example, New York is five percent of the share travelers of the U.S. In 2019, it was probably one percent.

Florida is another interesting origin, said Rodrigo.

"We do not have nonstop flights to Florida, but notwithstanding that, it's 4.2 percent of the origins to Los Cabos," he said. "Also, Chicago, more Mid-West areas. We used to have 19 flights from origins in the U.S., so now we have 27 origin cities. So, of course, Los Angeles continues to be the number one origin market, but it is getting much more diversified."

New Carrier on the Way

Esponda, said Breeze Airways is expected to fly to Los Cabos in the near future.

"Some media published that we have been in conversations with them for many months," he said. "We weren't going to talk about it, but it became public. We thought it



10 of the Hottest New Mexico Hotels Opening Soon



From shimmering beach resorts to sophisticated urban accommodations, Mexico is welcoming a diverse array of new hotels in the second half of 2023.

Travelers will find more options than ever, with an array of price points and styles to fit various budgets and tastes.

These are some of the top new hotels opening in Mexico in the coming months.

Grand Velas Boutique Los Cabos

Among the newest hotels in Los Cabos is the Grand Velas Boutique Los Cabos, which is slated to open in the second half of 2023 with 79 suites, each measuring more than 900 square feet. The adults-only property, which is the third Velas Resorts hotel in Los Cabos, will feature a spa, infinity pool, private beach area and a menu headed by a two-star Michelin consulting chef. Guests also have access to five restaurants at sister property Grand Velas Los Cabos.

Secrets Impression Isla Mujeres

Opening on May 26 is Secrets Impression Isla Mujeres, an adults-only, all-inclusive property on the island of Isla Mujeres, just off the coast from Cancun. The hotel has 125 suites as well as a Secrets Spa, rooftop terrace, four-story water slide and a private boat.

Hotel San Fernando

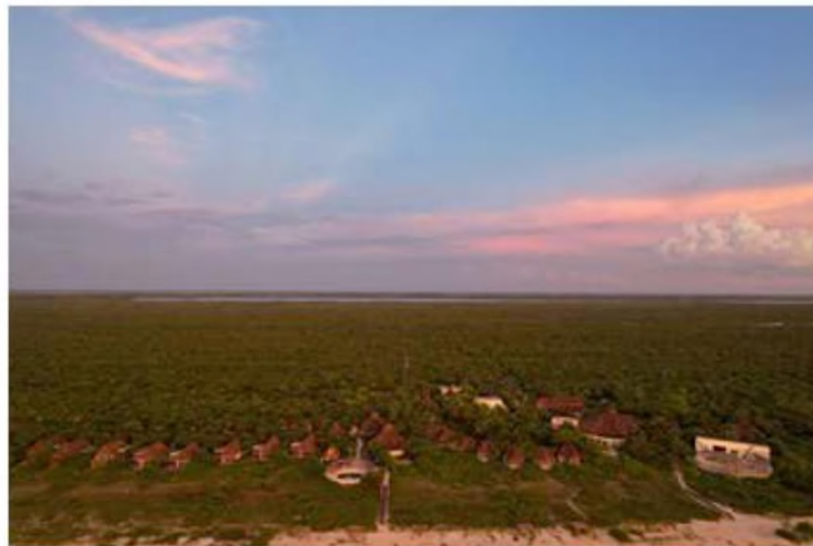
Visitors to Mexico City will find an interesting new accommodation option starting in June, when the Hotel San Fernando opens its doors in the trendy Condesa neighborhood. Representing the first foray into Mexico's capital for Texas-based Bunkhouse Hotels, Hotel San Fernando will have 19 rooms set in an attractive location near Parque Mexico, a city park.

Pueblo Bonito Vantage San Miguel de Allende

Opening in mid-November, the Pueblo Bonito Vantage San Miguel de Allende is a luxury hotel with 111 guest rooms as well as 45 privately owned villas and multi-bedroom condominiums. The property, which features neo-Colonial décor and architectural elements designed to reflect the city's historic vibe, will also have a terrace to host destination weddings and events.

Four Seasons Resort and Residences Cabo San Lucas at Cabo del Sol

Upping the ante in the Los Cabos luxury hotel scene is the Four Seasons Resort and Residences Cabo San Lucas at Cabo del Sol, which is to open in December 2023 on a 50-acre property with 96 guest rooms as well as a spa, fitness center, multiple swimming pools and restaurants. Thanks to its location within the Cabo del Sol development, the hotel will offer guests access to the Cabo del Sol golf course.



Xixim Mundo Imperial

The state of Yucatan has welcomed several new hotels in recent months. Among the newest is Xixim Mundo Imperial, a 32-room, wellness-focused resort scheduled to open before the end of the year on a beachfront ecological reserve. The property expands Mundo Imperial's presence in Yucatan, following the 2021 debut of the Wayam Mundo Imperial.

Banyan Tree Veya Valle de Guadalupe

Banyan Tree Group's newest property in Mexico, the Banyan Tree Veya Valle de Guadalupe, is slated to open during the third quarter of 2023 in Baja California, about 90 minutes from the U.S. border. The wellness-oriented hotel will focus on eight "pillars of well-being" — sleep and rest, dietary awareness, bonding and connection, physical vitality, cultivate the mind, learning & development, harmony with nature, and sustained practices. Guests will be able to participate in a variety of rituals, classes and treatments.



St. Regis Los Cabos

Also slated to open this year in Los Cabos is the St. Regis Los Cabos, located within the Quivira resort development. The new property will feature a 120-room hotel as well as 74 residences, all set along a white-sand beach. Guests will enjoy access to the Quivira Golf Club, three restaurants, a spa, a beach club and seven swimming pools.

Kimpton Virgilio

Mexico City's upscale Polanco neighborhood will soon witness the debut of two new properties in the IHG portfolio. The 48-room Kimpton Virgilio, which is to open this summer, will have a restaurant and a rooftop bar, while the 32-room Kimpton El Castelar is to open a few months later, just a few blocks away.

Hotel Volga

Opening this month in Mexico City is Hotel Volga, a stylish new member of Hamak Hotels Collection that's located one block from Paseo de la Reforma, one of the city's grandest boulevards. The 50-room property has a bar, a restaurant headed by Chef Juan Manuel González and a rooftop terrace with music stage and day club.

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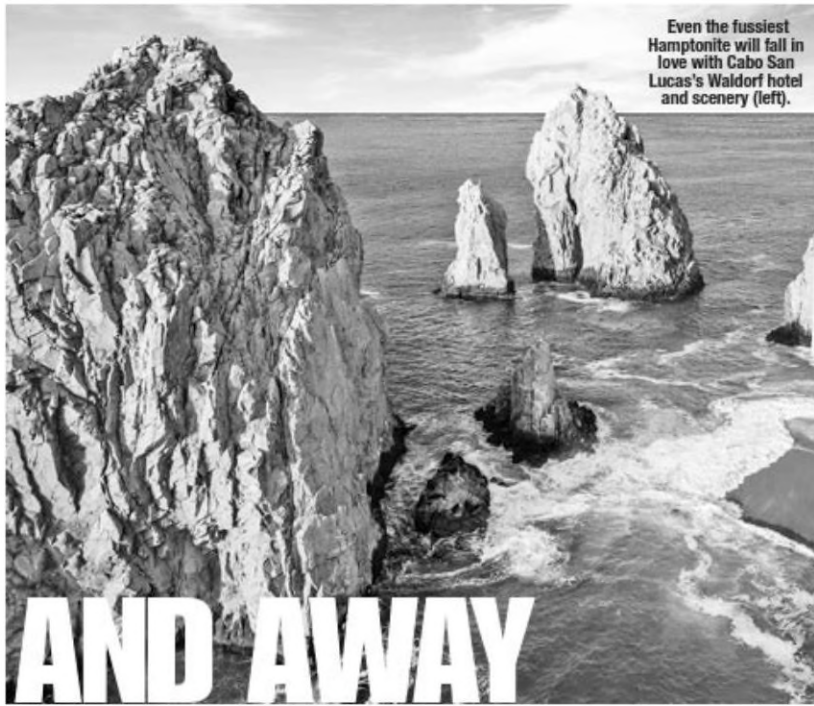
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Even the fussiest Hamptonite will fall in love with Cabo San Lucas's Waldorf hotel and scenery (left).

AND AWAY MIGO

A guide to conquering Cabo this summer for diehard East Enders

By MARK ELLWOOD

EASY, breezy Baja California is where Los Angelenos go to play. But for New Yorkers, getting there was hardly hassle-free. That is until Jet-Blue added its daily year-round flight from JFK to Los Cabos International Airport two years ago. Since then, tristaters make up 5% of the famed peninsula's visitors, up from fewer than 1% in years prior. But heading to Los Cabos doesn't just mean one thing. Below is a primer to having a blast in southern Baja's four main regions, alongside their equivalents from our own nearby answer to the promontory: Long Island.

Is Montauk a must-do? Try Todos Santos

Hotelier turned wellness guru Chip Conley has his **Modern**

Elder Academy campus here which he calls a "midlife wisdom" school, a sign of the vibes here — come yoga-ready. This corner of Los Cabos has superb sandy beaches, but the breezy weather off the Pacific makes the water less ideal for swimmers than it is for surfers. **San Pedrito's** exposed beach break is a year-round standout. Even if you can't easily dip in the waters, the West Coast perch guarantees killer sunsets — head to the bar on **Cerritos Beach**, a rare swimmable stretch, for superb views. The dining scene is heavy on farm-to-table and food trucks: Try the huitlacoche ceviche at the restaurant at minimalist hotel **Paradero** or gorge on bargain-priced fish tacos at the **Barracuda** truck.

Stay: Check in at the recently reimaged, now-103-room **Ran-**

cho Pescadero (doubles from \$895), set in its own 30-acre gardens with indoor-outdoor rooms.

North Forker or nowhere? Hit the East Cape

Anchored by the town of Cabo Pulmo, this is the most countrified corner of the region: Be prepared that even cell phone coverage can be spotty. It's an area that the villagers declared a reserve three decades ago to protect their waters from overfishing — a pioneering eco-tourism effort — and they continue to manage numbers. Come now to dive or snorkel in



The creative class hums in the village of San José del Cabo (above), where art galleries showcase top Mexican talent for discerning collectors.

the teeming Gulf of California, as many Cabo locals do each weekend: Among the 10 main dive sites, don't miss the permanent colony of bull sharks at **El Pensador** — book a trip with **Cabo Pulmo Dive Shop**. The beaches on this side are rockier, but swimmable; the most appealing is at Cabo Pulmo, where there's also the only fringing reef on the Pacific Coast.

Stay: Until **Amanvari** opens here next year, the only choice is the **Four Seasons Resort** (doubles from \$800) at the new Costa Palmas development — it has its own marina, so feel free to moor your superyacht right next to your villa.

East Hampton hedonist? Cabo San Lucas is ideal

The most famous center in Baja remains its best place to party and yep, you'll find Señor Frogs and Co. on the 20-mile "tourist strip." But there are also plenty of upscale options: Hit **Bar Esquina**, the ultra-cool grill and bar inside the Bahia Hotel, with décor



Cool kids with deep pockets should head to Rancho Pescadero (above) in Todos Santos. In Cabo San Lucas, the Sant Ambroeus set should dine at Bar Esquina (inset) within the Bahia Hotel, know for its upscale interiors.

that's a delicious mishmash of Mexico and Morocco while **Sunset Monalisa** has romantic tables for two on the cliff top overlooking **El Arco**, the recently collapsed arch at Baja's southernmost tip. Come too, for sport fishing from the marina — **Picante** is a reliable operator — or browse for souvenirs inside the gleaming **Puerto Paraiso Mall**, where local stores like **Mi Mexico Magico** selling artisanal goodies sit alongside the international brands.

Stay: The **Waldorf Astoria's** an ideal bolt-hole here (doubles from \$1,093). It's minutes from the action but separated by a specially built 650-foot tunnel which connects to the hotel's site on its own self-contained beach.

Sag Harbor snob? Go to San José del Cabo

At the other end of the tourist trip from CSL, this artsy village-like hub is its antithesis.

With all cobblestone streets, colonial buildings and galleries — there are almost three dozen downtown. Standout art spots include **Corsica Galleria**, which focuses on well-known modern Mexican artists like sculptor Jorge Marín or contemporary specialist **Casa Dahlia**. Stroll

around on Thursday nights when the streets are car-free and there's live music. Stuff yourself on locally caught seafood among a leafy garden in the arts district at **La Panga Antigua**, and give thanks for the trip at the nearby mission church: Tie a white ribbon to the rack near St. Charbel Makhoul — it's a tradition for locals where they express their gratitude.

Stay: **Zadun** is part of Ritz Carlton's toniest tier, Reserve (doubles from \$1,499). The 115-room resort sits between two superb golf courses, one each designed by Jack Nicklaus and Greg Norman.

BARRON'S

Over the PGA Tour-LIV Drama? Find Tranquility on These New and Updated Golf Courses



The design of Bear Mountain in Victoria, Canada, makes full use of the surrounding pine forests, pinching a few fairways off from the tees.

Wherever you stood on the PGA Tour-LIV Golf fight—and now sudden merger—it shouldn't affect your personal game as summer fires up.

Elite golf courses across the globe have unveiled the renovations and upgrades they made in recent months. This collection reviews some of the more notable new, reopened, or otherwise evolving golf courses awaiting more rounds this year with new amenities, layouts, or even real estate opportunities.

Bear Mountain – Victoria, Canada



Views of Bear Mountain as crews prepare the course for the PGA Pacific Links Championship in Victoria, British Columbia on Monday September 19, 2016

Not necessarily known for golf, the rugged landscape of Victoria along the southern stretches of Vancouver Island is home to some genuinely pleasant 18-hole runs. Bear Mountain, one of the highlights, features 36 holes of Jack Nicklaus-designed golf on its Mountain and Valley courses. Those tracks anchor expanding real estate communities for 2023 and beyond.

As with many Nicklaus courses, elevation changes and doglegs work their way into the mix on both courses. The design makes full use of the surrounding pine forests, pinching a few fairways off from the tees. The mountain environment above Victoria provides the potential for weather changes throughout the day, adding to the course's challenges.

While the course's Pinehurst community is sold out, the condominium towers of One Bear Mountain are currently on the market with two bedroom units starting at C\$900,000 (US\$672,853). The nearby development of Shadow Creek off the Valley Course will offer 30 homes ranging in size up to 10,300 square feet once construction begins later this year.

Cypress Course, Bonita Bay East – Bonita Bay, Fla.



Cypress Court just emerged from an extended renovation under designer Tom Marzolf.

Originally designed by Tom Fazio, the Cypress Court of the Bonita Bay East resort community just emerged from an extended renovation under designer Tom Marzolf to update its hole-to-hole layout and improve its infrastructure.

The most interesting change made at Cypress is the terrain laid out around each green on the course. To encourage long-distance putting and to urge amateur golfers to leave the loft wedge or other pitching and chipping clubs in the bag, Marzolf extended a putting surface cut of grass for more than 10 yards around each green, creating more than a few long, undulating, bumpy putts. The result is a unique challenge for golfers more accustomed to pulling out the blade only once their ball reaches the green.

Quivira Golf Club – Cabo San Lucas, Mexico



Quivira Golf Club in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, is a bucket-list golf course and a masterpiece for designer Jack Nicklaus.

A bucket-list golf course and a masterpiece for designer Jack Nicklaus, Quivira is already on the international radar of countless players. With its popularity pushing upward of 100 rounds through its tee boxes on its busiest days, the minds behind the course decided to build a second and more private 18 holes nearby.

That planning of a second course and new amenities meant Nicklaus needed to do some rerouting of Quivira's opening holes. It's a tribute to the Golden Bear's talent that the new layout feels more natural than the original design—all while leaving Quivira's seaside signature run of holes on the front nine intact.

Burnt Pine Golf, Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort – Miramar Beach, Fla.

Connected to the newly emerged Hotel Effie amid the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Burnt Pine Golf is one of Florida's best off-the-radar courses. It won't stay off that radar long with Hotel Effie bringing in more visitors looking to stay in the area's hottest new property, but Burnt Pine remains a peaceful and challenging experience that gets less traffic than courses in South Florida or Orlando.

You have to be a guest at the resort hotel to play Burnt Pine, but—with the scenery changing from hole to hole—it's worth it to take a course flashing different personalities from shot to shot.

La Costa Champions Golf Course – Carlsbad, Calif.



The Champions Course at La Costa is in the middle of a massive, hole-by-hole redesign.

The only course presented here that's still under construction, the Champions Course at La Costa is in the middle of a massive, hole-by-hole redesign that will transform it into the annual home of the NCAA Division I men's and women's golf championships. The host for multiple PGA Tour events in the past, Champions will reopen for tournament play in 2024 after an extensive renovation by designer Gil Hanse. The rendering of the updated Champions holes are on display at the La Costa club house—and those college golfers (and members of the public inbound to play) are in for a significantly more challenging experience. The new, long and narrow 18th looks particularly troublesome.

In the meantime, the neighboring La Costa Legends Course remains open for resort guests to play while Champions cooks nearby. There are some reports that Legends will also be renovated once Champions returns.

Kapalua Golf Plantation Course – Lahaina, Hawaii



The restoration involved removing years of built-up debris and thatch before laying down new fairways.

In the golf course design world, it's a legendary tale that the first course Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore designed was the Plantation Course at Kapalua. Connected to the beautiful and recently renovated Ritz-Carlton Maui, The Plantation immediately became a monument to Hawaiian golf.

The recent renovation of this world famous and PGA Tour frequented course made purist players nervous with Coore and Crenshaw promising to speed up the run. After removing years of built-up debris and thatch before laying down new fairways, that design team left a greener and smoother playing experience for this cathedral of golf.

Costa Palmas Golf Club – Baja California Sur, Mexico



After flooding, work has been done to reroute holes on the front nine and erase the damage.

Designed by Robert Trent Jones II and opened in late 2019 on the East Cape, Costa Palmas Golf Club is an oasis laid out with natural ease across a quiet, once isolated desert. A prime amenity of the elite Four Seasons Costa Palmas resort, the result of the Trent Jones design is a peaceful 18 holes a world removed from the busy tourist courses of Los Cabos.

However, flooding and storm damage forced RTJ2 and company to return to Mexico to reroute holes on the front nine and erase the damage. Now, if a golfer hadn't had the chance to play Costa Palmas before the partial redesign, he or she would never have any idea that repairs took place.

DLF Golf and Country Club – Gurgaon, India



New residents at The Camellias may purchase golf club memberships at the DLF Golf and Country Club as part of their residency.

Gary Player designed one of his most visually striking and challenging golf creations in his long career DLF City outside Delhi. The multi-million-dollar penthouses atop The Camellias peer down on a pristine golf course featuring narrow fairways, frequent elevation changes and the effective use of environmentally sustainable water features.

The 18-hole, par-72 run measures 7,654 yards from the tips. The current home of the DP World Tour's Hero Indian Open, which is held each February, the DLF Golf and Country Club allows for various skill levels with six different tee boxes.

New residents at The Camellias may purchase golf club memberships at the DLF Golf and Country Club as part of their residency. Meanwhile, the private club amenities at The Camellias itself include a full-service spa promoting Eastern remedies, a sprawling fitness center, and a restaurant with global cuisine. There are few more luxurious golf lifestyle choices available anywhere in the world.

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20 Best Luxurious Destinations 2023



When it comes to luxury travel, the world is filled with breathtaking destinations that offer unforgettable experiences. To enhance your journey to these extraordinary places, for example, to [rent a private jet to Europe](#), **AEROAFFAIRES** offers personalized services, ensuring a seamless and extravagant travel experience. Let's dive into the list of these incredible destinations that will leave you in awe.

1. Bora Bora, French Polynesia

Known for its turquoise lagoons and overwater bungalows, Bora Bora is a haven of luxury and tranquility. Arrive in style, in a private or in first class, and indulge in the finest resorts, private yacht tours, and open sea wonders. (*Image above: St. Regis Bora Bora Resort*)

2. St. Barths, Caribbean

Nestled in the azure waters of the Caribbean, St. Barthélemy, commonly known as St. Barths, is a luxurious playground for the discerning traveler. Renowned for its pristine white sandy beaches, vibrant

nightlife, and world-class cuisine, St. Barthélemy is a playground for the rich and famous. Fly directly to this tropical paradise, where luxury villas and gourmet dining await.

3. Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Dubai, the crown jewel of the United Arab Emirates, is a city that epitomizes luxury, opulence, and grandeur. With its awe-inspiring skyline, extravagant shopping malls, and world-renowned hospitality, Dubai offers an unparalleled experience for the discerning traveler.

4. Tokyo, Japan

Indulge in the vibrant blend of tradition and modernity in Tokyo. From Michelin-starred restaurants to high-end shopping districts, this dynamic city offers a wealth of luxurious experiences.

5. Rome, Italy

Step into a world of grandeur and history in Rome. The eternal city enchants visitors with its iconic landmarks such as the Colosseum, Vatican City, and the Trevi Fountain. Indulge in the refined Italian cuisine, stay at luxurious hotels, and experience the city's vibrant atmosphere.

6. Cape Town, South Africa

Cape Town is a destination that combines breathtaking landscapes, vibrant culture, and luxurious amenities. From the iconic Table Mountain to the beautiful coastal scenery of the Cape Peninsula, this South African gem offers unparalleled beauty. AEROAFFAIRES can fly you to Cape Town, where you can indulge in fine wines, world-class cuisine, and exclusive accommodations.

7. Santorini, Greece

Santorini's iconic white-washed buildings, breathtaking sunsets, and awe-inspiring caldera views make it a luxurious haven in the Greek Isles, where visitors can immerse themselves in the romantic ambiance of this idyllic paradise.

8. Seychelles

Boasting pristine beaches, lush jungles, and world-class diving spots, the Seychelles is a true tropical paradise that captivates travelers with its untouched natural beauty and a sense of serenity that is truly unmatched.

9. Isla Mujeres, México

A hidden gem in the Caribbean Sea, Isla Mujeres is a captivating island paradise just off the coast of Cancun. Known for its pristine beaches, crystal-clear waters, and laid-back atmosphere, Isla Mujeres offers a luxurious retreat away from the crowds. Explore the island's natural wonders, including the famous Underwater Museum and breathtaking snorkeling spots.

10. Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

Nestled at the tip of the Baja Peninsula, Cabo San Lucas is a premier destination that combines natural beauty, luxury, and vibrant entertainment. With its golden sandy beaches, rugged desert landscapes, and crystal-clear waters, Cabo offers an idyllic setting for a luxurious getaway.

11. Amalfi Coast, Italy

With its picturesque cliffside villages, azure waters, and gourmet cuisine, the Amalfi Coast is a timeless symbol of luxury. **AEROAFFAIRES** can provide private air travel to nearby Naples, allowing you to explore this enchanting region with ease.

12. Paris, France

The City of Lights has long been synonymous with luxury and romance. From its iconic landmarks to haute couture fashion and exquisite cuisine, Paris offers an unforgettable luxurious

13. Napa Valley, California

Nestled in the heart of California's wine country, Napa Valley is a luxurious destination that combines breathtaking landscapes, world-class wineries, and exquisite cuisine. With its rolling vineyards, picturesque hills, and charming small towns, Napa Valley offers an indulgent escape for wine enthusiasts and luxury travelers alike.

14. St-Moritz, Switzerland

St. Moritz, nestled in the Swiss Alps, is synonymous with luxury and sophistication. This winter wonderland offers pristine ski slopes, upscale boutiques, and gourmet dining experiences. Indulge in lavish accommodations, take part in exhilarating winter sports, and enjoy breathtaking mountain views.

15. Florence, Italy

The birthplace of the Renaissance exudes elegance and sophistication. Explore the city's historic treasures, such as the Uffizi Gallery and the Duomo, and indulge in the world-renowned Tuscan cuisine.

16. Marrakech, Morocco

Marrakech, a city steeped in rich history and exotic charm, offers a luxurious escape in the heart of Morocco. Explore the vibrant souks, stay in opulent riads, and indulge in traditional Moroccan hammams.

17. Saint-Tropez, France

Saint-Tropez is a luxurious playground favored by jet-setters and celebrities. With its stunning Mediterranean coastline, picturesque harbor filled with extravagant yachts, and vibrant nightlife, Saint-Tropez exudes an air of opulence and exclusivity.

18. Miami, USA

Miami is one of the world's greatest and most iconic tourist destinations – thanks to its sub tropical climate, pristine beaches and relaxed ambiance. Miami Beach is a south Florida island city, connected by bridges to mainland Miami. Wide beaches stretch from the North Shore to South Beach which is known for its international cachet with models and celebrities, and its early-20th-century architecture in the Art Deco Historic district with pastel-colored buildings, especially on Ocean Drive.

19. Monaco, Monaco

Monaco is a world-renowned destination that epitomizes luxury and elegance. This tiny principality, known for its glamorous lifestyle and breathtaking views of the Mediterranean Sea, offers a wealth of exclusive experiences for discerning travelers.

20. Istanbul, Turkey

Situated at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, Istanbul is a captivating city that seamlessly blends ancient history with modern luxury. With its rich cultural heritage, stunning architecture, and vibrant atmosphere, Istanbul offers a unique and luxurious experience for travelers.

Whether you seek relaxation and seclusion, adventure and exploration, or a mix of cultural immersion and opulence, these cities cater to every discerning traveler's desires. From the iconic streets of Paris to the vibrant nightlife of Dubai, to the tranquil beauty of the Maldives, each destination on this list promises a truly luxurious experience.

TRAVEL WEEKLY

Flurry of resorts emerging from the pipeline this year

Even before the pandemic, Mexico was full steam ahead with hotel opening and development. Since the pandemic, it's clear that Mexico has cemented its status as one of the world's fastest-growing economies.

According to Reuters, the Mexican economy has the potential to grow up to 3 percent this year and next. As this relates to Mexico's tourism industry, according to Lodging Econometrics, Mexico has the most projects in Latin America's pipeline, with 203 projects with 33,475 rooms in the works as of the end of Q4 2022. The cities with the largest project counts in the pipeline include Mexico City, Guadalajara and Cancun.

Here are some development highlights to note for 2023 and beyond.

The St. Regis Kanai Resort has officially opened. Bringing the famous St. Regis style and service to the Caribbean coast of Mexico, the new property has opened on a 620-acre reserve surrounded by mangroves and abutting the Sian Ka'an Reserve. The resort has 124 rooms, suites and residences, all with a private terrace or plunge pool. St. Regis will also be opening a Los Cabos resort at Quivira this year, with 140 guestrooms, luxury residences and restaurants.

Also in the Kanai complex, the Riviera Maya Edition is expected to open this fall, featuring 185 rooms and suites, six bars and restaurants, a pool and beach club and a spa. This will be the first Edition on the Riviera Maya.

For wellness gurus, the beloved SHA Wellness Clinic has announced it will open a resort in Costa Mujeres this year. The wellness paradise will open on 17 acres, including a third of a mile of white-sand beach.

After what seems like a long-time coming, Soho House has finally announced its debut in Mexico City. Built in the bones of a restored private residence in the Juarez neighborhood, Soho House Mexico City will be the first Soho House in Latin America. Across the Casa and neighboring Annex, the House will have three bars and lounges, a restaurant, a courtyard with outdoor dining and an outdoor pool.

Over on the Pacific Coast, the 3,000-acre Xala project is set to open this year with several hotel brands (including the first Mexico outpost of an international luxury wellness brand), beach clubs and community facilities.

Ritz-Carlton Reserve, Costa Canuva will also debut this fall with 90 hotel rooms, 14 suites and 20 residences as well as a spa, beach club and an 18-hole golf course. Shortly thereafter, the Fairmont Hotel will also open in Costa Canuva.

Banyan Tree is expanding its Mexico portfolio in the Valle de Guadalupe this year, with 30 luxury villas, a spa and a winery.

Speaking of Baja, Los Cabos is ready for an explosion of openings, from the Four Seasons Resort and Residences Cabo del Sol with 142 accommodations to Casa Velas Los Cabos with 80 adults-only, boutique-style guestrooms.

What's in store for 2024

Looking ahead into 2024, Rosewood Mandarin is set to join the One&Only resort and Mandarin Polo & Equestrian Club, bringing 140 guestrooms, suites and villas as well as three bars and restaurants, three pools, and a fitness center.

Also in 2024, Aman has its sights set on Los Cabos with the opening of Amanwari along Baja's East Cape. The project will include a resort, residences, multiple dining venues, a spa and a stretch of beach.



The 9 Best All-Inclusive Resorts for Teens in 2023



All-inclusive vacations offer an enticing getaway for everyone, but many all-inclusive hotels and resorts are lacking when it comes to activities for older kids. Most options have amazing pools, golden beaches, and round-the-clock food and drink options, but they often fail to entertain the 12- to 17-year-old crowd with stimulating activities that keep their idle hands – and minds – busy.

Fortunately, some all-inclusive resorts go out of the way to offer attractive deals and packages along with innovative teen-friendly activities. While some of the best all-inclusive resorts for teens are in tropical locales with beach activities galore, others are in the mountains where older kids and teens can get their hands dirty and stay busy with outdoor recreation and sports.

If you're planning to travel with teens and leaning toward an [all-inclusive vacation](#), these getaways should be high on your list.

Beaches Resorts: Jamaica; Turks and Caicos



Beaches Resorts are well known for upscale all-inclusive offerings, but few people know just how much these properties cater to teens. The resorts – which overlook the ocean in [Providenciales, Turks and Caicos](#), as well as [Ocho Rios](#) and [Negril](#) in Jamaica – offer several unique amenities for older children who want to have fun, learn something new or mingle with their peers.

Options include an Island Impact program, which lets students volunteer in local communities while vacationing at Beaches Resorts; teens-only dance clubs; Xbox and arcade rooms; and teen spa experiences. Younger visitors can also hit the beach while on vacation and participate in unlimited scuba diving and other water sports, as well as land sports such as volleyball, basketball and golf. Recent travelers seem to agree that Beaches properties are great for teenagers due to the plethora of activities for the whole family, the diverse selection of dining options and the beauty of the destinations they are located in.

Moon Palace All-Inclusive Resorts: Jamaica; Cancun, Mexico

Moon Palace Resorts locations in [Ocho Rios](#) and [Cancun](#) offer an array of all-inclusive options for families with kids of all ages. Teens can soak up the sun along beautiful beaches or dive into the resorts' crystal-clear pools. They can participate in unlimited nonmotorized watersports and even try their hand at riding some waves at an on-site surf simulator. Moon Palace's resorts also offer the Wired Lounge, which is equipped with gaming stations and relaxation spaces where teens can mingle. Upscale family-friendly food options also cater to teens at Moon Palace, with fresh smoothies and plenty of opportunities for a healthy bite.

Moon Palace is set to open another family-friendly all-inclusive resort in Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic in late 2024. This property, situated alongside the stunning beaches of La Costa del Coco, will also offer amenities and activities for the whole family.

Royalton Bavaro Resort & Spa: Punta Cana, Dominican Republic



An all-inclusive getaway at Royalton Bavaro Resort & Spa is perfect for families with kids of all ages, including teenagers. Choose from several larger room options, including one- and two-bedroom suites with separate living space and small kitchenettes. The resort also has a teens-only club with space for hanging out, as well as table tennis and a rock climbing wall.

Visitors will also find a nine-hole mini-golf course, a meandering lazy river with a swim-up bar, several large pools and a FlowRider surf simulator. Recent guests were impressed by the beauty of Bavaro Beach, as well as the food options and the excellent service offered at the resort. The best part? [Royalton Bavaro](#) is less than 20 miles away from the Punta Cana International Airport.

Woodloch Resort: Hawley, Pennsylvania



Teenagers are sure to enjoy a stay at Woodloch Resort in the Poconos for more reasons than one. This all-inclusive resort offers all kinds of entertainment each evening, from magicians and variety shows to comedians and live music. Activities offered on-site also run the gamut, including options like archery, baking wars, athletic competitions and scavenger hunts. There's even a petting zoo at the resort, plus a selection of swimming pools, a rock climbing wall, bumper boats, bumper cars and mini-golf.

Family-friendly room options are available at Woodloch, including guest rooms that sleep up to six people and a range of vacation rental homes. You can also choose from an included dining plan that comes with either two or three meals per day, based on your family's preferences and travel style. Travelers seem to agree that the resort is well-kept and that service is exceptional across the board; many say they'll come back due to selection of activities that make it easy to have fun with kids and create memories that last a lifetime.

Club Med Resorts: Caribbean; Mexico; Florida



Club Med resorts offer all-inclusive packages and amenities all over the world, as well as a range of programs created specifically for older children and teens. For the 11 to 17 crowd, [Club Med](#) offers Passworld spaces – customized areas for teens with sporting and artistic activities, dance floors, video games, and more. [Club Med Punta Cana](#), [Cancun Yucatan](#) and [Ixtapa Pacific](#) also have teen clubs where kids can mingle and socialize with other travelers their age during their vacation. Teenagers at Club Med can also try their luck on the trapeze as they learn to balance and glide through the sky, or simply enjoy relaxing along the beach.

Recent travelers have said the properties seem well managed, and that they were impressed with the rooms and the food. Some also rave about the entertainment teams and how much fun they had with the on-site activities, including golf and trapeze.

Mohonk Mountain House: New Paltz, New York



If you're looking for a family-friendly all-inclusive vacation that's far from ordinary, consider the Mohonk Mountain House nestled in the Hudson Valley. Surrounded by 40,000 acres of forest and protected wildlife, the hotel offers teens a natural escape from the hustle and bustle of city life. The property's teen program, designed for kids ages 13 to 17, includes tomahawk throwing, mountain bike tours, hiking, disc golf and more.

Along with benefits and amenities for teens, this property also promises healthy farm-to-table dining options for the whole family, endless lake and outdoor activities, a heated indoor pool, golf with green fees included, and yoga and meditation classes. Lodging options can also appeal to families with kids and teens who want their own space: For example, the resort has family suites with up to three rooms and multiple layouts to choose from. Traveler-favorite attractions and features at this property include the stunning lake and mountain views, the excellent service, and the delicious food.

Grand Fiesta Americana Coral Beach Resort: Cancun, Mexico



The Grand Fiesta Americana Coral Beach Resort in [Cancún](#) has one of the best beachfronts in the entire region due to its location at the north end of the city's Hotel Zone and the partial shelter it receives from nearby [Isla Mujeres](#). Not only that, but the resort offers several room options that make sense for families traveling with kids, including penthouses and oceanfront suites with up to four bedrooms.

Families with teenagers will love the fact they can order room service 24 hours a day, or have food and drinks delivered directly to their loungers at the beach or one of the stunning pools. Teens can also access unlimited nonmotorized water sports, such as kayaking, paddleboarding and snorkeling. With its ideal location, the [Grand Fiesta Americana Coral Beach Resort](#) is great for families who want to leave the resort with their teens to experience local entertainment and nightlife. Recent visitors have said the food at this property is amazing, and most tend to agree that the resort's French restaurant Le Basilic left a lasting impression.

Grand Velas Resorts: Mexico



Grand Velas luxury resorts in [Riviera Maya](#), [Riviera Nayarit](#) and [Los Cabos](#) offer tailored teen clubs and spa treatments for ages 13 to 18. The clubs feature extensive game rooms with Xbox Kinect, pool tables, air hockey, pingpong and more, along with karaoke sets and a dance floor. Teens who need a break from parents while on vacation can mingle with new friends and enjoy teen-friendly snacks and mocktails while taking in panoramic ocean views along the beach. Plus, teenagers who want to relax can enjoy leisure activities like a spa day, complete with a new hairstyle, a manicure, a pedicure and hydrotherapy (for an additional charge).

While Grand Velas properties are located in stunning beachfront locations, the feature that impresses travelers the most seems to be the food. Recent visitors have said dining options offered at all three properties were both delicious and healthy.

Vista Verde Guest Ranch: Clark, Colorado



This luxury guest ranch offers the perfect place for active families to get away, especially since there are so many unique activities to choose from. What you can do at the ranch varies by season. Summer is for horses, cookouts, hiking and barn dances, whereas winter is for sledding, sleigh rides, hot tubs and hot chocolate. The all-inclusive ranch even offers a tween club for ages 11 to 13 and a teen club for ages 14 to 17, both of which include a range of group activities like horseback riding, cow herding, paddleboarding and late-night bonfires.

Many larger lodging options at the ranch can work well for families, including rustic cabins with up to four bedrooms. Travelers have said they bring their kids here due to the many family-friendly amenities and features at the property – plus the fact that they can participate in activities like hiking, fishing, white-water rafting and archery right alongside their children.

Men's Health



The 2023 Men's Health Travel Awards

Some guys like to hike, bike, climb, and surf their way through vacation. Some are ready for Ashitsu barefoot massage, Ayurvedic meditation workshops, and all-organic juice bars at the break of dawn. Others want to skip all the pretense and just *chilllll*. Whoever you are and whatever brand of getaway you're into, there's a hotel, resort, inn, or cruise out there for you.

But the world is a big place and your bucket list no doubt gets longer every year. So, how to know where to head next? Our crack team of travel-obsessed editors, writers, and staffers did the hard work of researching, comparing, and personally vetting many of the world's best travel destinations and experiences over the past year (ya know, for science!). No matter what flavor of vacation you're looking for, these 79 picks are guaranteed to please.

So, pack your bags and get ready to go! This is the 2023 *Men's Health* Travel Awards.



Los Cabos: Behind the Curtain of Success



Paddling boarding The Arch in Los Cabos. (Photo Credit: Los Cabos Tourism Board)

Los Cabos is having some good days. No, let's make that years. The destination, once a lazy fishing outpost on the tip of the Baja that started seeing green as a tourism destination when timeshares came into fashion in the 1990s, now sees 90 percent of its population base somehow connected to tourism as new reasons to visit continue to stack.

"We think that 2023 is going to be a historical year," said Rodrigo Esponda, managing director of the Los Cabos Tourism Board, over lunch during a visit to Los Angeles this month. He was there to update Virtuoso agents on some of those new reasons to send clients to the destination, but the list was lengthy and beyond what travel agents are used to booking in Los Cabos.

TRAVELAGE WEST

Is Los Cabos Mexico's Next Great LGBTQ+ Vacation Destination?



For decades, Puerto Vallarta has been the highest-profile destination in Mexico for international LGBTQ+ travelers. But a recent tourism conference shows that Los Cabos is also courting this market segment, albeit with different tactics.

The [LGBT+ Travel Symposium](#), which took place June 13-14 in Los Cabos, attracted more than 50 travel advisors, destination wedding planners, suppliers, influencers and media to host hotel [Hacienda del Mar Los Cabos](#). The two days of presentations, panels and networking events focused on LGBTQ+ tourism, and the event also served as a platform to promote Los Cabos as an LGBTQ+-friendly destination.

The event was co-hosted by [OutThere](#), a British-based luxury travel magazine; the [Los Cabos Tourism Board](#); and [Queer Destinations](#), a company that provides LGBTQ+ sensitivity training and certification for destinations and travel-related businesses.



TRAVELAGE WEST

A Guide to Los Cabos' Top Venues for Group Events



Los Cabos is known for its natural beauty and upscale offerings, and its unique appeal can work especially well for group events — whether it's birthday parties, family reunions, wedding receptions, class getaways or other special occasions.

During my most recent trip to Los Cabos to attend the LGBT Travel Symposium, I experienced the group-friendly services of several suppliers, including destination management companies (DMCs), hotels, villas, attractions and restaurants. All provided lots of inspiration for anyone considering a customized group celebration or getaway.

Transfer Companies and Tour Operators

Throughout my visit, our group was shuttled around by Vivo Luxury Services, which operates a fleet of comfortable Mercedes-Benz Sprinters and other vehicles. In addition to private transportation, the company can also arrange outings such as city tours, shopping excursions and group side trips to Todos Santos, a nearby Magical Town.

Multiple tour operators and DMCs offer customizable activities for groups. We enjoyed a breathtaking afternoon with Cabo Adventures, which organized a private e-bike adventure that tested our skills on a broad stretch of desert and beach on the Pacific coast, along with a sunset boat tour from Wild Cabo Tours, complete with cocktails and many opportunities to photograph Cabo San Lucas's iconic arch.

Open-air culinary experiences are another great option for groups. One of our most memorable daytime activities took place at Flora Farms, a 25-acre organic farm that's home to a restaurant, overnight accommodations and private event and activity spaces, including an herb garden amphitheater and a mango grove that accommodates 250 people. Even I, a total non-cook, enjoyed the salsa-making class at Flora Farms, as well as a delicious lunch served under giant umbrellas on the lawn.

