

LOS CABOS

TRAVEL ADVISOR GUIDE





WELCOME TO THE BAJA WAY



Our clientele innately understands Los Cabos because it's who they are: sophisticated yet laid-back, open to new adventures yet ready to unwind.

This is a truly special destination tucked on the very tip of Baja California Sur – part of the 1,000-mile-long peninsula that stretches into the sea. Contrasts exist in total harmony: exclusive and utterly accessible; upscale and relaxed. This is where the desert meets the sea. The point at which the Sea of Cortez and the Pacific Ocean meet but do not mix. Where two cities – Cabo San Lucas and San José del Cabo – are only 20 miles apart yet tell dramatically different stories.

*Let us show you what we mean by **The Baja Way**, and then invite your clients to find their way here.*

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WHO VISITS LOS CABOS



• Los Cabos is the fastest growing tourist destination in Mexico, with more than **3 million** people visiting every year.

• Approximately **70%** of our visitors are international visitors, with expanding airlift that includes more than **345** weekly flights from the U.S.

• West Coasters consider Los Cabos their secret since it's less than **three hours** by air.

• The airport is serviced daily by major airlines: *American Airlines, United Airlines, Spirit Airlines, Alaska Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, Southwest, Sunwing, Air Canada, West Jet, Interjet* and *Aeromexico, among others.*

• The top attractions for travelers are: culinary, nature, soft adventure, romance, sport fishing and golf.

70% of visitors are repeat guests and 90% of first-time visitors say they would return.

Los Cabos places great significance on sustainability to preserve its natural resources. Cruise ships must anchor and tender to shore to protect marine flora and fauna. Hotels desalinate sea to produce their own water for consumption. The region is even clear of visual pollution as it is free from billboards and other obtrusive advertisements.



LOS CABOS ESSENTIALS

WHERE IS LOS CABOS?

Located at the southernmost tip of Mexico's Baja California Peninsula, Los Cabos has two sides: the towns of Cabo San Lucas and San José del Cabo – connected by a 20-mile corridor. The peninsula reaches into the Sea of Cortez and the deep waters of the Pacific Ocean.



BEST TIME TO VISIT

While the weather is beautiful all year, the best time to visit is from November to May, which coincides with various events.

HOW TO GET THERE

More than 500 weekly flights from 42 destinations across the U.S., Canada fly into Los Cabos International Airport.

Roads in this region are very navigable, including Highway 19 between Cabo San Lucas and La Paz by way of Todo Santos, and Highway 1 by way of El Triunfo.



6% of travelers to Los Cabos are attending a wedding.

AUTO INSURANCE

U.S. auto insurance policies are not recognized in Mexico. It's mandatory to obtain liability insurance from an insurer that's licensed to provide coverage in Mexico. Additional options such as collision and theft coverage are also available.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All foreign visitors require a valid passport to enter Mexico. U.S. citizens do not need a visa for visits under 30 days.

CURRENCY

The official unit of currency is the Mexican peso (MXN). However, the U.S. dollar (USD) is widely accepted.

WEDDINGS IN LOS CABOS

Couples must present a valid passport, tourist card, birth certificate, blood test results (done in Mexico), marriage application from a local registry, and have four witnesses. All weddings are welcome in Los Cabos and most resorts can assist with the necessary paperwork and notarization.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The U.S. Department of State has not issued any travel advisories for visitors to Los Cabos. This is a safe destination for all visitors and to ensure it remains that way, Los Cabos has implemented an effective five-point plan, with public and private sectors investing close to 50 million USD to upgrade security infrastructure, equipment and personnel. We have seen a 96% decrease in security-related incidents year over year, and 17% record tourism growth.

Los Cabos is a subtropical desert with up to 350 sunny days a year.



THE LAY OF THE LAND

These are the main tourist destinations of Los Cabos where strong infrastructure and vibrant communities welcome visitors year-round.

CABO SAN LUCAS

Lively and exuberant, there's never a shortage of things to do in Cabo San Lucas. While the legendary nightlife is a draw for some crowds, Cabo San Lucas is also a hub for artisan shopping, farm-to-table dining and world-class golfing.



TOURIST CORRIDOR

The 20-mile Tourist Corridor connects San José del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas and boasts beautiful beaches paired with desert views and accommodations range from deluxe to boutique and include business, adults-only and all-inclusive.

SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO

Relaxed and welcoming, this creative community offers engaging activities such as gallery strolls and boutique shopping as well as diving Estero, an estuary that harbors colorful tropical fish. The charming town is best enjoyed on foot and is only a 20-minute drive from Los Cabos International Airport.

CABO PULMO

Nicknamed "the Aquarium of the World," this is the only hard reef in the Gulf of California and harbors over 800 species of marine life. Approximately two hours from San José del Cabo, Cabo Pulmo is a protected national marine park and recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



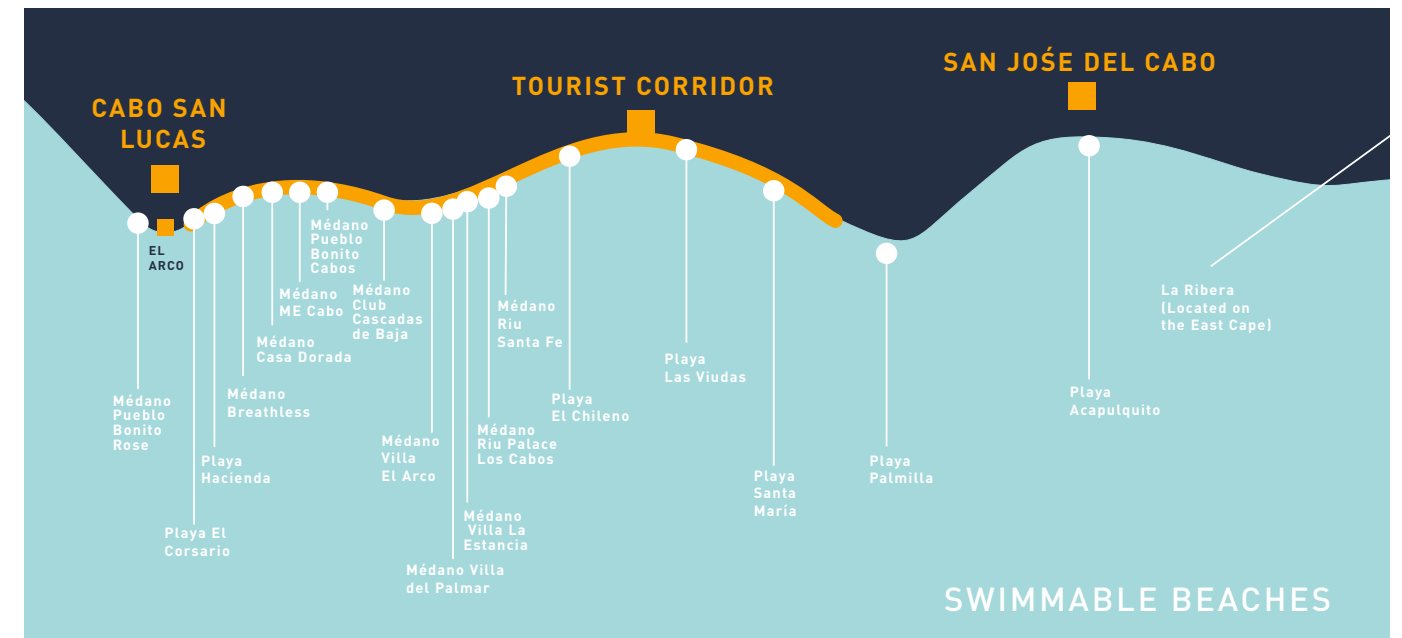
In a destination where we value nature, nurture sustainable growth and believe in quality over quantity, there is truly something for everyone to enjoy.

IN THE WATER

- Rising from the Sea of Cortez, **El Arco** is the natural symbol of Los Cabos. See it from every point of view – on land, by water or in the air.
- There are 19 swimmable Blue Flag beaches in Los Cabos, including Medano, El Chileno, Palmilla and Santa María Bay. Look for the internationally recognized Blue Flag icon, which indicates that the beach has met the

- highest environmental and quality standards. All beaches have public access, so even if a resort isn't located on a swimmable Blue Flag beach, guests can reach one within 10 minutes.
- Whale watching is a signature experience as humpback and gray whales migrate to the balmy waters around the Baja Peninsula between October and March.
- Charter a crewed yacht or go bareboat, set out on a sunset sail,

- or enjoy Los Cabos on a stop on a cruise ship.
- Soar high over the waters on a parasail as you simply sit down, relax and enjoy the view.
- The 17,500-acre **Cabo Pulmo National Park** is a protected marine reserve that harbors one of only three coral reefs in North America – ideal for snorkeling and diving among tropical fish, sea turtles, moray eels and more.
- Sport fishing is practically a way



of life in Los Cabos. Three types of billfish – striped marlin, blue marlin and black marlin – are the main attraction, though sailfish and broadbill swordfish can be found here as well.