Forbes

38 Most Affordable Places For Last-Minute Summer Travel, According To Priceline

Itching to squeeze in a last-summer getaway before Labor Day but worried about the cost? Good news: There are still plenty of affordable destinations with cheap flights and hotels, according to [Priceline](#), which just released data showing the most significant summer 2023 travel trends until Labor Day.

Does your idea of the perfect summer vacation involve sun, sand and sea? You have options. "For a cost-effective beach vacation, popular destinations like Florida, Mexico and the Dominican Republic all fall on Priceline's most affordable list for end-of-summer travel, offering stunning shores and water-centric activities to keep you cool," Christina Bennett, Priceline's consumer travel trends expert, told me in an interview.

For U.S. destinations ranked by affordable flight options, Orlando is ranked number one. And here's the thing: The theme park capital is not just about Disney and Universal. There's also a vibrant food scene, rich culture and plenty of nature to explore.

Another way to save: "For affordable end-of-summer travel, staying in a neighboring area versus downtown can save up to 45% in some cases," says Bennett.

Case in point: staying in a place like Canton, Michigan, which is at the top of the list of affordable U.S. destinations, based on hotel costs. You can enjoy the accessibility to Detroit's waterfront festivals, concerts and outdoor markets, as well as Ann Arbor's delightful shops, restaurants and cafes—all at a budget-friendly price.



Priceline's list is loaded with other great—and sometimes surprising—gems. For travelers seeking a unique (and budget-friendly) summer experience in the U.S., consider exploring a less-conventional destination like Atlanta or Cleveland. "Price-wise, Cleveland has become increasingly more budget-friendly from 2022 to 2023, making it an opportune time to discover this underrated gem," says Bennett.

If you prefer the majestic beauty of the mountains, look no further than Denver—an excellent option for a last-minute summer trip. "According to Priceline's data, flights to Denver are now more affordable for the remainder of summer than last year," says Bennett. "Spend the day enjoying the many offerings at the Denver Botanic Gardens and head over to the Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre at night to enjoy the Denver music scene."



If you're yearning to venture beyond the borders of the United States without breaking the bank, Priceline's data has got you covered with the most affordable international destinations, ranked by both flight and hotel cost.

For a summer vacation filled with exotic charm and affordability, Pattaya, Thailand tops the list for its affordable hotels, offering a combo of beautiful beaches, vibrant nightlife and water-centric activities.

For destinations ranked by affordable flight options, Cancun is ranked number one. You'll find beautiful coastal landscapes and plenty of places to stay—all at a reasonable price.

Above all, it's important to be flexible and smart when looking for an escape that fits within your travel budget. "As always, careful planning and budgeting, flexibility with travel dates and seeking discounts and deals can all contribute to cost savings for your summer travels," says Bennett. "Priceline's new Trip Intelligence suite of booking tools can also help you easily filter based on flexibility, prices, amenities, sustainability and family-friendly features to find the end of summer vacation with everything you're looking for."

Read on for the lists of cheapest U.S. and international destinations, ranked by flight cost and hotel cost.



Cheapest U.S. Destinations—Ranked by Flight Cost

(Prices listed below indicate the average nightly cost for a roundtrip airfare)

1. Orlando, Florida (\$220): The theme park capital of the world is also the most affordable place for a last-minute summer escape, based on flight cost.
2. Fort Lauderdale, Florida (\$242): Laid-back Fort Lauderdale has miles of sandy beaches.
3. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (\$282): Myrtle Beach is home to an oceanfront boardwalk, gorgeous beaches, amusement rides and the Grand Strand, an epic arch of beach.

4. Las Vegas (\$288): Las Vegas needs no introduction—and makes a thrilling summer getaway, thanks to its vibrant nightlife, world-class entertainment and cool pools.
5. Atlanta (\$295): Often called the “City in a Forest,” due to its numerous parks and green spaces, Atlanta is also rich in history and culture.
6. Cleveland (\$296): Cleveland has the perfect blend of indoor and outdoor activities, from the iconic Rock and Roll Hall of Fame to the serene Edgewater Beach.
7. Tampa, Florida (\$301): For travelers seeking warm weather, outdoor adventures and family-friendly attractions, Tampa is a great choice for a summer escape.
8. New York City (\$307): Iconic landmarks, Broadway shows, diverse cuisine, beautiful parks, cultural festivals—the Big Apple makes for an unforgettable urban adventure.
9. Denver, Colorado (\$309): In Denver, you can embrace the majestic beauty of the surrounding Rocky Mountains.
10. Miami (\$311): Miami is an ideal summer getaway, thanks to its stunning beaches, vibrant nightlife, trendy art scene and uniquely cool vibe.



Cheapest U.S. Destinations—Ranked by Hotel Cost

(Prices listed below indicate the average nightly hotel rate)

1. Canton, Michigan (\$73): Canton has easy accessibility to Detroit’s waterfront festivals and Ann Arbor’s charming downtown—plus plenty of budget-friendly hotels.
2. Odessa, Texas (\$78): This vibrant city is known for its culture scene, from a mural trail to a replica of Stonehenge.
3. Ardmore, Oklahoma (\$80): Ardmore is home to Lake Murray State Park (with a beautifully clear, 5,700-acre lake) and great golf at the state’s oldest and largest state park.
4. Beaumont, Texas (\$80): On the border of Louisiana, Beaumont is known for its activities (fishing, hunting, birding, paddling) and delicious cuisine (brisket, crawfish).
5. Laredo, Texas (\$80): Explore this vibrant city set right on the banks of the beautiful Rio Grande.
6. Roseville, Michigan (\$80): Like Canton, Roseville offers a tranquil escape just a stone’s throw away from Detroit’s bustling attractions.
7. Humble, Texas (\$80): Rich in history, Humble is just 20 minutes from Houston.
8. Homestead, Florida (\$81): Homestead welcomes visitors with its proximity to the stunning Florida Keys and the Everglades.
9. Florida City, Florida (\$81): This gateway to the wonders of southern Florida is known for its natural beauty.

10. Baytown, Texas (\$82): Baytown offers affordable accommodations for travelers exploring the Gulf Coast region.



Cheapest International Destinations—Ranked by Flight Cost

(Prices listed below indicate the average nightly cost for a roundtrip airfare)

1. Cancun, Mexico (\$395): This popular Mexican destination tops the list for both its affordability and attractiveness.
2. Los Cabos, Mexico (\$439): Set at the tip of the Baja Peninsula, Los Cabos is known for beautiful coastal landscapes and relaxation.
3. Nassau, Bahamas (\$451): Beachy Nassau is filled with Caribbean charm.
4. Vancouver, Canada (\$490): This city on the West Coast of Canada is an excellent option for a nature- and budget-friendly escape.
5. Toronto (\$491): Toronto has exciting cultural events like the Toronto Outdoor Picture Show and the Banksyland art exhibit, arriving later this August. Plus, Niagara Falls is just a short day trip away.
6. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (\$493): The Dominican Republic's capital is the place for culture and history.
7. Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (\$503): This lively Mexican resort town offers a mix of relaxation and adventure.
8. San José, Costa Rica (\$528): While based in Costa Rica's capital, you can easily get out and explore lush rainforests and diverse wildlife.



Cheapest International Destinations—Ranked by Hotel Cost

(Prices listed below indicate the average nightly hotel rate)

1. Pattaya, Thailand (\$57): Set along the Gulf of Thailand, Pattaya offers beautiful beaches, vibrant nightlife and an array of water activities—all at a budget-friendly price.
2. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (\$70): Malaysia's capital city has a rich cultural heritage, modern architecture and diverse cuisine.
3. Chennai, India (\$71): Immerse yourself in India's history and traditions with a visit to this city that blends ancient temples and contemporary urban life.
4. Cebu City, Philippines (\$72): The Philippines' "Queen City of the South" welcomes travelers with its warm hospitality, beautiful beaches and affordable accommodations.
5. Bengaluru, India (\$73): Known as India's Silicon Valley, Bengaluru offers a mix of technology, green spaces and historical landmarks.
6. Narita, Japan (\$79): Conveniently close to Tokyo, Narita is an excellent option for budget-conscious travelers looking to explore Japan's fascinating culture and history.
7. Bangkok (\$79): A bustling metropolis, Bangkok is famous for its street markets, ornate temples and delicious street food.
8. Hanoi, Vietnam (\$81): Dive into the charm of Hanoi's Old Quarter, indulge in flavorful Vietnamese cuisine and explore the city's fascinating history.
9. Nairobi, Kenya (\$82): You can experience the allure of African wildlife and diverse landscapes right in Nairobi without stretching your budget.
10. Hyderabad, India (\$85): Hyderabad's rich heritage (including its famous biryani) awaits in this budget-friendly Indian city.

TRAVELPULSE

Los Cabos' Top Activities

With so many activities at your fingertips, Los Cabos truly has something to offer every visitor.



Wellness travel in Los Cabos

Los Cabos is one of the most sought-after wellness destinations in the world thanks to its vast array of unique, restorative treatments. From outdoor sound healing rituals to luxurious spa treatments that combine indigenous traditions with modern techniques, Los Cabos has something for everyone looking to unwind and recharge.



Snorkeling and Scuba Diving in Los Cabos

Snorkeling and scuba diving are immensely popular in Los Cabos, thanks to the area's immeasurable beauty and crystal-clear waters. Visit Santa Maria, Chileno, or Palmilla Beach to get an up-close look at the area's diverse marine life. Or take a trip to Cabo Pulmo, a protected National Marine Park and UNESCO World Heritage site whose incredible reef system earned it the nickname "The Aquarium of the World."



ATV in Los Cabos

Take in Los Cabos' breathtaking scenery on an off-road ATV tour. Rides range from adrenaline-pumping rides through the rugged desert to more laid-back cruises along the beach, making them an exciting adventure for every comfort level.



Paddleboarding and kayaking in Los Cabos

One of the most exciting ways to explore Los Cabos' waters is via kayak or stand-up paddleboard (SUP), which allows you to explore the area's protected coves and serene waters. You may even have the chance to see sea lions, sea birds, dolphins, or whales when the season is right.



Golfing in Los Cabos

Tee it up seaside or with sweeping desert views on one of Los Cabos' 18 spectacular golf Year-round sunshine and world-class layouts built by design legends make this a haven for golf enthusiasts.



Sailing in Los Cabos

Hop aboard a catamaran, sailboat, or private yacht to see the breathtaking Los Cabos scenery in a brand new way. The opportunities for exploration are endless. Enjoy whale-watching tours where you can see pods of gray and humpback whales on their annual migration. Or, take a romantic sunset dinner cruise around El Arco — this iconic rock formation is a must-see landmark.



Sportfishing in Los Cabos

Flanked by the sprawling Pacific Ocean on one side and the Sea of Cortez on the other, Los Cabos is a fisherman's Eden. Many of the world's top sportfishing events and fishing tournaments occur here every year thanks to the promise of a diverse and bountiful catch.



Hiking in Los Cabos

If you're up for an adventure, consider hiking in the Sierra de la Laguna Mountains. You can take a tour led by local guides or break out a map and blaze your own trail — the area offers scenic trails, waterfalls, and plenty of opportunities to immerse yourself in nature.



Whale watching in Los Cabos

From December–April, you can find pods of gray and humpback whales frolicking through the Sea of Cortés during their seasonal migration. Seeing these gentle giants breach from the water is sure to be an experience you'll never forget.



Swimmable beaches in Los Cabos

Los Cabos is home to 25 Blue Flag-certified beaches — the highest number in Latin America — meaning they meet the highest environmental, educational, accessibility, and safety standards. These pristine blue waters are perfect for taking a refreshing dip, enjoying a plethora of water activities, or simply relaxing on the shore.



Culinary experiences in Los Cabos

Food is at the heart of the Los Cabos experience, from traditional Mexican street food and farm-to-table fare to gourmet fine dining. Thanks to a strong mix of influences from all over the world, the culinary scene is in a class of its own.



Culinary festivals in Los Cabos

If your visit coincides with one of Los Cabos' many culinary festivals, be sure to participate. These events celebrate the local food scene and often feature top chefs, cooking demonstrations, and tastings that you won't want to miss.



San Jose del Cabo

Experience the laid-back, artistic side of Los Cabos in the charming colonial town of San Jose del Cabo. The area's downtown art district is home to many colorful galleries, which visitors can explore from November–June on the weekly art walk through the streets. Or, get a taste of Los Cabos in the 23400 District, which features everything from incredible fusion restaurants to open-air stalls and food trucks. Outside of town, golden beaches attract surfers from around the world to sample the incredible waves along the coast.



18 Fun and Frugal Fall Getaway Ideas

Fall break will be here before we know it, which means it's time to plan an exciting fall getaway if you haven't already. If you want to travel this fall without breaking the bank, however, you'll need to get creative when it comes to finding affordable options that are also loads of fun.

The good news? There are quite a few reasonably-priced ways to spend your autumn vacation, and that's true no matter which type of vacation you like the most. For example, there are still plenty of theme parks open during fall months in warm weather locations, and you can always book a [vacation rental on the beach](#). There are also [all-inclusive resorts](#) and cruise lines offering deals on last-minute getaways this fall, including deals from travel brands like Carnival and Virgin Voyages.

Where should you travel this fall break? The sky's the limit when it comes to planning a fun, yet frugal vacation, but here are 18 ideas that can serve as travel inspiration.

Hershey's Chocolate World: Hershey, Pennsylvania

If you're looking for a fun road trip idea this fall and you want to try something new, consider a getaway to [Hershey's Chocolate World](#) in Hershey, Pennsylvania. This park offers year-round fun and all the sweet treats you can imagine, with activities you can book like a "Create Your Own Candy" bar and Hershey's Great Candy Expedition. You can also stay at several nearby hotels and resorts with great rates throughout the year, including the Tru by Hilton Hershey Chocolate Avenue or the Courtyard by Marriott Hershey Chocolate Avenue.

Virgin Voyages Cruise

[Virgin Voyages](#) is a newer cruise line that's made for adults-only, so it's great for a fall break getaway with a friends group or as a couple. There are incredible sales going on for fall break cruises right now as well, including fares with on-board credit and discounts worth hundreds of dollars. While there are a range of unique itineraries available, several can work well for an affordable fall break trip. For example, the line's five-night Dominican Daze itinerary out of Miami, Florida starts at \$1,628 per cabin and includes stops in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic and Virgin Voyages' Bimini Beach Club in the Bahamas.

Rent a Timeshare

If you're looking for a frugal way to spend a week at the beach or in a resort destination like Las Vegas or Orlando, consider booking a timeshare through Redweek.com. This [timeshare rental](#) site lets you rent a weeklong stay at a range of resorts around the world, including both budget properties and luxury condominiums. Not only can you save money by booking someone's unused timeshare, but you can score even more savings by booking a rental with a kitchen since it lets you prepare some of your meals at "home."

Visit Bardstown, Kentucky

Bardstown, Kentucky may seem like an unlikely destination for a fall getaway, but it has a lot to offer if you're interested in fun, fall foliage and spirits. For example, there are 11 different [Kentucky bourbon distilleries](#) in the area, and a range of fall concerts are offered at Dant Crossing's Amphitheatre. Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest also provides 16,140 acres of woodlands with 40 miles of trails for exercise or leaf-peeping.

Plan a Theme Park Vacation

When autumn arrives and kids are back in school, [theme parks](#) still open are often less crowded and less expensive to visit. You may also be able to drive to a theme park destination instead of flying, which can yield even more savings — especially for families. Which theme parks are still open during fall? Pretty much all of them in warmer weather climates stay open throughout the year. For example, Six Flags

Magic Mountain in Valencia, California, Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington, Texas and Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, California are open all year long.

Explore Albuquerque, New Mexico

Fall is also an excellent time for a frugal road trip to [Albuquerque, New Mexico](#), and for more reasons than one. Not only is the fall foliage gorgeous during autumn months, but the hot daytime temperatures cool down and pave the way for "sweater weather" during evenings starting in October and November. Old Town Albuquerque offers shopping, galleries and restaurants to keep you busy during the trip, and visitors can even book Old Town Tours to learn some of the local history from an expert guide. The historic and revitalized El Vado Motel also offers a cheap place to stay that offers the comforts of home with plenty of historic character and charm.

Book a Cheap Last-Minute Cruise

If you're within driving distance of a cruise port and you're looking for a vacation that includes your lodging and meals, why not consider a [cheap cruise](#)? A range of options are still available for this fall, and you'll get the best deal if you're flexible with your destination and exact dates. A website called [VacationstoGo.com](#) offers last-minute cruise deals within 90 days with discounts of as much as 82% off. If you need help finding availability, you can also reach out to a travel agent for help.

Villa del Palmar Puerto Vallarta: Puerto Vallarta, México

Maybe an inexpensive all-inclusive getaway is what you're after. In that case, you should look into visiting [Villa del Palmar Puerto Vallarta](#) in stunning Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. This all-inclusive resort offers a range of room options and suites that work well for families, including suites with up to two bedrooms. Located directly in Puerto Vallarta's hotel zone, Villa del Palmar Puerto Vallarta also boasts several outdoor swimming pools and its own beautiful beachfront. Nightly rates for dates over this fall start at just \$350 per night with double occupancy if you want the all-inclusive plan.

Motto by Hilton Tulum: Tulum, Mexico

If you're looking for a destination that may be cheap to visit this fall but offers plenty of culture and activities, [Tulum, Mexico](#) should be on your radar. You can plan a stay at Motto by Hilton Tulum in order to be close to the city center of Tulum, as well as pristine beaches, ancient Mayan ruins, shopping and nightlife. Motto by Hilton Tulum is not all-inclusive, but it does have a restaurant, a bar and a cafe on-site. Nightly rates start at less than \$100 per night this fall as well, which should leave plenty of room in your travel budget to enjoy fresh, local Mexican cuisine.

Plan a Fall Road Trip

If you're flexible on where you go and you have reliable transportation, fall is a great time to hop in the car and drive almost anywhere. You can [plan a road trip](#) to nearly any destination this fall, or you can get behind the wheel with a full tank of gas and no real plan at all. Either way, fall road trips are great for seeing fall foliage or getting out to explore the great outdoors. While you can travel by car to a major city or resort destination, you can also plan a trip to check out state and national parks or to head somewhere new.

Corazón Cabo Resort & Spa: Cabo San Lucas, México

Cabo's Corazón Cabo Resort & Spa is not all-inclusive, and rates at this luxury resort start at just over \$400 per night this fall. That said, the property is located next to the best swimmable white sand beach in all of [Cabo San Lucas](#), and it also boasts the largest beach club around. A rooftop infinity pool offers panoramic views of the area, and the resort also boasts a world class spa. All 305 rooms and suites at the property also feature incredible views of the ocean and mountains nearby.

Go Glamping

"Glamping" is a term to describe luxury camping, or any type of camping adventure where you get to enjoy more of the comforts of home. For example, [glamping](#) can take place in a yurt, a cabin, a luxury tent or a teepee, yet you'll want to make sure you have luxury amenities like comfortable bedding, lights for decor and ambience, heat or air conditioning and real bathrooms you can use. While you can set up

your own glamping spot nearly anywhere, you can also rent glamping sites through a website called [GlampingHub](#).

Visit a Local Oktoberfest Celebration

[Oktoberfest celebrations](#) are offered throughout the United States, and you may even have a few within driving distance of your home. These family-friendly events usually offer a range of games and activities for people of all ages, including contests, concerts and even rides. All Oktoberfest celebrations also have beer gardens and plenty of fun foods to try. Some of the most popular Oktoberfest get-togethers in the U.S. are located in Frankenmuth, Michigan, La Crosse, Wisconsin and Helen, Georgia each year.

Visit the Great Smoky Mountains

Tennessee's Great Smoky Mountains are great to visit during fall due to lower prices overall and the incredible fall foliage you can find during September through December. There are also a nearly endless supply of hotels and vacation rentals available in destinations like Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, as well as museums, theme parks and shopping centers galore. [Great Smoky Mountains National Park](#) is also an exceptional spot for bird watching, hiking, horseback riding and camping.

Plan a Staycation Close to Home

If you really want to save money but you want to get out and do something fun over fall break, your budget will thank you if you skip the hotel room and look for things to do that are closer to home. For example, you could spend your [staycation](#) checking out local museums and restaurants you have never had the time to try, or you could take a day trip or several to visit nearby towns or attractions. You could even take a cooking class or an art class, or buy tickets to a local performance.

Head to Nashville, Tennessee

[Nashville, Tennessee](#) has a nearly endless number of things to do and see, including visiting the Grand Ole Opry, the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum or the Johnny Cash Museum. Nashville's Honky Tonk Highway, which is located on Lower Broadway, is also a fun place to visit if you want to bar hop and listen to all kinds of live music from country to jazz and hard rock. Nashville is also becoming well known for its incredible culinary scene, making it a great spot to visit if you want to try southern favorites like hot chicken or grilled pimento mac-n-cheese.

Rent an RV


[Renting an RV](#) isn't necessarily "cheap," but this type of vacation can help you save money in other ways. For example, your rental RV also serves as your hotel, and having a kitchen gives you the chance to make your own meals instead of dining out. Camping itself can also be inherently frugal if you skip the fancy campgrounds and use the opportunity to camp in a more natural setting. Where can you rent an RV? Check out sites like Outdoorsy and RVShare.com.

Visit the Fall for Greenville Festival

If you're looking for something fun and free to do this fall and you live in the Midwest or the southeastern United States, the [Fall for Greenville Festival](#) in Greenville, South Carolina is worth checking out. This event lets you sample food from more than 50 restaurants over eight blocks of Main Street, and there are more than 70 free concerts over the weekend. There are also more than 50 craft beers available for you to try out. Dates for the Fall for Greenville Festival are from October 13th to 15th in 2023.

TRAVELING LIFESTYLE

Is Cabo San Lucas Safe? Travel Advisory 2023

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Cabo San Lucas is an absolute paradise for anyone seeking a picturesque and adventurous vacation. With its sparkling blue waters, pristine beaches and breathtaking landscapes, it's no wonder this place is a top tourist destination. Cabo is safe to visit, relatively speaking. Like many other destinations outside the U.S., travelers should heed certain safety tips.

Cabo has been a favorite vacation spot for celebrities and the general public for decades. Each year, this sunny hot spot welcomes about 2.8 million visitors. Many of those are repeat vacationers, who return again and again, based on their fabulous experience the first time around.

In terms of affordability, it's hard to beat Cabo. Few other destinations boasting about 20 miles of shoreline are so inexpensive. This is primarily due to the advantageous conversion rate between U.S. dollars and Mexican pesos, which continually hovers around 20:1.

Still, some tourists remain wary about visiting Mexico and Cabo San Lucas in particular. It's true that certain headlines may make this area off-putting. Of course, crime happens everywhere in the world, and the good things about Cabo tend to outweigh the bad.

What the U.S. Government Says About Visiting Cabo



When considering is Cabo safe to visit, it's always a good idea to see what the U.S. State Department has to say about it. The State Department is the one that issues travel advisories based on political and social climates throughout the world. If anyone knows if Cabo is safe to visit, it's the U.S. government.

The State Department has four levels of travel advisories, which are as follows:

1. Exercise normal precautions
2. Exercise increased caution
3. Reconsider travel
4. Do not travel

Mexico is comprised of states, and Cabo San Lucas is in the Baja California Sur state. Currently, the State Department's travel advisory warning level for Cabo San Lucas is set to one of the lowest, which is "exercise increased caution." They indicate that the reason for this level is low crime rates.

The State Department also indicates that "There are no restrictions on travel for U.S. government employees in Baja California Sur state, which includes tourist areas in Cabo San Lucas."

We can surmise from this that it is safe to travel in Cabo, as long as certain ordinary safety measures are practiced. So, what kinds of safety tips should be kept in mind in Cabo?

LATEST UPDATES / NEWS from Los Cabos:

August 16 – Los Cabos is ready to have "a historical year" in Tourism numbers

Los Cabos Tourism Board Executive Director Rodrigo Esponda said last month during a luncheon while on a visit to Los Angeles, "We think that 2023 is going to be a historical year." He was there to share with Virtuoso representatives some of these new reasons why they should send their clients to the region. The list was long and went far beyond what travel agents are used to booking in Los Cabos.

"The year 2022 was excellent. We increased by 25%. However, since January alone, 2023 has seen an extra 18% surge in tourist," Esponda said.

July 7 – Los Cabos rank 4th as the safest destination in Mexico

In a recent interview, the Deputy Attorney overseeing Los Cabos discussed the safety conditions prevailing in this renowned tourist destination.

As per the Deputy Attorney and data provided by INEGI, Mexico's data collection institute, Cabo ranks as the fourth safest city among 75 different Mexican cities.

This notable ranking positions the Cabo region as the fourth safest metropolitan area in Mexico and surpasses the safety levels of other popular tourist destinations listed, such as Cancun, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and various neighborhoods within Mexico City.

May 26 – Los Cabos To Launch New Digital Tourist Service Directory To Keep Visitors Safe

In recent weeks, there has been some debate regarding "fake" transportation services offered specifically to visitors from the airport in Cabo to the various hotels or vacation homes in the area.

Authorities said they knew of at least 300 different companies that were breaking the law.

The local authorities have the idea of creating a directory of tourist services and, in addition, trying to regulate the companies that offer services to tourists.

This will, in a sense, serve as a directory for travelers looking for services they might need in the Cabo region.

All the businesses listed in the directory are in compliance with the law, as it is managed by the Municipal Tourism Department.

Tourist Safety in Cabo



Cabo offers world-class resorts and activities for tourists. It's an excellent choice for those who appreciate blue skies, warm temperatures and postcard-worthy vistas. As long as you exercise reasonable caution, Cabo is safe to visit.

- Reasonable caution includes things such as:

- Avoid overt displays of wealth. Keep the expensive jewelry at home!
- Avoid solo excursions. It's safer to stick with at least one other person from your party.
- Avoid going off with a stranger. If someone wants to show you "secret" spots without your friends, be wary.
- Avoid excess inebriation. Sure, it's fine to let loose and enjoy the cocktails and cerveza. Just don't overindulge to the point where you're vulnerable.
- Don't swim at night. Cabo has lots of beach bars, but nature can be deceptively enticing. Swimming after dark or after drinking is a bad idea.
- Avoid flashing cash. When paying, be discreet about how much is in your wallet.
- Pay attention to your surroundings. Use your senses to stay aware of who may be watching your movements or waiting for an opportune time to commit a crime.

With all that said, there's no reason you can't be among the millions who take advantage of Cabo's luxurious environment. Chances are, you'll find yourself lured back to this paradise again and again, like millions of happy tourists before you!



MEET THE CHEF: EDGAR ROMÁN OF DON SANCHEZ RESTAURANT SAN JOSE MEXICO

Don Sanchez Restaurant is one of the [top restaurants in San Jose](#) Del Cabo Mexico. They serve up some of the best seafood in the area. You can find it on Boulevard Mijares in downtown San Jose del Cabo. The menu is extensive and includes a mix of meat, seafood, and vegetarian options. The dishes range from \$15 – \$30 USD each. The atmosphere is casual and the service is good. The best thing to do while visiting Don Sanchez is to go on Thursday nights for their live music featuring a Mexican folklore band. The music is beautiful and adds to the experience of dining there.

The restaurant is also known for their great brunch and lunches. They serve breakfast from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and lunch from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM. The food is very flavorful and the portions are just right so you can easily share. You can also find a great selection of drinks here including margaritas and other mixed drinks. I personally dined at this amazing establishment and as a vegan I usually find it hard to find something on the menu to meet my strict diet requirements. With such short notice, Chef Edgar Roman whipped up some of the most delicious vegan dishes I have ever tasted in my life! Plus with serene live entertainment the experience was simply wonderful. Let's learn more about this magician in the kitchen.



Editor-in-Chief Jacqueline Maddison and amazing Chef and Owner of Don Sanchez restaurant in San Jose, Mexico

Beverly Hills Magazine: When did you discover your passion for culinary arts?

Edgar Román: Since I was a child, I wanted to be three things. Archaeologist to be able to travel and investigate the past. Opera singer, since I was little I liked to sing and I had a formal artistic education at the school I attended and they discovered that my range was baritone. And of course the third was cooking and becoming a chef. Over the years I discovered that chefs also travel a lot and investigate the gastronomic history of all cultures, and I changed singing to radio locution, becoming my hobby to this day.

Beverly Hills Magazine: Who or what are your personal culinary inspirations?

Edgar Román: Through the years I have had different sources of inspiration. In my beginnings it was what I learned from my two mentors, a Swiss Chef and a French Chef, Antoine Wolenmilch and Bernard Brunele, respectively. Over the years I discovered my inspiration in the ingredients. I frequented a virgin beach in Oaxaca a lot, where I went in the summer to help a foundation for abandoned children and I taught the cooks techniques and processes that would help them cook easier and with better hygiene, but resources were very limited, so we looked for fresh ingredients from the sea and the jungle with which I made a very purist cuisine that today is what keeps me creating all the time. Currently my inspiration is based on my culinary concept of contemporary Mexican cuisine where I base myself on the ingredients from Mexico, mainly from Baja, as well as on the tradition of our kitchen in México.



Beverly Hills Magazine: What do you love most about being a chef?

Edgar Román: What I love most about being a Chef is definitely being able to create dishes that manage to create a [great dining experience](#) for those who eat them. For me cooking is not just about taste or presentation. For me each dish must generate some feeling or special sensory experience in those who eat it. This is why many of the dishes have interactive accessories such as Smoke or natural plant essences.

Beverly Hills Magazine: What are the challenges involved in what you do?

Edgar Román: I think the most important challenge for me today is to stay inspired by creating experiences that motivate customers to come back to me again and again.

Beverly Hills Magazine: Do you have an all time favorite recipe? What is it and why?

Edgar Román: I think that the recipes that I like to prepare and share whenever I can, are the old-style slow roasts in a wood-fired oven. It can be Beef, Pork or Chicken or any ingredient that allows me to slow cook it like we do in Mexico in Hidalgo style barbecue. Definitely, the patience and care that this purist preparation requires is always rewarded with the delight of the palates of those who eat it.

Beverly Hills Magazine: What is the 'signature' in your [amazing dishes](#)?

Edgar Román: The hallmark in my kitchen is found in the use of natural products and scents and the use of a wood fire oven for many of the finishes in my dishes.

Beverly Hills Magazine: What is it like being a Restaurant Owner & Chef?

Edgar Román: For me, running the entire restaurant gives me peace of mind, since in my case this allows me to take care of all the details in the service, kitchen and also in the administration, so I can maintain healthy finances even though we use expensive ingredients and products.

Beverly Hills Magazine: What have been the biggest lessons you've learned on your journey in life?

Edgar Román: I think the biggest lesson I've learned in my career has been to understand that there is always a consequence to your actions. There is no success without effort or glory without sacrifices.

Beverly Hills Magazine: How do you take care of your spiritual self?

Edgar Román: Definitely spiritual and emotional stability is essential. In my case I find this, in my family made up of my wife and my daughter, they are my stability.

Beverly Hills Magazine: How has God played a hand in your life, or let you know that He is always with you?

Edgar Román: God has always accompanied me in my life. Every success and failure has been part of his plan to teach me and also to reward me.

Beverly Hills Magazine: Do you have a life quote or motto, or Bible scripture you like to live by?

Edgar Román: If indeed I manage with two mottos in my professional life.

The first: There are no bad soldiers with a good General.

The second: The Questioner is never wrong.

Beverly Hills Magazine: What advice would you give to other aspiring chefs?

Edgar Román: I think the best advice I can give to those who aspire to be a Chef is to understand that the school only gives you the general bases to be able to perform more easily in a kitchen, but no school in the world can ever make you a Chef. Our profession is a trade and as such you only get to the position until you have the merits and experience to be.

And the second recommendation would be that they seek to work for good Chefs who can take them as their mentors.



Beverly Hills Magazine: Have you discovered a personal purpose in what you do?

Edgar Román: My personal purpose is to generate pleasure for those who dine in my restaurant, seeking to generate a unique experience to achieve it.

Beverly Hills Magazine: Do you believe you are living your God ordained Destiny and doing what God created you to do?

Edgar Román: Yes, I definitely believe that I do exactly what I had marked out in my destiny, I can't imagine doing anything else.

Beverly Hills Magazine: If you had one wish that would be granted, what would you wish for?

Edgar Román: I think my wish would be to stay healthy so that I could continue with my passion.

Beverly Hills Magazine: Anything else you'd like to add or feel is important to share?

Edgar Román: As a last thing, I would like to mention that San José del Cabo is one of the most important places for high-end gastronomy in Mexico, with options that will surprise you and make you want to return as soon as possible.

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20 Best Things to Do in Los Cabos, From ATV Adventures to Art Walks

Locals share how to explore the Baja California destination.



Composed of the towns of Cabo San Lucas, San José del Cabo, and the scenic coastal corridor stretching between them, [Los Cabos](#) is located on the tip of the sun-drenched and golden Baja California peninsula, and it's one of Mexico's most enchanting destinations. An impressive number of [Travel + Leisure readers' best resorts in Mexico](#) are here, and they bring a serious taste of luxury and modern indulgence to the place, as do a seemingly endless array of [all-inclusive resort options](#).

The best travel experiences in Los Cabos are those that highlight the area's cultural and gastronomic riches. Farm-to-table restaurants flourish, local artisans shine, and a wealth of wellness experiences marry new technology and theory with ancient wisdom.

Narrowing down all that Los Cabos offers into a manageable list of highlights is becoming an increasingly challenging task. But with the insights of local experts like Sandra de la Garza from Visit Los Cabos, Marc Rodriguez, general manager of Esperanza, Auberge Resorts Collection, and Alejandro Bravo, chief concierge at Zadún, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, we've compiled the 20 best things to do in Los Cabos.

1. Enjoy farm-to-table dining.



Los Cabos may be surrounded by desert, but the area's thriving farm-to-table dining scene offers fresh, ultra-local ingredients that spice up its culinary scene in a big way. Add spots like [Acre](#), [Flora Farms](#), and [Los Tamarindos](#) to your itinerary if you'd like to try a few of the area's most renowned farm-to-table destinations.

After a meal at Acre, you can even stick around and spend the night in the unique treehouse accommodations offered at this alternative boutique resort. "The wild palm trees paired with colorful tile, exposed wood, and concrete accents create a sultry, Tulum-esque jungle vibe," [writes Maya Kachroo-Levine for T+L](#).

2. Take a cooking class at Monte Cardón.



Foodies will love cooking classes at [Monte Cardón](#), one of the newest farm-to-table destinations in Los Cabos. "Chef Ubaldo Martínez offers an off-road adventure at a ranch outside of San José del Cabo,

where guests pick seasonal vegetables and fruits before preparing their own menu," says Sandra de la Garza from [Visit Los Cabos](#). "It's a special local experience and a way to take Baja cuisine home with you."

3. Go on a whale-watching tour.



Los Cabos is considered one of the world's top spots for whale watching; between mid-December and April, visitors often spot whales "on standard snorkeling or diving excursions, or even from the balcony of your hotel," says de la Garza. Whale-watching tours in the area are safeguarded to be as eco-friendly as possible and fill up fast, so make sure to book ahead.

4. Try a temazcal ceremony.



Visitors can reroot and restore with the ancient tradition of a temazcal ceremony. These Mesoamerican sweat lodge sessions tout both health and therapeutic benefits. Book a session led by a

trained *temazcalero*, a master in temazcal art, at the [JW Marriott Los Cabos Resort & Spa](#), for an experience that incorporates healing local herbs like aloe, rosemary, and sage.

5. Experience The Well.

The first west coast outpost of the famed New York wellness haven, [The Well at Chileno Bay Resort & Residences, Auberge Resorts Collection](#) is a must-visit destination for travelers seeking a next-level wellness getaway in Los Cabos. The east-meets-west methodology of The Well connects with traditional local practices here; treatments range from rebozo repositioning yoga to celestial bathing, immersive healing, and attunement sessions in the destination's Bath House.

6. Help your kids become environmental stewards.

Would you believe that Los Cabos, once synonymous with spring breakers and party-hungry Californians, is an increasingly popular destination for families? Ideal for travelers exploring the region with kids in tow, the Ambassadors of the Environment program at [Zadún, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve](#), offers immersive experiences in Baja's most diverse ecosystems. Groups can enjoy activities together, including gardening, snorkeling, hikes, and storytelling. The program was designed in partnership with Jean-Michel Cousteau and with the whole family in mind.

7. Take a dip in the hot springs at Sierra de la Laguna.



"For travelers seeking off-the-beaten-path experiences in Los Cabos, I suggest exploring the Sierra de la Laguna for hiking and off-road adventures," says Alejandro Bravo, chief concierge for Zadún, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve. Take a dip in the hot springs that pop out like miniature oases among desert dunes and cacti.

8. Visit Cabo Pulmo for snorkeling and diving.



"It's a really exciting moment for Mexican spirits," says Marc Rodriguez, general manager of [Esperanza, Auberge Resorts Collection](#), who recently worked with the property's head mixologist to craft a mezcal unique to the resort. "Tequila and mezcal are king, but even new Mexican whiskies and botanical gins make mixology in Los Cabos more exciting than ever."

Visitors can taste local spirits in Los Cabos alongside experts, but sipping ultra-rare tequilas — accompanied by local bites and sunset views over the water at [Agave Study at Waldorf Astoria Los Cabos Pedregal](#) — is a true highlight.

11. Sail to Land's End at sunset.



The dramatic, ocean-carved arch at Land's End, where the Pacific Ocean meets the Sea of Cortez, is the prevailing symbol of Los Cabos. "With several tour options available, ranging from cozy small boats to elegant luxury sailboats, visitors can experience El Arco in a way that suits their preferences," says Flavio Rojas Negretti, marketing and public relations manager for [Solaz, a Luxury Collection Resort, Los Cabos](#). "Experiencing this site at sunset is a sight to behold and one that will etch an indelible memory in your mind."

12. Go shopping in Cabo San Lucas.



Everything from designer outposts to tiny markets makes Los Cabos an alluring destination for shopping. Visit Luxury Avenue Los Cabos in the marina for high-end brands, or stop by J & J La Casa del Habano Los Cabos for a whiff of the world's best cigars. For a more local experience, Rojas Negretti recommends the San José del Cabo organic market as "a vibrant meeting point for local farmers and producers. They come together to sell sustainable and eco-friendly products, offering visitors a chance to delve into local culture, taste the region's culinary delights, and bring home unique souvenirs."

13. Go deep-sea fishing.

Year-round fishing draws anglers from around the world to Los Cabos, where one of the most important fishing tournaments in the world awards jackpots that reach into the millions. Even if you can't compete with the sport's big fish, hit the water with [Cabo Magic Sportfishing](#) to try your hand at catching the area's marlin, dorado, and massive yellowfin tuna.

14. Get out on the water.



"Getting out on the water is central to basking in the Baja lifestyle that every visitor is looking for when they come to Los Cabos," says Rodriguez. Whether you're longing for a lazy afternoon sampling appetizers aboard a yacht or you prefer slightly more adrenaline-pumping water sports like kayaking, paddle boarding, or jet skiing, [Cabo Adventures](#) can set up just about any activity.

Los Cabos is also famous for its surfing, with championship waves and more beginner-friendly swells. Book a local lesson or travel 45 minutes to Los Cerritos Beach, a renowned surfing destination with laid-back beach town vibes.

15. Explore the towns and villages of Baja California Sur.



Los Cabos is just the tip — literally and figuratively — of all that Baja California Sur has to offer. Rent a car in Los Cabos to explore nearby towns and seaside villages that give you an even better taste of local life. Rojas Negretti recommends checking out the small village of Santiago near the oasis of Sol de Mayo, while de la Garza recommends a pit stop for authentic tacos and empanadas at La Garita, which is located near the charming beach town of Todos Santos.

16. Sample fusion favorites at Nozomi.

Some of Latin America's best chefs now call Los Cabos home, and they've brought with them an incredible diversity of flavors and cooking traditions that help make the area a culinary capital. The Nozomi series at Esperanza, Auberge Resorts Collection, is just one example of Los Cabos' unique dining offerings; the experience marries Japanese cooking techniques with local ingredients, resulting in a new fusion of flavors.