- Join the surfers or simply watch them in their element at **Playa Acapulquito**. Known as “Old Man’s Break,” this reef break is at its best in summer with clear waters and an easy paddle out. Rock climbing and nearby snorkeling also draw adventure-seekers from around the globe.
- This is a prime snorkeling area with many places to choose from: **Pelican Rock** near Lover’s Beach is part of a protected area of Cabo San Lucas Bay; **Santa María Cove** and **Chileno Bay** offer calm, clear waters along the corridor between Cabo San Lucas and San José del Cabo.
- Several outfitters are now working to protect endangered

sea turtles, including hawksbill, loggerhead, leatherback, green turtle and olive ridley. Guests can participate in hatchling release and monitoring programs.

- Catch a meal on the water off Espiritu Santo Island near La Paz.

MOUNTAINS, DESERT AND BEYOND

- Four-legged transportation is an essential experience, including riding camels along the secluded trails of a working ranch.
- Hike the **Sierra de la Laguna Mountain Range** canyons with an expert guide who leads you to a waterfall cascading into a natural pool.
- The UNESCO-protected **Boca de Sierra Biosphere Reserve** rewards thrill-seekers and those ready for new adventures with zip lining.
- Traverse scenic canyons and mountain trails in a guided ATV tour of the Baja desert.
- Get your adrenaline pumping in a UTV off-road adventure of the Baja

outback while learning more about the region from local guides.

- Take an eco-adventure of the Mexican outback on a mountain biking tour that’s great for experts and beginners alike.
- Test your bravery with a bungee jump from a glass-bottomed gondola 300 feet off the ground.

AT THE SPA

- Los Cabos spas often use natural, locally sourced ingredients to pamper their guests. Grapes sourced from the Guadalupe Valley are transformed into wine-infused treatments. Crushed bark from the tepezcohuite tree is renowned for its skin revitalizing properties, and the green leaves of the chaya plant is believed to have antioxidant properties. Spas may even use margarita-inspired elements such as lime and mezcal, and infuse body wraps with chocolate – an ingredient that can be traced back to the Olmecs of southern Mexico.

Jacques Cousteau called the Sea of Cortez “The Aquarium of the World.”



SHOPPING

- Head to Marina Cabo San Lucas, where **Luxury Avenue Boutique Mall** is home to world-renowned designers such as Carolina Herrera and Salvatore Ferragamo.
- Along the Corridor, **The Shoppes at Palmilla** artfully mix galleries, jewelry and high-end goods. Here, you can spend a whole afternoon picking out contemporary art at Pez Gordo, selecting rare, avant-garde silver jewelry at Talleres de los Ballesteros and stopping for a meal at fine-dining restaurants including Nick-San and Tenangos.
- Browse among San José del Cabo’s modern studios that line the Gallery District (behind the main square and church), where artists showcase everything from abstract paintings and sculptures to contemporary Mexican ceramics and pottery.

CULTURE

- Between November and June, San José del Cabo is abuzz on Thursday evenings with its popular **Art Walk**. Between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., locals and visitors can stroll the back

streets to pop into galleries and chat with the artists, sip wine and dine in neighborhood restaurants.

- Drawing actors, directors, critics and fans from around the globe every November, the **Los Cabos International Film Festival** has become the premier film event in all of Latin America since it launched in 2012.
- Celebrate the artistry of dance at **Gala de Danza** every March. Since 2013, this world-class event has been welcoming elite dancers, choreographers and musicians from 20 countries around the world to share their talents in Los Cabos.
- It’s only natural that a destination with ideal surfing conditions would host a prestigious surfing competition. Enter the **Los Cabos Open of Surf**, which brings together top-tier pros and music in an epic June event.

FAMILY

- From à la carte to all-inclusive resorts, families can easily find a place to call home in Los Cabos. Several resorts also offer supervised kids clubs to keep little ones engaged.

ROMANCE

Romance is inevitable as you watch the sun rise on one beach and set over another, with days of adventures and relaxation in between. Clink glasses in a toast to a milestone anniversary, charter a boat to the golden sands of **Playa del Amor** and indulge in a couple’s massage. Los Cabos is also the perfect setting for weddings and commitment ceremonies, with options such as a beautiful oceanfront ceremony overlooking El Arco or a tasteful chapel adorned in fresh flowers. In the nearby town of Todos Santos, a pueblo-style *calendas* is a colorful event that ends at the doors of Todos Santos Mission or in the main square to exchange vows.