17. Enjoy the San José del Cabo Art Walk.



Locals and visitors alike rave about the San José del Cabo Art Walk. During this Thursday evening tradition, gallery owners and budding local artists open their doors and connect with guests over bites and beverages along the town's cobblestone streets. It's the perfect chance for visitors to explore the charming and historic village of San José del Cabo, including its original mission church and town square.

18. Tee off by the sea.



Los Cabos is one Latin America's premier golfing destinations, with courses built by legends like Jack Nicklaus, Tom Fazio, Greg Norman, and Robert Trent Jones, Jr. Enjoy the area's best courses at the award-winning One&Only Palmilla, or stay at the family-friendly Grand Fiesta Americana Los Cabos All Inclusive Golf and Spa to play at Cabo del Sol, which is rated among the World's 100 Greatest Golf Courses by Golf Digest.

19. Drive over desert sand dunes.



Los Cabos isn't all relaxation and restoration. "A tour of Migrifño beach and the surrounding desert on ATVs is a must for adventure enthusiasts," says Bravo. These popular half-day excursions usually include transportation from area hotels, and some even end with tequila tastings.

20. Hit the beach.



Yucatán destinations like Playa del Carmen and Cancún may have Baja beat with their serene, white-sand beaches perfect for swimming, but the golden sands in Los Cabos are nothing to scoff at. Los Cabos boasts 25 blue flag beaches, the most of any location in North America; this special designation identifies beaches with the highest safety, water quality, and environmental standards. Lovers Beach and Divorce Beach, superstition-inspiring names and all, are two of the most impressive beaches in Los Cabos.

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Where to Find Rejuvenating Wellness Retreats in Mexico

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Wellness travel is big business, according to a [recent survey](#) by [Virtuoso](#). The organization found that 94% of respondents incorporate self-care into their travels, and 44% spend between \$10,000 and \$25,000 on each wellness trip.

And Mexico is among the top three destinations for wellness travel.

Those who truly want to immerse themselves in activities centered around emotional and physical well-being in Mexico may find just what they're looking for in a retreat program. Unlike general wellness travel, retreats often have a more specific focus, with a detailed program of activities, a set schedule and a greater amount of expert guidance. They often also include features such as healthful meals.

Finding the most appropriate retreat for a client requires identifying their goals, interests and budget. To help travel advisors along, we've rounded up several noteworthy guided retreats in various regions of Mexico, each of which addresses various aspects of well-being and rejuvenation.

Riviera Maya

Mexico's Caribbean coast hosts multiple retreat options. Banyan Tree Mayakoba, for one, offers Wellbeing Sanctuary Pool Villas, an accommodation category designed for guests seeking a wellness-focused getaway. Packages include access to well-being activities such as yoga and meditation sessions, daily healthful breakfast and afternoon nutrition platter, a nightly rest ritual and in-room amenities that include a yoga mat, resistance band and sound healing bowl. In addition, the resort's full-day wellness package includes a morning palo santo blessing and a spa experience during which guests can mix herbs to blend their own evening tea.



Farther south, Amansala in Tulum hosts the six-day Bikini Bootcamp throughout the year, a wellness, fitness and yoga retreat. The resort can even help individuals organize their own customized yoga retreats that include activities such as mangrove tours, Mayan clay meditation and a Pilates or salsa dance class.

Central Mexico

The higher altitudes of central Mexico provide an attractive climate for wellness experiences. In Tepoztlán, a designated Magical Town located south of Mexico City, Wild Terrains hosts a four-night women's retreat several times per year that includes daily yoga, group coaching and traditional ceremonies, including temazcal and cacao ceremonies. Accommodations are at Casa Fernanda, and the next events are scheduled for Jan. 14-18, 2024, and Jan. 28 to Feb. 1, 2024.

Travelers can refresh their minds in various ways in San Miguel de Allende, where Hotel Amparo hosts quarterly creative design retreats, with activities that include embroidery, cooking, papier-mache, flower arranging and cocktail making. The program is organized by Hibiscus Linens, hotel owner Mariana Barran's Houston-based linen and hand-embroidery studio.



Vallarta/Nayarit

Mexico's scenic Pacific coast offers still more lovely settings for interesting wellness programs. Xinalani, for example, is a wellness resort and yoga facility located just south of Puerto Vallarta that's home to six yoga studios. The property hosts multiple retreats, including a Hot Yoga Retreat (Oct. 28 to Nov. 4, 2023) and Deepen: Yoga, Meditation and Mantra With RasVida (Nov. 11-18, 2023).

In a similar vein is Haramara Retreat, a picturesque venue located in the nearby state of Nayarit. The property hosts personalized individual yoga retreats as well as group programs such as the Whole Body Healing Retreat, scheduled for Nov. 11-18, 2023, which includes yoga, meditation, somatic therapy and a temazcal ceremony.

Los Cabos and Baja California

With its wealth of luxury hotels, Los Cabos offers plenty of opportunities to focus on wellness while also enjoying upscale amenities. Waldorf Astoria Los Cabos Pedregal hosts Wellness Weekends throughout the year in partnership with the property's shaman-in-residence, Fernanda Montiel. The program includes spa treatments as well as private breathing exercises and mindfulness workshops.



Four Seasons Resort Los Cabos at Costa Palmas, meanwhile, offers the two-day Tata Harper's Sensorial Beauty Retreat. Created by beauty and wellness expert Tata Harper, the event includes spa treatments, sound meditation, a multisensory yoga facial and a sunrise yoga class. Among the most visually stunning settings for activities is Flat Rock, a geological formation where participants do breathing exercises while taking in the view.

Vacationers can also sign up for a two-night stay at One&Only Palmilla as part of its Wanderwell Retreats program. The package includes daily yoga and meditation, a self-discovery workshop, a massage, healthful meals and wellness gifts.

On a smaller scale is Casa Tara Retreat, a luxury boutique hotel in the Baja California town of La Ventana. Among its upcoming yoga programs is The Movement Retreat (Nov. 24-29, 2023) and Magical Lands of Baja South (Nov. 30 to Dec. 3, 2023), which features Kundalini yoga techniques, meditation and dance therapy, among other activities.



How to do spring break in Los Cabos (beyond the margaritas)

The scoop on this spring break hot spot—for couples, families, and the college crowd.



There's more to spring break in Los Cabos than meets the margarita. This remote outpost of luxury is set in a stunning landscape on the edge of the desert and the sea. It's raw. It's wild. And while its beaches are better suited to surfing than swimming, these shores have a ton to offer—from buzzy bars to sailing alongside dolphins.

Even though it's much smaller than Cancun—Mexico's legendary spring break party town—Los Cabos has seen a 30% spike in visitors since 2021. Travelers come here in search of its sophisticated sense of spring break revelry: all-inclusives where you're waited on hand and foot, pool parties at chic hotels, open-air clifftop restaurants, private boat charters.

The area is made up of two towns about 40 minutes apart and the strip of resorts between them. San Jose de Cabo, where the airport is located, is smaller, peaceful, and more family-oriented. Cabo San Lucas is the Cabo that dances till dawn.

Here, we break things down to find the perfect spring getaway—whether you're a couple in search of romance, a family, or a college student.

Why go?

- No humidity, perfect 80 degree days and nights that rarely dip below 60
- Whale watching, snorkeling, fishing, and more
- Authentic Baja California cuisine
- Elevated poolside experiences

Los Cabos for adults



Every day in Cabo San Lucas feels like spring break for adults. But Señor Frogs this is not. You and your partner or squad can hole up in a swanky resort with an endless array of swim-up bars hosting world-class DJs. Or make your home base a hip boutique hotel near the marina, a stone's throw from all the bars and clubs.

And when it's time to explore, there's tons to do. One moment, you can be sipping a fresh margarita on a catamaran. The next, riding ATVs along the beach. You can even explore the coast on a camel. Hop in a transparent boat to visit El Arco, an ancient, sun-baked rock at the very tip of the peninsula and one of the most iconic landmarks in Baja California. (Head there in the morning, when the water is the calmest.) Or take a water taxi to the hidden cove of Lover's beach and swim in the placid water.

In Los Cabos, the seafood is as fresh as the adventures. And there are a myriad local places to experience an authentic Baja taco, just reeled out of the sea. By day, you can shake off the hangover with a farm-to-table brunch on a quiet desert ranch. By night, get things going with some Latin fusion cuisine, dancing, and a fire show. By the time you leave, you'll have your PhD in partying in hand.

Where to stay



All-in adult spring break: Breathless Cabo San Lucas Resort & Spa

The service was awesome (Daniel Sanchez) took such good care of us at the pool and we will never forget him... the food and drinks were great ... room views were amazing as well as location.. if your looking for a fun adults weekend this is the spot .. will definitely be back :)

Boutique hotel that has it all: Bahia Hotel & Beach House

On our first trip to Cabo, we were simply overwhelmed by our experience at Bahia. Upon arriving, the pulse of the lobby, bar and restaurant jumped out at you - especially with the lovely glass of white wine offered at the door! The rooms are decorated with modern flair with lovely sheets (towels could be fluffier), a sitting area and well appointed bathroom. The pool was perfect size and comfortable. Beach club was hopping with terrific food and fun people watching on the long beach for walking. Service at every point was amazing. If you want to be near the fun and action of Cabo - this is the pace for you.

Where to eat

Diner, dancing, and a show: RosaNegra Cabo

All the food and service was delicious! Highly recommend coming here for a fun night out with music and entertainment and amaaaazing food and drinks!

Farm-to-table dining: El Huerto

This restaurant is lovely to look at and the food is delicious. We went for breakfast, which has an extensive menu and smoothies. You could have everything from a breakfast salad to the most delicious pancakes I've ever had. Everything is beautifully presented. The restaurant is immaculately maintained as are the grounds.

Tacos and mezcal: La Lupita

Great service, drinks, food (I'm still thinking of my tacos), vibes and live music. Definitely recommend going to this place and would come back on a future visit.

What to do

Vibes and views: Pez Cato Cabo Sailing Catamarans

I booked this excursion for my bachelorette trip and my bridesmaids and I can't say enough good things about it! Check in was straightforward. We had an absolute blast! The music was great and the drinks flowed. The staff was energetic and kept the vibe up. The boat had many groups but there was room to dance. It was our favorite part of the trip! Thank you to Brandon, Alejandro, and our photographer Jesus! Our favorite pictures from our trip were captured by him!

An adventure for everyone: ATV Adventure with Camels and Tequila Tasting

We loved it. We were a group with age ranges from early 20s to late 40s. The camel ride was my favorite and my husband loved the ATV riding. The guides were all great especially Michael, Damian and Carla. We bought vouchers for the Mexican buffet at the end which you will want. We were all hungry. They also took great pictures.

Los Cabos for families



Even though Los Cabos is brimming with booze, there's so much sober fun here you'll almost pity all those worn-out party animals on the flight home. For families, one way to find a home base away from the ragers is to search hotel reviews for "spring break" and make sure you're not checking into a party. Another safe bet: Stay in San Juan del Cabo or the tourist corridor. Once you get to your hotel, it's easy to settle by the pool and let the resort handle everything.

But, if the troops get antsy, Los Cabos has a lot to keep everyone busy. You can spend the day snorkeling together in Chileno Bay, with its world-renowned tropical fish and soft sandy beaches. Take the older kids on a deep sea fishing expedition—among the best in the world—where they can pull a giant creature out of the sea. For a story even the little kids can bring back home for show-and-tell, head out on an hour-long transparent sightseeing boat ride through schools of fish. Inland, zip-lining over desert canyons creates just enough excitement to bring the whole family together.

Plus, there's no shortage of breezy, terraced restaurants with views and family-style seating. Restaurants are used to large groups and small children, so everyone can take part in the authentic Baja California cuisine—a combination of the area's unique seafood and Mexican spices.

Ah yes, while some chase the party in Los Cabos, families find the magic.

Where to stay

Keep the kids entertained: Grand Velas Resort

This was our second stay. We highly recommend. The a la carte restaurants are all wonderful, especially Cocina de Artor with its chefs menu and wine pairing. The drinks are also wonderful and they have high quality brands. The hotel provided amenities for our baby, like a pack and play, baby tub, high chair, and bottles in our room. They also offer babysitting for a reasonable price, and we were always able to get sitters for the hours we want (you do need to book in advance, but they had good availability). The sitters were all friendly and cared well for our son.

Quiet at night: One & Only Palmilla

The service was 10/10. Especially on the beach and pool area, Alfonso looked after us so well! A lot of luxury hotels will say they have 'butler service' but it doesn't really materialize. In this hotel it is actually 121 service looking after you from 9am-9pm every day. Ivan our host was amazing! He could not do enough for us. We had the best time and will definitely be back!

Where to eat

Dinner for the whole gang: Cocina del Mar

My husband and I have dined here twice before and now brought our 3 children to enjoy the gorgeous view and food. Try to plan to arrive at least 45 min prior to sunset to really take in the scenery. The tall trees block the sunset so make sure to arrive early even to have a drink before dinner. Our server was excellent and her service was perfect. Food is delicious — I wish I could have the recipe for the rigatoni dish. It was incredible. We will be back next spring break!

What to do



Half-day snorkeling adventure: Cabo Adventures

Well organized. We felt safe and taken care of the entire time. Jorge was our host. There was 9 of us. 16-60. The views were breathtaking. The photographer was perfect. He caught every special moment. Priceless.

See the Arch and more: Glass Bottom Boat Tour to The Arch

This is the best way to visit the arches and see some awesome reef fish if you are looking to do a glass bottom boat tour! The crew was amazing, the boat was so cool! I have done traditional glass bottom tours

where everyone crowds around a tiny little piece of glass.. This is a game changer! A completely transparent boat is hands down the best way to experience this. My family really enjoyed it and I would definitely recommend anyone interested in doing a glass bottom boat to only do it this way!

Avoid the crowds: Luxury Sailing Whale Watching

I didn't want a tiny dinghy type boat nor a 60 person party boat where everyone blocked your vision. Albatros was just perfect, just right. We were three in my family and a total of 9 on the boat plus 3 of the crew. Super friendly, and very chill. Juan took care of us...drinks (beer, cocktails, waters, sodas) and informative wise. We had snacks, a little music not too loud. Our captain Ulises steered us through several whale sightings. Natalia our photographer got great shots for our vacay memories. We were picked up on the dot at our hotel and dropped off as well. Zero problems and zero crowds. Thank you so much for a great morning!

Take the teens fishing: Private Fishing Trip

The Captain and the deck hand were excellent. Good value. We caught a huge marlin. Great experience for the teens.

Fly through the desert: Wild Canyon Adventures

We did the zip lining with our three daughters (ages 8, 11, and 13). Highly recommend this and the other activities at Wild Canyon. The staff were all super friendly and accommodating. Our youngest daughter was nervous after the first zip line, and the staff let her practice this one again before moving on to the bigger lines. Everyone was so kind. The canyon is beautiful and they have a great open air bar with food and drinks and a rooftop deck with swings you can visit after zip lining. We are staying in Cabo for a week and will likely visit again during our stay.

Los Cabos for the college crowd



Nowhere is legal 18+ drinking more elevated than in Cabo San Lucas. Think spring-break pool parties, replete with foam guns and party games. But also, infinity pools with views of the ocean for days and servers who make sure your margarita glass stays filled.

And while only about 30,000 of the 270,000 college students heading to Mexico for spring break land in Los Cabos, it is still a 35% increase from 2021, according to the Mexican Tourism Secretary. That only makes it easier to accommodate you and your squad.

Plus, nothing is really ever more than a 15 or 20-minute Uber ride. Just remember: Many resorts partner with beach clubs and bars in town, so where you stay may dictate which clubs you end up at till 5 a.m. Plenty of shot-seeking students meet up at the bars on Medando Beach, but for an epic change of scenery, book a two-hour sunset booze cruise with 60 of your friends (or more).

After all, while Spring Break in Los Cabos can be one big excuse to drink legally, it can also be the stories you'll be telling for a lifetime.

Where to stay

Luxury stay: ME Cabo San Lucas

Me Cabo is one of the most accommodating staff at a large resort I have ever been to. Paulina hosted my stay and made it very comfortable the moment we have arrived. She has even recommended us different parties to go to. If you are staying here, ask for Paulina. She will make your stay 100% more comfortable.

Large groups: Hotel Riu Santa Fe

We had a large group of 30+ from Iowa over Spring Break. Great rooms, lots of pool options, and food. We had a blast. Had room 7445. Top floor center with a view of the main pool and beach with the arch in the distance. Rooftop hot tub, big room, and great bathroom. The size of the resort is one of its blessings. You can find the "action" or a quiet spot. Every part of the experience was awesome. Especially the staff. RIU does a tremendous job with hiring the best people and that's what always makes it great for us whatever RIU location we go to. We will be back. Already planning it.

The hostel: Mayan Monkey

Dope vibe, cool for singles and couples. Food, service, location, convenience, staff, wifi friendly for remote workers, easy check in, daily DJ, meet new faces and adventures...so much more. I am very particular of where I choose to call home away from home...aquí me siento en casa.

Where to eat (and party)



All day beach bar and grill: The Office

Spring break is a hoot. I'm not a teenager but it had lots of energy and everyone was electric. We had drinks, sat at the table in the sand; and even indulged in the Cuervo that they bring around for shots. Fun atmosphere and a little crazy

Dance under the moonlight on a beach: Mango Deck Restaurant & Beach Club

Mango Deck was "poppin" during spring break! Last week was one of the highlights of the year. The staff was so energetic. They made sure that we are attended and kept the drinks and the food coming.

What to do

Booze cruise: Rockstar Boat Party

This boat trip was an amazing party! Don't go unless you are ready to dance, drink, and party with a ton of people! We were a party of 60! A senior spring break with tons of parents and kids and few groups from other parties - they were all super fun, too. The food was excellent - tacos! There was a large variety of drinks. The music was a blast, and the photos were free and fantastic! The crew was top notch! The contests were well done as well. Our whole group would.





3 days in Los Cabos



Los Cabos isn't your average Mexican beach escape—thanks to its stunning fusion of desert landscapes and ocean vistas, some of the world's most luxurious resorts juxtaposed against barefoot cantinas, and epic mountains cascading down to stunning surf-pounded beaches. This is the magic of Los Cabos—a destination that promises a slice of paradise for everyone.

Los Cabos is also a few destinations rolled into one. Its name translates as “The Capes,” and it includes not one, but two of Mexico's best beach towns—Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo, plus the resort-lined corridor that connects them. Each area is unique in its own way and appeals to different types of travelers.

To help you make the most out of what will surely be the first of many trips to Los Cabos, we've put together the ultimate three-day itinerary and used Tripadvisor reviews and ratings to narrow down our picks and ensure your trip is top-notch.

DAY ONE



MORNING: Breakfast on the beach

Welcome to Mexico. First thing to know: Time to pump the breaks, take things slowly, and make a beeline to the beach. You're on vacation, after all. Grab a table at the always-colorful, always-festive The Office. But don't let the name fool you—with one of the best views in the bay, this spot is the exact opposite of your cubicle back home. Sit outside with your toes in the sand and watch the world wake up as the sun gets warm over the glassy surface of calm water in front of Medano Beach. Order a lobster omelet or anything with homemade tortillas.

Medano is one of the few swimmable beaches in Los Cabos. Most are considered unsafe because of water conditions—but not this one. If you're feeling up for a dip, morning is the best time for a swim because the beach is much less crowded.

AFTERNOON: Get out on the water

After fueling up, it's time to get out and explore the scenery. Los Cabos is famous for its rock formations and desert-meets-Pacific views, and there's no better place to see it all than from on the water itself.

An afternoon boat cruise is the perfect way to spend your first day in Cabo San Lucas. Cabo Adventures' Luxury Sailing, Snorkel, and Lunch Cruise combines a few different activities in one. Climb aboard and set off for El Arco, the famous rock arch that juts out into the sea. This cruise also includes an open bar, a fresh lunch, plus snorkeling, stand-up paddleboarding, and swimming in one of the calmer bays around Cabo San Lucas.

OTHER LOS CABOS WATER TOUR OPTIONS

If you're headed to Los Cabos for the world-famous sportfishing, a charter may be more your speed. Cabo Sportfishing Crew runs a private fishing trip experience that includes gear rental, bait, lunch, and an open bar. The eight-hour excursion heads to prime territory for marlin, dorado, and other species in the area.

If you're in it for the views—and we mean views from every angle—consider a sailing trip aboard a clear boat with Go n Travel in Cabo. This all-glass boat has a 360-degree panorama of the landscape and tropical fish and the colorful reefs below, all without having to disembark.

Cruise around the southernmost tip of Baja with Cabo Sailing Ocean Adventures on the Land's End Luxury Sail & Snorkel Cruise. Board a luxury catamaran and settle in for an afternoon of sightseeing and a front-row seat at El Arco and Lovers Beach.

EVENING: Oceanfront dining and an after party

The restaurants in Cabo San Lucas are legendary—especially the seafood restaurants, which combine fantastically fresh seafood with stunning cliffside coastal settings. For a decadent champagne toast on top of that, head to El Farallon at The Waldorf Astoria Pedregal. It's one of the most elegant restaurants on the planet, carved out of the rocks and perched right on the ocean's edge.

For dinner with a side of epic sunset, Sunset Monalisa has the best seat in the house. With a perfect view of El Arco, this is one of the most romantic restaurants in Los Cabos, thanks to its spectacular cliff-top setting. What to order? We recommend the Mediterranean-inspired five-course Signature menu.

If you can't snag a reservation at either restaurant, or you prefer something a little more authentic, Tacos Gardenias has been serving up right-off-the-boat ceviche and fish tacos for a long, long time. The crowd is a mix of locals and in-the-know tourists.

When the sun goes down, you'll see the streets of Cabo San Lucas light up with the city's legendary nightlife. If you've got the stamina for an all-night racer, then El Squid Roe is a Cabo San Lucas legend. Picture pulsing music, LED displays, liter-sized cocktails, and a dance floor that doesn't cool down until the sun comes up.

If you want a lively watering hole at half the volume, Saloon Cabo fills the void with a Wild West cantina meets dive bar atmosphere. Think peanut shells on the floor, sawdust, and walls adorned with pictures of gun-slinging outlaws.

DAY TWO



MORNING: Pancakes and cobblestone streets

Now it's time to see the other side of Los Cabos: San Jose del Cabo. While Cabo San Lucas has glamorous resorts and a flashy marina, San Jose del Cabo is the cultural heart of Los Cabos, particularly in its historic downtown, which is where you'll begin this morning.

Venture over to Cafe Al Cabo for breakfast. This casual, breezy restaurant is popular for its huge breakfast menu. We love the endless variations of chilaquiles, as well as the crepes and quesadillas.

After breakfast, it's time to walk it off along the historic center's cobblestone streets. Downtown San Jose del Cabo is your quintessential Mexican town—all low-rise Spanish-influenced buildings with pops of bright color from fluttering flags hanging overhead and woven textiles in the windows.

Get your shopping fix at CASA by the Sea (Mexican handicrafts and home goods) or Plaza Artesanos (home to dozens of vendors selling jewelry and clothing, tote bags, and ceramics).

AFTERNOON: Farm-to-table cooking and an oasis lunch

Did you know that San Jose del Cabo is the farm-to-table capital of Baja California? The area is home to not just one, but three working organic farms where you can dine at Instagram-worthy restaurants set right in the fields, take cooking classes, and even spend the night.

The most famous is Flora Farms, a 25-acre oasis in the desert outside town. Dine at the rustic restaurant. Shop in the boutique, which sells locally made products. Sign up for one or the themed cooking classes—Tuesday is Rustic Ratatouille, Wednesday is Seasonal Tamales, Thursday is Ricotta Gnocchi, and Friday is Regional Salsas. Book a treatment at the on-site spa that uses ingredients grown on the farm. And make time to wander the beautifully landscaped grounds. Don't want to leave? You don't have to: There are also cottages available to rent.

Los Tamarindos is another spectacular farm-to-table spot with al fresco cooking classes and a beautiful setting for lunch. Scattered throughout the fields are thatched one-bedroom bungalows.

Looking for a romantic escape? Acre is your spot: The open-air dining room is lit by candles, and the artisanal drinks are made with the restaurant's own brand of award-winning mezcal. You can spend the night in glamping treehouses and sustainable villas made from rammed earth.

OTHER LOS CABOS COOKING CLASS OPTIONS

You can get hands-on with Cookin' San Jose, which includes a visit to a local market and cooking class. Groups are capped at six people.

In Cabo San Lucas, Restaurant Bar Metate Cabo offers fun and festive cooking classes with tours of the on-site vegetable garden and lessons on making four classic dishes.

With One More Taco Food Tours' Cooking Tacos and Mixology Class, you can combine salsa making, salsa dancing classes, and Mexican mixology.

EVENING: Art galleries and tasty local brews

At the heart of San Jose del Cabo's funky downtown is its thriving art gallery scene. Start at the Patricia Mendoza Art Gallery right across from the famous Plaza Mijares, then hit up Frank Arnold Gallery and the Ivan Guaderrama Art Gallery. Don't miss the Gallery District Art Walk on Thursdays from 5 to 9 p.m.—you can meet resident artists and chat with curators.

Grab a table at the festive La Lupita Tacos & Mezcal. We love it for the elaborate Dia de los Muertos decor and, of course, for the tacos. The tacos menu is arranged by protein, with everything from traditional al pastor to creative miso fish to the standout: Baja scallops.

Baja California also has a burgeoning craft beer scene. The OG in San Jose del Cabo is Baja Brewing Company. The brewery exports to the U.S., so be sure to try one of the brews that are only available in Mexico like the Baja Stout and the Baja Razz.

DAY THREE



MORNING: Road trip!

Fuel up for an adventure-filled day beyond Los Cabos. Today you're off to Todos Santos, one of Baja California Sur's most beloved magical towns. Before you hit the road, grab breakfast at the legendary El Pancake House in San Jose del Cabo. Everything here is homemade (so leave a little extra time to enjoy). The fluffy pancakes are to die for, and the French toast is also excellent.

Next, pick up your rental car at Cactus Car. This locally-owned agency is the best in the business with zero hidden fees and third party liability included in the rate. They'll even give you a lift to the airport if you need one.

Then you're off and running. Todos Santos—about an hour's drive away—is known as a haven for spiritual energy, having been a port of call for surfers and eclectic travelers for decades. These days, the scene is decidedly more chic with locally-owned boutiques and funky hotels and restaurants.

What makes Todos Santos so magical is its laid-back, small-town vibe with loads of history and traditional charm. The town was established in the 18th century and remained relatively off the grid to tourism until the mid-1980s. Explore the Mission Nuestra Señora del Pilar de Todos Santos, which dates back to 1733. You can also visit the legendary Hotel California. Rumors circulate that this is the original Hotel California from the iconic Eagles' song, even though the band has denied the myth.

Upgrade your wardrobe at Nomad Chic and then head to Etnica to accessorize with handmade leather items.

AFTERNOON: Beach break

In the afternoon, cool off on the nearby beach at the glamorous El Faro Beach Club and Spa, just a few minutes outside town. The beach club has an onsite restaurant and pool, and even offers massages. It's

an outpost of Guaycura Boutique Hotel in downtown Todos Santos, so if you plan to spend the night, Guaycura is a good place to consider.

EVENING: Cobblestone streets, cocktails, and oysters

After a glorious afternoon soaking up the Pacific sun and surf, head back into town to spend the evening in Todos Santos.

Dinner tonight is at Oystera, a sun-drenched seafood restaurant with a raw bar that lives within the bones of an old sugar refinery. If the weather is nice, sit outside on the terrace, though the interior with its soaring glass roof is also spectacular. Order the catch of the day and anything off the crudo menu, and—of course—the oysters that give the restaurant its name. There are more than 10 different varieties, either harvested locally or flown in from the coasts. After dinner, wander around the space, which has many small galleries and other boutiques.

After dinner, pop into Neveria La Paloma for more than 30 types of ice cream and fruit popsicles made in-house. They have some bizarre flavors like basil and bacon (if you're feeling bold). It's a perfectly refreshing way to end the day.

OTHER TODOS SANTOS TOUR OPTIONS

Skip the rental car and sign up for a guided tour of Todos Santos, which includes pickup and return from Los Cabos.

For an intimate tour experience, this private six-hour tour includes a customizable itinerary featuring local food stops, art galleries, shopping, and more.

Want to try your surf skills on Cerritos Beach, one of the most famous surf spots in Baja? Hang ten with CRT Surf School—lessons range from beginner to advanced.

Know Before You Go



Best Times To Visit

The best time to visit Los Cabos is spring and early fall, specifically May, June, October, and November. This is when the weather is still warm during the day (without being too hot) and the crowds from high season have thinned. The absolute best weather is between December and April, but this is also when you will see the largest crowds and the highest spikes in prices.

Best Days To Visit

Los Cabos is predominantly a tourist town, with attractions, restaurants, and nightlife operating seven days of the week. You may find the occasional store closed on Sundays, but for the most part Los Cabos is a seven-days-a-week destination.

Business Hours

Most cafes and breakfast spots open between 7 and 10 a.m., and most restaurants are open until 10 p.m. Some shut down between lunch and dinner. Bars and clubs can stay open as late as 3 a.m.

Where To Stay

Cabo San Lucas: You'll have your pick of fabulous hotels in Cabo San Lucas, as the destination is home to some of the very best hotels in Mexico. In Cabo San Lucas proper and all along the Tourist Corridor (the stretch of coastline between Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo) are literally dozens of resorts. We like Grand Velas Los Cabos for a luxury all-inclusive option, or Esperanza, Auberge Resorts Collection for one of the best beaches and overall service.

San Jose del Cabo: San Jose del Cabo has a range of all-inclusives, boutique properties, and luxury hotels. For supreme luxury, Las Ventanas Al Paraiso, A Rosewood Resort is a San Jose del Cabo icon. We also love Hotel El Ganzo for a funky, boutique-style stay. Hyatt Ziva Los Cabos is a great option for an all-inclusive resort on the beach, overlooking the gorgeous Costa Azul.

Getting Around

By taxi: The best way to get around Los Cabos is by taxis and ride-shares. Uber is plentiful, but some resorts will not allow Ubers to pick travelers up inside the resort grounds. This is because of exclusivity contracts with local taxi companies. If this is the case, your resort will be able to arrange a local taxi for you.

By car: It is safe to rent and drive a car in and around Los Cabos. Parking may be limited on the street, but most hotels and resorts have parking availability.



Cabo day trips: 4 Baja adventures worth the drive

Everyone knows Los Cabos, but there's so much more to explore on Mexico's Baja peninsula.



During the second year of the pandemic, I escaped from New York for a dose of sunshine and much-needed outdoor space in Mexico's Baja California Sur. One month led to a few years, as I fell for its magical mix of desert, ocean, and mountains—with sometimes all three in the same five-mile radius. Whenever I would say I was living in Baja Sur, usually I would then have to add, “Not Cabo.” Even though [Todos Santos](#)—the small town on the Pacific Coast that I made my home—was only about an hour and half north, it was a world away from the mega-resorts and packed beaches on the Baja peninsula's southern tip.

While Los Cabos might come to mind first when visitors think of Mexico's least populated state, I'm always quick to share there is so much more here, especially if you're looking for nature and adventure. Fortunately, if you fly into Cabo or make it your base, there's no shortage of incredible side trips within a few hours' drive.

From one of the most successful marine reserves in the world, to an eco-ranch in the Sierras, to your own (almost) private island in the Sea of Cortez, it's easy to escape Cabo's crowds with some of my favorite Baja Sur adventures.

Feel the pull of artsy Todos Santos



When I told a Mexican friend of mine I was going to Todos Santos for the first time, he said, “It’s an oasis.” An oasis, how wonderful, I exclaimed, as I needed a respite from the hustle of New York. “No, it’s a real oasis.” As I ended up living for a few years in Todos Santos, which is 50 miles due north of Cabo, I came to realize, yes, it’s a legit oasis and also a refuge unlike anywhere else. While its natural underground aquifer infuses this otherwise arid desert landscape with fresh water, lush palms, and fruit trees, it’s also a creative haven: Bohemians and artists from all over have flocked here for decades, drawn by its desert light and wild beaches.

Todos Santos has a strong sense of community, and there’s always some event happening, or if you’re lucky, a full-fledged festival. Some of the best annual ones to catch are Todos Santos Film Festival, coming in November; December’s Gastrovino Food and Wine Festival (Baja wine’s secret is out); and Todos Santos Open Studio Tour in February (where you can meet the town’s best artists in their studios).

One of my favorite things about Todos Santos is the art galleries. I recommend you make your first stop Galería de Todos Santos, which showcases Mexican artists, such as Erick Ochoa, who co-runs the gallery, as well as artists from around the world. Donna Billick, a prolific artist whose Aztec Calendar wall sculpture is found just off the Todos Santos square, runs mosaic workshops in her studio. And new this year, Art Baja California—an outpost of Zona Maco, Latin America’s leading art fair—came to town with an open-air installation of more than 50 artworks at “El Patio.” It seems there’s always a new spot to eat, too, but as a pescatarian I couldn’t be happier with the fish tacos at local mainstays Tiki Santos and El Santo Chilote, and the small-batch mezcal tastings at El Refugio, whose award-winning chef runs regular cooking classes.

Where to stay: If you want to see the migrating whales from your hotel room, Los Colibris Casitas is your spot, with its prime perch overlooking the Pacific. Or for something right in town, stay at the historic boutique hotel, Guaycura, which also owns a nearby beach club, giving you the best of both worlds.

Go glamping on Espiritu Santo Island



The Sea of Cortez, dubbed “the aquarium of the world” by Jacques Cousteau, is one the best spots on the planet to swim with whale sharks and sea lions. Espiritu Santo Island, about 100 miles north of Cabo, is a natural protected UNESCO World Heritage Site in the heart of this real-life aquarium. While you won’t find any hotels or permanent habitation on the island—which is located an hour’s boat ride from the city of La Paz—you will find the rare blue-footed booby birds without having to go all the way to the Galapagos.

It takes a lot of effort to get here on a day trip, but it’s well worth it. Even better: Spend the night. Only camping is allowed on this island and you can do it in style, with Todos Santos Eco Adventures’ luxury solar-powered Camp Cecil, private-chef and naturalist guide included. Waking up in a tent (in a real bed) a few steps from the calm crystal-clear sea was one of the most memorable mornings I’ve had in Baja, made even more special with a sun-heated shower and no phone signal. (Camp Cecil is open November through June and requires a two-night minimum.)

Don’t miss: While there’s enough marine life to keep you entertained on Espiritu Santo, Todos Santos Eco Adventures can also take you on a boat to more tiny islands to swim with sea lions. From September to May, on the UNESCO-protected sea lion rookery of Los Islotes, you can snorkel or scuba dive with the very curious and friendly creatures.

Dive into a marine wonderland at Cabo Pulmo



If you're not coming here on a day-long sailing trip from Cabo, getting to Cabo Pulmo is half the adventure; for at least some part of your trip, you'll be holding onto your hat on bumpy, dusty roads. Only 60 miles from San Jose del Cabo's developed beaches, Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park is home to one of North America's largest and most diverse reef systems. It's also considered one of the most successful marine protected areas in the world, with fish and other wildlife increasing nearly 500% since it was established. After overfishing decimated this area's reefs and economy in the 1990s, a grassroots effort spearheaded by the Castros, a local fishing family, led to its protected status. This national marine park and UNESCO World Heritage Site is a model worldwide for community-led activism and reef regeneration.

A number of dive shops are here, including Cabo Pulmo Dive Resort, which runs snorkel or scuba trips to spy massive schools of jack fish, sea turtles, bull sharks, dolphins, whales, and mobula rays.

Where to stay: The best way to experience Cabo Pulmo is to stay over. You can camp freely at several spots in Cabo Pulmo (Playa Arbolitos has facilities), but I prefer to stay off-the-grid without roughing it at the family-run Villa del Faro, which is 15 miles down the road on the East Cape. This Italian-villa-meets-Mexican-hacienda has solar-powered casitas, 12 acres of gardens, and a secluded, swimmable beach.

Stay at an eco-ranch in the Sierras



Baja Sur is in a constant battle over the forces of development and conservation of its fragile desert environment. So a getaway to the 100% off-the-grid Rancho Cacachilas feels extra good knowing that you're staying on a ranch that aims to preserve the traditional rancho culture of Baja and its limited water supply. Less than a two-hour drive from Cabo, this 36,000-acre self-sustaining ranch has over 40 miles of private hiking and MTB (mountain biking) routes that follow mining vestiges as well as water dam routes. Bikers come from all over the world just to check out the epic trails, and MTB personalities like Mexican champion Daniela Campuzano have ridden here, too.

Rancho Cacachilas has a comfortable camping experience with solar-powered safari-style tents and ranch suites, plus organic dishes like Totoaba al Ajillo, made with ingredients from the surrounding orchards and a protected fish that's legally and sustainably sourced in the nearby Sea of Cortez. Guests can learn more about rancho life by taking a mule ride with ranchers, visiting the goat farm, and tasting their five varieties of goat cheese and wildflower single-source raw honey made onsite.

When I stayed here for a weekend, I was constantly impressed with what I was learning: whether that's how the ranch is actively regenerating the land it occupies and replenishing even more water to underground aquifers than it uses with water retention dams and more (this is the driest state in Mexico), or how the guides know every plant in the area and every constellation in the night sky.

Don't miss: Rancho Cacachilas has a rotating series of seasonal ranch-to-table dinners and culinary events that usually include a three-course meal prepared by the area's top chefs, live music, and a campfire under the stars.



Our go-to guide to Los Cabos hotels



Where you stay in Los Cabos matters. Every hotel has its own vibe and spirit, and since this is a place where you'll spend a lot of time at your home base, you'll want to pick the perfect property—whether that's an adventure getaway, a luxury oasis, an all-inclusive fun spot, or a boho-chic hideaway.

I visit Los Cabos frequently and usually take companions along for the ride—sometimes friends, sometimes my family, sometimes just my spouse. So over many years of visits, I've narrowed down the (many) hotel options to my five favorite properties that fit every type of trip. Whether you're looking to rev through the landscape on an ATV, stargaze in the quiet of the desert, or relax with a view of the ocean and a cocktail in hand, I've got the spot for you.

Ready to dive in? Here's my highly selective guide to the best Los Cabos hotels for every personality.

For a grown-up getaway

The Cape – A Thompson Hotel



The Cape tops my list because of its location on a scenic stretch of coastline. Every room has a staggering ocean view, as does the rooftop bar—an ideal lookout to spot the iconic El Arco rock formation.

The vibe: The ultimate grown-up (read: romantic) getaway.

Room scene: Floor-to-ceiling windows show off the true star of the show: the epic ocean views. (And did we mention? You'll see that ocean vista from every single room.) All the accommodations are suites and villas, so you won't end up with too much room envy, although some have private plunge pools and kitchens (a good option for a longer stay). Best amenity: the swinging daybed on your terrace—consider this your afternoon siesta crash pad.

Restaurant report: Chef Enrique Olvera's Manta restaurant celebrates fresh seafood, weaving in influences from Mexico, Peru, and Japan. My go-to dishes: the fried oyster burrito, the fish tempura tacos, the slow-roasted suckling pig cochinita, and the grilled skewers of octopus anticucho.

Don't miss: The resort's Mind, Body & Soul program transforms this into a true wellness getaway (if that's your thing). And you won't be stuck in a windowless workout room: Yoga classes are often held by the infinity pool in the morning and on the rooftop at sunset and on full-moon evenings.

In the area: El Arco (The Arch) is the iconic natural rock formation at Land's End and one of the most famous sites in Los Cabos. You can take boat tours from the hotel's marina to get a closer look; sunset is especially gorgeous. Two nearby beaches are worth a visit: Lovers Beach (calm and swimmable) and Divorce Beach (with rough Pacific waves that are better for surfing than romance).

For families

Grand Fiesta Americana Los Cabos All Inclusive Golf & Spa



When I travel with my kids, it's essential to find a place that has lots to keep them busy, plus room to spread out. Being able to have downtime for us adults to do our own thing is key, too. (My boys are tweens and teens, so they don't want to be with their parents anyway.) Grand Fiesta is a good option because there's so much to do both on-property and nearby—the ideal way to keep everyone in your gang happy.

The vibe: An all-inclusive that's good for all.

Room scene: The family suite is a great option if you need extra space. It comes with a kitchenette, living room, dining room, a primary bedroom with a king-size bed, and a second bedroom with two double beds. For larger families or groups staying together, you can't go wrong with a three- or four-bedroom suite. The resort also throws in thoughtful amenities—for free—like a bottle of wine and a fruit plate.