GOLF

- There are 16 championship golf courses in Los Cabos, making it a world-class destination for pros and novices alike. Take your pick from sites such **Palmilla Golf Club**, known as the Grand Dame of Los Cabos Golf. Built more than 25 years ago, this breathtaking course offers glorious views of desert



sands meeting the Sea of Cortez from all 27 holes. It was the Jack Nicklaus signature design in Latin America, putting Los Cabos on the map as a premier golf destination. **Puerto Los Cabos** is a unique venue with a front nine designed by champion Greg Norman – The Mission Course – and a back nine designed by the legendary Jack Nicklaus – The Marina Course. **Cabo San Lucas Country Club** is a standout in many ways, with one of the longest holes in Mexico and sweeping views of the desert groves and El Arco. For more information, visit visitloscabos.travel/golf.

CULINARY

- Views of El Arco and Cabo San Lucas Bay complement every bite at **Manta**, where celebrated chef Enrique Olvera draws on his native Mexican roots as well as global flavors from Peru, Japan and beyond to treat Baja seafood with the utmost respect. Celebrity chef

Angel Carbajal has relied on his passion for fishing to create artfully prepared Mexican-Japanese cuisine at **Nick-San**, which now has two locations in Los Cabos. **Tres Gallos** serves truly authentic Mexican cuisine in downtown Cabo San Lucas. In addition to exquisite dining at **El Farallon**, invites guests into authentic Mexican cooking classes at Su Cocina.

- More flavors abound at an eclectic collection of restaurants including: **La Deriva**, helmed by a chef from the Piemonte region of Italy; Romeo y Julieta, which presents classic Italian cuisine in the heart of Cabo San Lucas; and **COMAL Restaurant & Bar**, which has become a fast favorite for its authentic Latin American cuisine.
- Farm-to-table dining isn’t a trend in Los Cabos; it’s a way of life. In the foothills of the Sierra de la Laguna Mountain, **Flora’s Field Kitchen** serves cuisine with ingredients sourced from the surrounding

25-acre farm; at **Acre**, the land is flourishing with ingredients that appear on your table; **Don Sanchez** is renowned for its contemporary Baja California cuisine; in Todos Santos, **Jazamango** is helmed by famed chef Javier Plascencia, using ingredients straight from the garden and regional products ; the wine cellar is just as amazing as the tequila menu at **Tequila** restaurant, where local seafood, farm-fresh produce and garden herbs adorn your plates.

- Naturally, tequila and mezcal are part of the Los Cabos experience. For more than a quarter of a century, **Pancho’s** has been delighting visitors with its extensive collection of tequila labels (more than 550 at last count) – to taste on their own or pair with a full menu. Sammy Hagar’s **Cabo Wabo Cantina** is an icon, and it still serves up some of the best-selling tequilas.



INSIDER EXPERIENCES

Lead your clients away from the tourist trail and they'll see a side of Los Cabos from the locals' point of view.

DISCOVER BLAMPING

Experience the thrill of mountain biking with luxury camping. Navigate a network of hiking and biking trails in Rancho Cacachilas and spend the night relaxing in a fully outfitted tent.

A MAGICAL WEDDING

In Todos Santos, pueblo-style *calendas* is a colorful event with huge artisanal figures and lively music, ending at Todos Santos Mission or in the main square for a wedding ceremony.

STEP INTO RUSTIC KITCHENS

An off-road journey on a 4x4 heads toward the town of La Candelaria where a load mule completes the last leg. There, an artisan potter tells her stories and shares a meal prepared in her family's kitchen.



ART-TO-TABLE DINING

Gather on an anchored yacht in Puerto Los Cabos where the promenade is adorned with art representing the work of surrealist painter Leonora Carrington.

BEYOND THE BRIDGE OF SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO

Begin with a guided tour in Huerta de Los Tamarindos, a five-hectare organic farm. Joined by chef Enrique Silva, you will collect ingredients for your dinner, which also features wines from Valle de Guadalupe.

FOLLOW THE GOLDEN ROUTE

In the former gold mining community of El Triunfo, see La Ramona – a 155-foot-high chimney that once was believed to be designed by Gustave Eiffel (and the legend still endures). Learn about

varieties of corn that flourish in Mexico, and enjoy a pre-Hispanic gastronomic experience.

FROM FARM-TO-TABLE IN MIRAFLORES

Stroll through the gardens and orchards that grow ingredients for the region's best restaurants and hotels. A blind tasting includes wines from Valle de Guadalupe, followed by a five-course feast and stargazing.

CONCERT FROM THE SEA

Sail at sunset on a 64-foot yacht or Zodiac-type boat to the iconic El Arco. A hydrophone is submerged into the sea to capture the ethereal sounds of courting humpback whales. Then enjoy a six-course meal created from ingredients sourced from throughout the country.