Restaurant report: Since this is an all-inclusive, everything is part of the price, and we mean everything—go ahead and order three desserts, if you want. There are options: Mexican, Italian, seafood, Argentinian steaks, and even a Sushi Sky Bar with (you guessed it) a view. The resort also makes sure that grown-ups have their moments, from tequila tastings to an adults-only swim up bar.

Don't miss: Calling sporty families: My boys were into the beach volleyball and the nearby sport fishing. I couldn't get enough of the yoga and dance classes (my motto is to keep moving). And my husband loved the nearby golf course. The hotel even offers Spanish lessons, which we all got into.

In the area: Off-property, a good way to explore is with an ATV tour through the Los Cabos desert. What I like about ATV riding here is being able to witness the striking contrast between the desert and the sea—up close.

For a group vacay

Garza Blanca Resort & Spa Los Cabos



I often find that going to an all-inclusive resort is the easiest option when I'm on vacation with a group of friends, and Garza Blanca fits the bill with all-in-one pricing, white-sand beaches, and plenty of included activities both on the water and off. Plus, the hospitality makes this resort well-worth a visit—the super friendly and attentive staff have kept me coming back.

The vibe: An exclusive retreat for group bonding.

Room scene: All the rooms are suites with a cozy living area and a private terrace (fave amenity—your own personal hammock). The oceanfront suites have the best views and direct access to the beach. For groups, I'm a fan of the two-bedroom suites, which come with a kitchen and three (yes, three) bathrooms. If you value privacy and relaxation, consider a suite with its own plunge pool or a Jacuzzi on the terrace.

Restaurant report: Everyone in your gang will have something to savor, from Blanca Blue (seafood and ocean vistas) to Bocados STK (prime cuts in a chic setting) to Hiroshi Restaurant (Japanese precision in sushi and teppanyaki). There's also lots of live music and entertainment.

Don't miss: The property has several pools with plenty of space to spread out, which means nothing feels overly crowded (even when the resort is full). Watersports such as snorkeling and stand-up paddleboarding are also included in the price.

In the area: The property can book private sailing tours to see the gray whales (a highlight). The ideal time is between January and March (mating season), when there's a 90% probability of seeing these mammals in motion. Horseback riding is another great way to witness Cabo's diverse landscape—transitioning from a desert filled with cactus and rocks to sandy beaches along the ocean.

For nature (and luxury) lovers
Four Seasons Resort Los Cabos



Located on the East Cape of Baja California Sur, the setting of The Four Seasons Resort Los Cabos is stunning: The resort blends right into the golden desert landscape with views that roll down to the deep blue waters of the Sea of Cortez. You'll find all of the luxury you expect from a Four Seasons, as well as a world-class golf course and an expansive spa. What you might not expect: a focus on nature with numerous walks and programs (including helping endangered sea turtles). There's even an on-site biologist.

The vibe: Refined luxury with a sustainable edge.

Room scene: I'm a sucker for a private pool, so I book a ground-floor plunge pool room or a suite (which come with either ocean or garden views). Another good room option—a spacious beachfront casita, which has a private pool, a spacious outdoor living space, and direct access to the beach.

Restaurant report: Marina Village has restaurants and shops, so there are multiple (and seriously good) dining options without leaving the property. For light, fresh, local seafood, El Puesto is my pick (I always order the ceviche and sushi).

Don't miss: The resort not only has one of the most expansive beaches in Los Cabos, it also has its own marina on the Sea of Cortez, known as "the aquarium of the world."

In the area: The Four Seasons excels at booking adventure trips for guests, including my favorite: snorkeling with whale sharks. Swimming alongside these gentle giants was a vacation—and a life—highlight. (Don't worry, their swimming speed is just three miles per hour and they only eat plankton.) You can also spy plenty of other marine life on a snorkeling or scuba outing from the private marina. The area is also famous for its sportfishing: Charter a boat and try your luck at catching marlin, tuna, and other game fish.

For quiet relaxation
Vidasoul Hotel



An off-the-beaten-path gem, the intimate and bohemian Vidasoul is a rare find in bustling San José del Cabo. For quiet relaxation, it's hard to beat. And although it feels like you're in the middle of nowhere, there are plenty of resort amenities, including a swim-up bar and a spa. Eco-friendly travelers will appreciate the fact that the property has a strong sustainability focus—the hotel is entirely run by solar power.

The vibe: An eco-chic escape from civilization.

Room scene: There are only 16 rooms at this boutique hotel, all with sea views. If it's available, the largest—the king suite—is the one to book. It's not only spacious, it has incredible ocean views from both the bed and the soaking tub.

Restaurant report: Vidasoul's commitment to locally sourced ingredients reflects its sustainable ethos, from Acua Bar & Grill (Baja-inspired dishes made with just-caught seafood) to El Cardon Restaurant (Mexican flavors) to the Oasis Pool Bar (handcrafted cocktails).

Don't miss: This is a great location to stargaze at night because of the remote location. In fact, it's so off-the-grid that cell phone service can be spotty (which I consider a perk).

In the area: Nature lovers will appreciate the hotel's location near the San José Estuary, where you can check out the diverse wildlife and go bird-watching. It's also not far from Cabo Pulmo, a scuba-friendly zone that is home to enormous groupers, sea turtles, and tornado-like schools of amberjacks.



BEYOND CABO

Consider these 5 adventures near Baja's southern tip

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Clockwise from top: Espiritu Santo Island; a whale shark feeds on plankton and krill in the Bay of La Paz; sea lions at Los Islotes in Baja California Sur

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As our boat pulled into Los Islotes, a rocky landmass in the turquoise waters of Mexico's Sea of Cortez, I gazed out at the area's newest residents and couldn't contain my enthusiasm. "Babies, they're all babies!" I squealed as 20 or 30 sea lion pups barked in unison. These small islands near La Paz are home to a permanent colony of about 600 sea lions. With my wet suit and snorkel on, I jumped into the water and swam among the playful puppies.

Most visitors to Baja California Sur, the southern part of the Baja Peninsula, head straight to Cabo San Lucas, the region's hub of visitor activity. But to enrich your trip, consider any one of these adventures within a day's drive from Cabo.

SWIM WITH SEA LIONS

Jacques Cousteau dubbed the Sea of Cortez "the world's aquarium," and a great place to experience this marine wonderland is near La Paz, about 100 miles north of Cabo. From there, you can travel by boat to the UNESCO-protected islands of Los Islotes, where, from September to May, you

can snorkel or scuba dive with friendly sea lions. Just remember: They're wild animals and you're a guest, so don't touch them.

CONSIDER: Spending a few days at Todos Santos Eco Adventure's solar-powered luxury Camp Cecil de la Isla, open November through June, on Espiritu Santo, an island north of La Paz with no permanent habitation or hotels. *Double-occupancy rates start at \$375 per person.*

HANG WITH WHALE SHARKS

Another sought-after marine encounter is swimming with whale sharks. Despite their name, these massive creatures aren't whales; rather, they are the world's largest fish (and harmless to humans). One of the best places on the planet to see these 20-ton behemoths up close is in the Bay of La Paz. Among the responsible companies that run snorkeling trips from roughly November through May is Red Travel Mexico in La Paz. You'll need to swim fast to stay alongside these gentle giants, which can reach up to 40 feet in length. Just don't touch them; doing so could damage their protective mucus layer. And check on tours

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in advance; locals suspended whale shark outings in early 2023 due to the low numbers of whale sharks in the area.

DON'T MISS: The fish tacos at El Estadio Tacos de Pescado y Camaron or TacoFish in La Paz.

EXPLORE ARTSY TODOS SANTOS

Todos Santos is among Mexico's 175-plus Pueblos Mágicos—"magical towns" designated for cultural and historic heritage. Located about 50 miles north of Cabo, the town is a legit oasis with fresh water and lush palms fed by an underground aquifer. Surfers, bohemians, and artists have flocked here for decades, drawn to the town's charming vibe, the nearby beaches, and the area's picturesque desert light. New art galleries continue to pop up. Check out the longstanding Galería de Todos Santos, which opened in 1994, and sign up for a mosaic art class with artist Donna Billick.

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CONSIDER: Visiting in February during the annual Todos Santos Open Studio Tour, when you can meet more than 50 local artists and purchase their work.

DIVE INTO CABO PULMO

A world away from San Jose del Cabo's developed beaches, Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park is home to one of North America's largest and most diverse reef systems. Once threatened by overfishing, it gained protected status in 1995, eventually becoming a UNESCO World Heritage site. Cabo Pulmo Beach Resort runs diving and snorkeling trips among sea turtles, bull sharks, dolphins, whales, mobula rays, and, of course, massive schools of fish.

DON'T MISS: A stop at the community center to learn how this tiny fishing village became one of the world's biggest conservation success stories.

VISIT HISTORIC EL TRIUNFO

Less than a 2-hour drive from Cabo lies the once-booming mining town of El Triunfo, where the new Museo del Vaquero de las Californias celebrates Baja California's cowboy culture. Its sister museum, Museo Ruta de Plata, focuses on the area's "silver route" mining history and includes stories told by local families. If you're hungry, grab a wood-fired pizza at Caffé El Triunfo or a craft beer at El Minero Restaurant and Bar.

DON'T MISS: Nearby Santuario de Los Cactus, a 124-acre cactus sanctuary that's home to more than 50 species of cacti, including the massive Cardón.

IF YOU GO

For the latest Mexico safety information, visit travel.state.gov or contact your travel advisor. At press time, the U.S. State Department urged travelers to exercise "increased caution" in Baja California Sur, Mexico City, Oaxaca, Nayarit, and Quintana Roo, where Cancún and Playa del Carmen are located. "Normal precautions" were advised for Yucatán state. The department urged Americans to "reconsider travel" to Jalisco state but noted no additional restrictions for its U.S. government employees in Puerto Vallarta's tourist areas (including neighboring Riviera Nayarit).

Ask your hotel's concierge about local safety precautions. "We can tell you, 'Yes, that place is okay, or no, that's not good,'" says Arturo Sanchez, concierge at Andaz Mexico City Condesa. Avoid hailing taxis on the street. Instead, book all ground transportation through your hotel, Sanchez says. And exercise greater caution at night, especially outside tourist zones.

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TRAVELPULSE

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The Most Anticipated Luxury Hotel Openings For 2024



From a spectacular lakeside retreat in Austria to a legendary train adventure through Italy, there is a wide selection of luxury hotels opening around the world. I have curated a list of all new properties opening in 2024 by individual hotel brands so travelers can visit their trusted favorites.

Despite the erratic global economy and war overseas, the hotel business is booming and in record numbers. According to Lodging Econometrics' Second Quarter 2023 Construction Pipeline Trend Report, there is a sharp increase in hotels planned within the luxury market, with 909 new projects worldwide. The top countries for all new hotel projects are the United States, with 5,572 projects, and China, with 3,666 projects. Distantly following are India with 480 projects, the United Kingdom with 322 projects, and Saudi Arabia with 276 projects.



Luxury hotels must step up to attract younger travelers seeking more experiential visits. According to a Hospitality Net report, "The luxury market is undergoing a significant shift, as the upcoming generations of consumers are expected to dominate the market in the future. Generations Y and Z, born between 1981

and 2012, are set to represent 80% of the global luxury market by 2030. These young consumers have a different approach to luxury than older generations. They value meaningful luxury experiences over the possession of luxury goods."

Here are the 24 most anticipated 2024 openings:



Aman

Aman Nai Lert Bangkok

Amid the skyscrapers of central Bangkok, Thailand's first urban Aman hotel and residences will rise from a green sanctuary known as Nai Lert Park. Designed with wraparound views, open-air terraces and a central atrium by Jean Michel Gathy, the 36-story building will offer 52 suites and 50 residences.

Future Aman openings include the takeover of the famed Rosa Alpina in the Dolomites.



Auberge Resorts

Florence Collegio alla Querce, Florence

A former cultural institution and boarding school, the luxury hotel will encompass three adjacent 16th-century buildings, including an original chapel and theatre. It will offer up 82 rooms, including 20 suites and a 2,250-square-foot signature suite. Amenities include an outdoor pool, wine tasting room, spa and fitness center. Dining options will include a destination restaurant, a glass-enclosed garden room set amongst olive trees for daytime dining, a sophisticated bar and cigar lounge set in the former academic admissions office and an outdoor pool bar.

Future Auberge openings include The Dunlin, South Carolina.



Banyan Tree

Banyan Tree Dongguan Songshan Lake

Banyan Tree Dongguan Song Shan Lake is in a unique position between an urban oasis and lake. The resort showcases a contemporary Lingnan-inspired garden. Details are scarce at the moment as to how many rooms and amenities will feature, so the actual launch date could be delayed.



Capella Hotels

Capella Taipei

Building on the success of their previous ventures, including Capella Sydney and Patina Maldives, Capella Taipei will offer up 192 rooms, all within an immersive experience.



Chablé Hotels & Resorts

Chablé Sea of Cortez

Designed as what appears to be a series of luxury pods, it will seamlessly blend luxury hospitality with the natural desert environment of Baja California Sur. The entire property located in La Paz will spread out over nearly 700,000 square feet of desert and host 50 suites. Each one of the suites will boast its own garden, terrace space and plunge pool. Amenities at the resort property will include a large spa facility, a deluxe event space, a private beach with an ocean-front pool and three different restaurants for guests.



Fairmont

Fairmont Breakers Long Beach

The historic property is currently undergoing a \$150-million restoration and development, and will become Long Beach's first luxury boutique hotel. The new property will offer up 185 boutique hotel rooms and suites, a rooftop pool and terrace overlooking the Terrace Theater Plaza: an open-air rooftop lounge and

bar with dramatic views of the Pacific Ocean. Amenities include a two-story spa, wellness and fitness center; a live jazz club and music lounge; and the reopening of the famed Sky Room restaurant.

Fairmont will also be opening the Fairmont Cheshire The Mere.



Four Seasons

Four Seasons Resort and Residences Cabo San Lucas at Cabo Del Sol

The modern hacienda-style village will feature 96 guest rooms and suites, plus 61 residences, villas and estates—all offering dramatic views of the Sea of Cortez. There will be world-class golf at the Cabo Del Sol golf course, a full-service Spa, a swimmable beach and contemporary Latin cuisine from Richard Sandoval.



Kempinski

Kempinski Residences The Creek in Dubai

Positioned on the banks of Dubai Creek, the collection of 285 apartments within two buildings ranges from one-bedroom to four-bedroom duplexes. Each overlooks the city's magnificent skyline and some of the most spectacular scenery.



Mondrian

Mondrian Abu Dhabi

Located in the city's bustling downtown area alongside the Abu Dhabi canal, Mondrian Abu Dhabi will provide waterfront views overlooking both Reem Island and Maryah Island as well direct views of the city skyline. The new property will feature 221 rooms and 80 serviced apartments, as well as six food and beverage venues.

Also opening is the Mondrian Gold Coast in Australia.



Montage

Montage Cay - Private Island Resort, Bahamas

The private-island resort will feature 50 all-suite accommodations and a limited collection of Montage Residences surrounded by the island's seven white-sand beaches against the Sea of Abaco and the surrounding cays. A 46-slip marina accommodating vessels up to 110 feet will anchor the resort.



Nobu Hotels

Nobu Hotel Tulum

Surrounded by white sand beaches, Mayan ruins and one of the world's largest barrier reefs, Nobu Hotel Tulum will feature 200 guest rooms and suites including 12 villas, a beachfront Nobu restaurant, a state-of-the-art fitness center and spa and 50 unique beachside residences.

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The main lodge will consist of 73 guest rooms and suites. There will also be 19 villas for the ultimate in privacy. Additionally, a Chenot Swiss Spa will combine traditional Chinese healing with Western medicine.

Also opening for the brand is One&Only Kéa Island in Greece.



Orient Express

Orient Express "Dolce Vita"

Orient Express *La Dolce Vita* is a journey straight out of the Golden Age of the Orient Express and its legendary route. The train is composed of just 11 cars offering luxurious Deluxe Cabins and Suites. Guests will travel in decadent luxury on a voyage from Northern to Southern Italy, across 14 regions, including 3 international destinations from Rome to Paris, Istanbul and Split. A special stopover in Rome will feature the very first Orient Express Hotel, Minerva, also scheduled to open in 2024.



Park Hyatt

Park Hyatt Los Cabos at Cabo del Sol

Overlooking the Sea of Cortez, the resort boasts 163 luxury ocean-view guest rooms and suites, 19 villas and residences, stunning pools, world-class golf, a full-service spa and a fitness and wellness center

Other locations include Changsha, Kuala Lumpur, Mexico City and Vietnam.



Regent Hotels & Resorts

Regent Bali Canggu

A debut for Regent Hotels & Resorts in Indonesia, the 150 suites and villas property on Canggu Beach has been designed by architects WATG, and draws inspiration from contemporary Indonesian fashion and culture, blending traditional motifs with modern aesthetics.

With four restaurants and bars, attention will be on offering authentic Balinese cuisine and fresh locally sourced produce. The resort will also feature the world's first Regent Spa, offering health and wellness experiences, and includes a hydrotherapy pool and a fitness studio.



Ritz-Carlton

The Ritz-Carlton, Rabat Dar Es Salam

Set against 440 acres of oak forest and the course at the Royal Golf Dar es Salam, this lavish resort offers a spa with a traditional hammam, plus restaurants and lounges with distinct interpretations of local fare.

Also expected is the The Ritz-Carlton Paradise Valley, The Palmeraie-Arizona.



Rocco Forte Hotels

The Carlton Milan

The new Carlton Milan will offer up 70 rooms and suites, a restaurant and lounge bar, a full wellness center with gym and spa and a rooftop panoramic bar with 360-degree views over the city. The ground floor will house the historical Milanese restaurant Il Baretto.

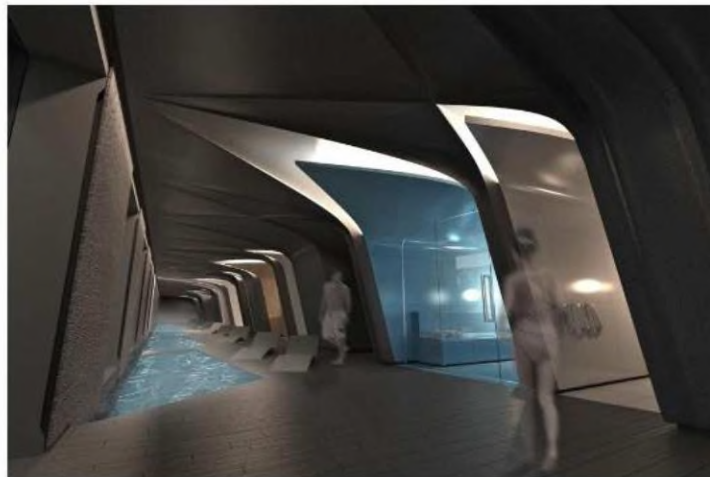


The Romeo Collection

Romeo Roma

Located steps from the famed Piazza del Popolo in Rome, Italy, this remarkable 16th-century palazzo was brilliantly designed by legendary Zaha Hadid and offers 74 stunning rooms and suites. Dramatically mixing art, fine dining and wellbeing, the new property will also feature a dramatic new culinary hotspot with Il Ristorante Alain Ducasse, overseen by the highly decorated chef's protégé, Executive Chef Stéphane Petit.

There will also be an open-air 22,000-square-foot courtyard called "Il Cortile," a casual restaurant and bar, indoor and outdoor pools, unique viewing of subterranean Roman ancient ruins, a wellness center by Sisley Paris and on the rooftop, a bar and lounge with panoramic views over the city.



The suites will truly impress after artisans have worked in the finest Italian marbles and woods, sourced from certified sustainable forests, to intricately create unique elements by hand. Five of the guest suites feature original 16th-century frescos.

"The basis of the Romeo Collection is built on creating spaces that masterfully integrate worldly art collections, contemporary design, and breathtaking architecture, so once we came upon the noble Serroberti-Capponi family's former 16th-century palazzo, we knew this was the perfect space to house the collection's next project," said Alfredo Romeo, President and CEO of The Romeo Collection."

Rosewood

Rosewood Schloss Fuschl / Austria

The legendary Hotel Schloss Fuschl is the brand's second property in Austria, situated on the banks of Lake Fuschl. The reimagining of the 15th-century landmark is a short distance away from picturesque Salzburg, and will feature 98 guest rooms, including 46 suites and six luxurious chalets, as well as world-class restaurants and lounges—not to mention Asaya, Rosewood's integrative well-being spa, with indoor and outdoor swimming pools.

Notably, Rosewood has announced that they are taking over three iconic properties in New Zealand—Rosewood Kauri Cliffs, Rosewood Cape Kidnappers and Rosewood Matakauri—in December 2023. Also opening in 2024 will be Amsterdam, Miyakojima, Japan and Doha.



Six Senses

Six Senses Forestias - Bangkok

Located within easy reach of Bangkok, the resort offers 27 residences within a purpose-grown forest in Bangna. The residences are set around a woodland lagoon and range between three and five bedrooms. Each residence comes with a private pool, and organic gardens where seasonal fruits and vegetables can be grown. There's also a direct lift leading to the canopy walk for easy access to the expansive wellness offerings.

Six Senses also plans on opening in La Sagesse/Grenada, Svart/Norway, London, Kyoto and Red Sea.



Soho House

Soho House Mexico City

Formerly a private residence, Soho House Mexico City reflects the building's historic French influences and baroque heritage and will initially offer four luxurious bedrooms for members and guests when it opens. A casa and annex feature three bars and lounges, including a tequila bar, an underground vinyl listening room, a restaurant and a courtyard with outdoor dining.



Thompson Hotels

Thompson Hotel Palm Springs

Situated at the heart of the city's iconic Palm Canyon Drive, the hotel will feature 168 bungalow-style rooms, including 18 suites, each offering their own private balconies or outdoor spaces with views of the San Jacinto Mountains and ethereal Palm Springs desert. Perched a level above the city streets, Thompson Palm Springs will also house its own mainstay dining concept from a nationally celebrated chef that will feed into the menus at two bespoke pools and accompanying lounges. The hotel will also include Hall Napa Valley, a first-of-its kind tasting room showcasing owners Craig & Kathryn Hall's family

of wines; an exciting new restaurant from famed Los Angeles-based restaurant group Boujis Group; and a national spa and fitness partner.



W Hotels

W Milan Duomo

For the first W Hotel in Milan, Studio Urquiola recreated the Rationalist architecture of the original 50's building with a vibrant and contemporary interior design that catches the Milanese essence through its colors, materials, finishings and inspirations. W Milan features 116 rooms, including 18 suites and one Extreme Wow Suite.



Waldorf Astoria

Waldorf Astoria Seychelles Platte Island

The island resort lies just south of Mahé, in a pristine atoll fringed by palm forests and wildlife all protected by its own lagoon and coral reef. The resort will be home to a collection of 50 seafront villas, featuring up to five-bedroom villas, all equipped with their own private pool and personal concierge.



The Rest

Among the countless resort openings for 2024, it is important to recognize the massive development in Saudi Arabia as part of their Red Sea Global Development.

According to the developers, among the ongoing construction is Desert Rock, a unique space-age mountain resort being built into the rockface. The Sheybarah Island Resort has already installed all 38 stainless steel overwater villas for a planned 2024 opening. Work is also ongoing on 11 branded resorts across Shura Island.



Among the new Red Sea launches expected are Six Senses Southern Dunes, Nujuma, A Ritz-Carlton Reserve, and St. Regis The Red Sea. By 2024, there will be an additional launch of hotel brands, including Faena, Miraval, Rosewood, SLS, EDITION, Jumeirah, Grand Hyatt, InterContinental Resort, Raffles, Fairmont and Four Seasons.

The desert sanctuary of AlUla is expected to add more than 9,400 rooms and will include new launches such as a Burning Man-style wellness resort, tented villa retreat, mud-brick boutique property and state-of-the-art French-designed space carved into AlUla's ancient rocks.

Finally, the seafront luxury wellness destination of Amaala will offer more than 1,200 hotel rooms across eight different resorts, including Equinox Resort, Six Senses, Rosewood, Clinique La Prairie and Jayasom.

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The 12 Best All-Inclusive Resorts In Mexico

With thousands of miles of coastline and world-famous beach towns bookending both sides of the country, Mexico regularly draws travelers from around the globe seeking sun, sand and relaxation. It's no surprise, then, that the country has perfected the art of the all-inclusive. In Mexico, all-inclusive resorts have evolved to match the modern-day traveler; rather than offering the same cookie-cutter experience at hotel after hotel, the best all-inclusive resorts in Mexico are so thoughtfully curated, it's impossible not to find a property that feels tailor-made for you.

Whether you're seeking a hushed romantic hideaway or a wellness experience complete with sound baths and vegan cuisine, Mexico has an all-inclusive resort to match. Our top overall selection is Excellence Playa Mujeres, an all-suite resort on an idyllic beach in Playa Mujeres. For luxury lovers, it's hard to top Grand Velas Los Cabos, with its incredible ocean views and fine dining. And for those with little ones in tow, a family vacation at Nickelodeon Hotels And Resorts Riviera Maya is bound to be unforgettable. Below, we've rounded up the best all-inclusive resorts in Mexico for every type of 2023 trip, all of them prime for unplugging, rejuvenating, or dialing up the energy.

- Best All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico Overall: Excellence Playa Mujeres
- Best High-End All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico: Grand Velas Los Cabos
- Best Boutique All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico: Mahekal Beach Resort
- Best All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico For Families: Nickelodeon Hotels And Resorts Riviera Maya
- Best All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico For Romance: Beloved Playa Mujeres
- Best All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico For Groups: Hyatt Ziva Los Cabos
- Best Spa And Wellness All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico: Palmaia, The House of AïA
- Best Beachfront All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico: Live Aqua Beach Resort Cancun
- All-Inclusive Resort With The Best Views In Mexico: Villa del Palmar at the Islands of Loreto
- Best Adults-Only All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico: UNICO 20°87° Hotel Riviera Maya
- All-Inclusive Resort With The Best Amenities In Mexico: Hotel Xcaret Arte
- All-Inclusive Resort With The Best Pool In Mexico: Grand Solmar Pacific Dunes Resort, Golf And Spa

Best All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico Overall: Excellence Playa Mujeres



It's difficult to choose just one all-inclusive resort in Mexico to be the best of the best, but Excellence Playa Mujeres is an undeniable contender thanks to its ability to score outstanding marks in almost every single area. Sun worshippers will swoon over the powder soft stretch of bone-white sand. Wellness gurus can tap into a menu of revitalization at the Miiélé Spa, complete with a hydrotherapy circuit and steam rooms. Foodies have their pick of more than a dozen restaurants and bars, including cuisine from Italy, Mexico, India, Thailand, and beyond. It's not only a resort that has a little bit of something for everyone, but it's a resort that does that little bit of something exquisitely. No matter what your vacation vibe is, Excellence Playa Mujeres certainly lives up to its name, and the dreamy, idyllic Playa Mujeres community just north of Cancun is what a Mexican Caribbean dream is made of.

Best High-End All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico: Grand Velas Los Cabos



It's hard not to feel like a VIP the minute you check into Grand Velas Los Cabos, an all-suite resort that truly pays attention to the details. A Champagne butler greets you with a complimentary glass to toast your arrival before leading you to one of the property's 1,100 square foot suites boasting ocean views and private terraces. For those looking for next-level opulence, the property's Grand Class Corner Suites in particular boast a jaw-dropping panoramic ocean view along with private plunge pools on the terrace.

It's not an all-inclusive vacation without some pampering, and the 35,000 square foot SE Spa is the perfect place to do just that. One of the largest spas in the region, it includes a seven-step water ceremony as well as a menu of locally-inspired body treatments, massages, facials, and educational workshops. Guests won't want to miss the cuisine at Grand Velas Los Cabos, either. Dinner at Velas 10 is unforgettable, but the meal not to miss is the eight to 10-course tasting menu at Cocina de Autor. Make sure to nab a reservation.

Best Boutique All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico: Mahekal Beach Resort



Mahekal Beach Resort gives guests the best of both worlds: not only is it perched on one of the longest stretches of beachfront in Riviera Maya, but it is also just a few steps from the buzzy energy of Playa del Carmen. The boutique all-inclusive resort features a collection of palapa-topped bungalows in different settings, from beachfront to poolside and jungle, as well as Beach House King Plunge Pools that guests will never want to leave.

The resort is fully all-inclusive, but guests do have the option to opt out of the plan if they would rather make room to enjoy the lively restaurant and nightlife scene of Playa del Carmen, which is just around the corner from the resort. Still, the walls of the resort create an oasis-like atmosphere that feels worlds away from the non-stop action of the city. It's the perfect boutique all-inclusive resort for visitors to enjoy the luxuries of beach living, as well as soak up the energy of downtown Playa.

Best All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico For Families: Nickelodeon Hotels And Resorts Riviera Maya



Meet every child's dream come true: a real-life escape into the world of Nickelodeon—slime, SpongeBob, and all—combined with plenty of opportunities for parents to relax and enjoy as well. Nickelodeon Hotels & Resorts Riviera Maya is a wonderful all-inclusive resort for families, with prime Riviera Maya beachfront access and an interactive, highly immersive family fun energy. The all-suite resort takes the Nick extreme to the max—think Patrick-shaped chairs, Ninja Turtle graffiti, and the official Nickelodeon Place hub, complete with a signature Character Breakfast and the official Club Nick.

The star of the show at the resort is Aqua Nick, the largest water park in Mexico with seven waterslides and a lazy river, with unlimited entry included in the room rates. Families also flip for the Main Stage, where a weekly roster of shows and performances bring families together, all inspired by the famous game shows from Nickelodeon—yes, you may even get slimed. Adults can catch a break of their own behind the doors of the tranquil Náay Spa, a 4,200-square-foot oasis of tranquility, including a couples suite, sauna, and steam rooms.

Best All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico For Romance: Beloved Playa Mujeres



Beloved Playa Mujeres was created exclusively for romance. The couples-only resort sits on a sugary stretch of sun-bleached sand in the quiet, dreamy Playa Mujeres area just north of Cancun. Aside from the spacious suites with in-room jacuzzis or outdoor plunge pools, the powder soft sand and oceanfront dining, or the tranquil (and spacious) spa, what's wonderful about Beloved Playa Mujeres is that couples can be as active and engaged, or secluded and private, as they desire.

Active couples can choose from wellness workshops and yoga classes to paddle boarding, sailing, kayaking, and cooking classes. And for those who prefer to stay low-key and one-on-one, the resort's spacious suites include either in-room jacuzzis or private pools—perfect for alone time. Guests have a selection of restaurants and bars to choose from, but one of the best is the oceanfront, toes-in-the-sand experience at El Mar. And, of course, couples should plan to book a day at The Beloved Spa for its famous hydrotherapy circuit and menu of treatments and rituals.

Best All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico For Groups: Hyatt Ziva Los Cabos



Group travel can notoriously be difficult to plan, with so many different personality types to please. But with nearly 600 suites overlooking the legendary Playa Azul in San Jose del Cabo, Hyatt Ziva Los Cabos is the resort to book for travelers that need a little bit of everything. This all-inclusive does its best to make sure that everyone in the party feels like they're coming home—plus a few added surprises for flair and panache. The hub of activity at the resort is undoubtedly its pool scene, from the massive freeform pool practically strewn with lounge chairs to the adult-only swim-up bar and the sprawling KidZ pool and mini water park with five slides and two water dump buckets. For those whose ideal vacation involves bringing it down a notch, a day of reprieve at the two-story Zen Spa, with 15 treatment rooms and a salon, is just what the doctor ordered. And when it comes time to pick an afternoon activity, your group will have plenty to choose from: the property has a robust fitness and sports program, with volleyball and basketball courts, lap swimming, a fitness center, workout classes, and yoga.

Best Spa & Wellness All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico: Palmaïa, The House of AïA



There are spa and wellness resorts, and then there is Palmaïa, The House of AïA, a premiere spa and wellness resort that takes well-being to the next level. Much more than a resort with a great spa, Palmaïa, The House of AïA incorporates wellness—both body and mind—into every aspect of its design and purpose. The word of the day here is intention, and travelers will have no problem setting one at this tranquil hideaway with numerous classes, ceremonies, and rituals to partake in, including yoga underneath palm trees, drum circles, sound healing, group meditation, tarot, and more.

Alongside its commitment to wellness, the 234 thoughtfully designed suites at Palmaia are cruelty-free, meaning they are free of any animal and animal-tested products. The resort also uses zero plastic bottles and solar panels, as well as other renewable forms of energy. The spa at Palmaia, The House of AïA is much more than a menu of treatments: it's an entire journey. Featuring glass walls in a jungle setting, you can take in the lush views during your treatment, then take an invigorating swim in the on-site cenote.

Best Beachfront All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico: Live Aqua Beach Resort Cancun



With more than 5,000 miles of coastline in Mexico, it's difficult to narrow down the very best beachfront all-inclusive. But if what you're looking for is a consistently perfect stretch of beachfront (plus all the trimmings), Live Aqua Beach Resort Cancun is certainly at the top of the list. Kissed by lapping, turquoise-colored waves and peppered with languidly swaying palms, this beach is the stuff Mexico postcards are made of.

Add to that an intimately sized luxury all-inclusive with several pools and more than 10 restaurants and bars, and this is much more than a beautiful slice of real estate. The resort has 371 rooms, all with ocean views, as well as Aqua Club rooms, which come with additional privileges and considerably more space. The thoughtfully curated spa has teamed up with luxe skincare line Natura Bissé and features 12 indoor treatment rooms and four outdoor rooms, as well as steam rooms, saunas, jacuzzi, and a Temazcal.

All-Inclusive Resort With The Best Views In Mexico: Villa del Palmar at the Islands of Loreto



A cult following of loyal devotees have been singing the praises of this stunningly beautiful all-inclusive resort for years. Limited direct flights into Loreto means that this resort is usually only known to people along the west coast, as well as southwestern U.S. cities. But it's high time they share the wealth of beauty this resort has to offer, because the views truly are that incredible.

The 4,500-acre resort is within a gated community surrounded by slate-colored mountains, overlooking the indigo-colored Sea of Cortez. Perched overlooking the Bay of Danzante, the views from Villa del Palmar at the Islands of Loreto are a mix of towering mountains wrapped in puffy clouds, and a bay speckled with conical-peaked islands as far as the eye can see. The remote atmosphere of the resort, coupled with its all-inclusive amenities, are what make this one of the most unique all-inclusive resorts in Mexico. A new \$42 million renovation at the resort resulted in the addition of 158 new rooms, as well as a new penthouse and oceanfront suites that overlook the bay.

Best Adults-Only All-Inclusive Resort In Mexico: UNICO 20°87° Hotel Riviera Maya



Halfway between Playa del Carmen and Tulum, tucked on its own curve of beautiful white sand beach, sits the adults-only palatial playground UNICO 20°87° Hotel Riviera Maya. This beautifully designed resort with roughly 400 rooms, all of which boast ocean or partial-ocean views, is the perfect balance of sleek and rustic. Rooms on higher floors are blessed with deep soaking tubs, while those on the ground floors are all swim-up suites. No matter the room, each one features two of the most deliciously comfortable bathrobes—an amenity totally worth the mention.

Guests can choose their own adventure at UNICO 20°87° Hotel Riviera Maya. Those who want a party atmosphere will have a blast by the pool, where DJs spin daily during the many different afternoon parties. And for adults who want to lay low, the resort has plenty of quiet corners to steal away to, including the spacious suites, the decadent spa, or the quiet stretch of beach.

All-Inclusive Resort With The Best Amenities In Mexico: Hotel Xcaret Arte



All-inclusive resorts are not short on included amenities, but certain resorts take that concept to the next level. One of those resorts is the impressive Hotel Xcaret Arte. This sprawling, all-inclusive, adults-only resort has 900 rooms, a seemingly endless selection of restaurants, and a strong emphasis on both relaxation and activities—all of which are included. With so many different things to do and places to play, this expansive resort never feels overwhelming.

Guests stay in one of five distinct "casas," all of which serve as mini boutique hotels-within-hotels. In addition to the multitude of restaurants, pools, and art-themed workshops included in the rate, Hotel Xcaret Arte also includes round-trip airport transfers, an in-room mini bar, and unlimited access to any of the theme parks under the Grupo Xcaret umbrella. These theme parks include everything from zip lining and water parks, to cultural shows, fire performances, sensory experiences, and much more.

All-Inclusive With The Best Pool: Grand Solmar Pacific Dunes Resort, Golf And Spa



Grand Solmar Pacific Dunes Resort, Golf And Spa is an all-inclusive resort that takes its commitment to guests' pool time seriously. Its oceanfront infinity pool, complete with a palapa-topped swim-up Tide Bar, a selection of in-pool dining tables, and stunning beachfront views, is perfect for families. A second,

adults-only pool offers much more tranquility, featuring in-pool chaise lounges and a front-row seat to explosive purple and orange Pacific Ocean sunsets. Adult guests can dine at the property's adults-only Sunset Bar, which serves cocktails, wine, and a decadent sushi menu.

The heart of the action happens at the activity pool. This lagoon-shaped pool is perfect for active travelers; it's large enough for both kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding. A rope swing and water slide provide endless entertainment for kids—and maybe even an adult or two. Whether you choose to spend your time at Grand Solmar swimming or just lounging by the water, there's no better place for a poolside getaway.



Professional Athlete Diana Flores to Serve as Los Cabos Brand Ambassador



WHY IT RATES: The World Flag Football champion joins Los Cabos in its evolution to be recognized as one of the top wellness destinations for luxury travelers around the world. - Janeen Christoff, TravelPulse Managing Editor

The Los Cabos Tourism Board announced that Diana Flores, the Captain and Quarterback of Mexico's World Champion Women's National Flag Football Team, as the first-ever Brand Ambassador for Los Cabos. Marking the beginning of a new era for Los Cabos, this partnership comes as the next phase in the destination's Wellness Champions campaign—an initiative to reinvent itself as a holistic wellness-forward destination and Mexico's top destination for luxury wellness travel.

As a global traveler, professional athlete, and NFL and IFAF Global Flag Football Ambassador, Diana understands that wellness is a way of life. Through this partnership, Diana will share with the world how she finds wellness in Los Cabos to achieve a mind-body-soul balance like nowhere else. Diana will participate in high-visibility events, new campaign assets and advertisements, and an expansive social media-first strategy on a global scale.

"Being born and raised in Mexico, it is an honor to represent my home country as the first-ever brand ambassador for a destination I hold so close to my heart," said Diana Flores, Los Cabos new Brand Ambassador. "As a professional athlete, I am passionate about wellness; self-care and making sure that I take care of my physical and mental health. In Los Cabos, I am able to do all of that. It's a special place that can help anyone who visits achieve overall wellness."

The Wellness Champions campaign comes to life by focusing on the personal fulfillment and overall wellness that is only possible in Los Cabos. With offerings for everyone from spa, gastronomy, adventure, sustainability, culture, community and hospitality, wellness in Los Cabos can be anything you make it. Los Cabos is a place that inspires freedom, being yourself and exploration by connecting to everything and everyone around you.

“Los Cabos has always been a destination rooted in wellness and Diana Flores’ blend of accomplishments and dedication to her culture and wellbeing is the perfect partner to help us expand upon our foundation,” said Rodrigo Esponda, Managing Director of the Los Cabos Tourism Board. “As we strengthen our focus on wellness in Los Cabos, businesses across the destination are committed to showcasing their unique aspect of wellness into their offering while continuing to provide visitors the personalized and high-standard experience Los Cabos is known for.”

U.S. visitors have been increasingly seeking opportunities for unique and luxury wellness opportunities. According to a recent visitor survey conducted by Los Cabos, 18% of all visitors to the destination reported interest in a wellness experience, such as spa, yoga or similar activities. These wellness-minded visitors have additionally increased their spending in the destination to an average of \$3,000 per trip as they explore more of Los Cabos’ wellness offerings.

Los Cabos has been a long-standing pioneer in luxury travel, personalized service and unique travel experiences, bringing in new and returning visitors year after year. With over 3.5 million visitors in 2022—a historic growth in visitation—and an estimated 4 million visitors in 2023, Los Cabos has consolidated its international position as a preferred travel destination for U.S. travelers.