MEET THE ARTISANS OF TODOS SANTOS

Sip coffee and pop into a gallery to meet artist Arturo Mendoza. Visit the mythical Hotel California and other storied buildings before traveling to Jazamango, one of the region's most legendary restaurants.

GET TO KNOW THE LOCALS OF SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO

A barista shares the origins of his grains and leads a sensory experience featuring coffees from Oaxaca, Veracruz and Chiapas. Then visit a boutique ice cream parlor, sample Damiana liqueur, learn about Baja craft beer and end with a gourmet meal.



EXPLORING BAJA SUR

Charming towns and historic cities dot the Pacific coast and the shores of the Sea of Cortez. Day trips can be organized from Cabo San Lucas and San José del Cabo, while renting a car allows for more flexibility and longer stays in outlying areas.

EL TRIUNFO

Approx. 1.5 hours

The historic village of El Triunfo offers a glimpse into its past as a booming silver mining town in the 19th century.

LA PAZ

Approx. 2 hours

In La Paz, from the uninhabited island Espiritu Santo that teems with ecological diversity to the whale sharks that glide through the calm waters of the Bay.

LORETO

Approx. 6 hours

Loreto is a gateway to the five islands that make up the Loreto Bay National Marine Park and where the original El Camino Real begins.

COMONDÚ

Approx. 7 hours

Comondú welcomes gray whales in the winter and has a coastal lagoon with tangles of mangroves that harbor various species of birds and marine life.

MULEGÉ

Approx. 7.5 hours

The colorful oasis town of Mulegé welcome a flurry of birds and wildlife, but the Piedras Pintas, cave paintings and rock art are the main attractions.



LUXURY HOTELS & RESORTS

We are proud to have eight Virtuoso luxury properties in the destination, each one handpicked for their prime locations, upscale amenities and extraordinary service.

WALDORF ASTORIA LOS CABOS PEDREGAL

Encompassing 24 sweeping acres, this luxury beach resort is accessible through a privately owned tunnel — carved into the heart of a mountain.

ESPERANZA, AUBERGE RESORTS COLLECTION

Named the No. 1 Best Hotel in Mexico in 2019 U.S. News & World Report Best Hotel rankings, this private beach resort is tucked between two scenic bluffs on the Baja Peninsula.

THE CAPE, A THOMPSON HOTEL

The only rooftop lounge in Cabo San Lucas and a beachfront retreat where every room overlooks El Arco and the Bahía San Lucas horizon.

MONTAGE LOS CABOS

Guests enjoy walk-in access to Santa Maria Bay and 39 acres of white-sand beachfront as well as holistic wellness programs and spa treatments.

GRAND VELAS LOS CABOS

Experience limitless luxury in this all-inclusive resort that is perfect for families, honeymooners and even business travelers with its convention center and event space.

LAS VENTANAS AL PARAISO, A ROSEWOOD RESORT

Select from luxurious suites and villas, and revel in ultra-luxury amenities that include pool butlers and a “director of romance.”

ONE&ONLY PALMILLA

This legendary retreat is set within lush tropical gardens, featuring personal butlers and upscale cuisine — including Chef Jean-Georges vongerichten's SEARED Steakhouse and Suviche restaurant.

ZADÚN, A RITZ-CARLTON RESERVE

The newest member of our luxury collection, this is a true oasis set in the dunes. Among the exclusive features are an expansive spa, two golf courses and a desert botanical park.

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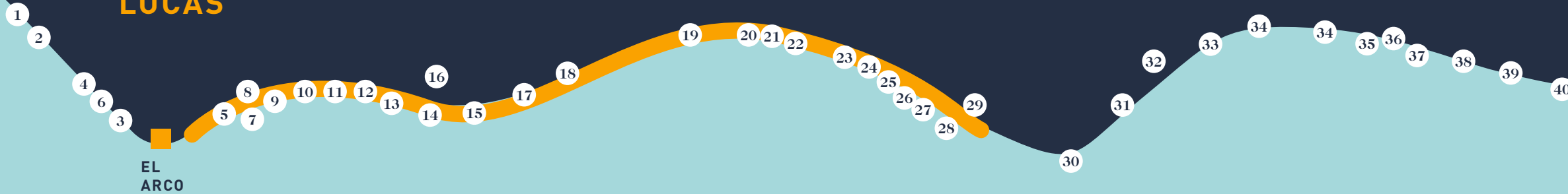
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WHERE TO STAY IN LOS CABOS

CABO SAN LUCAS

TOURIST CORRIDOR

SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO



1. Pueblo Bonito Pacifica Golf & Spa Resort
2. Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach Golf & Spa Resort
3. The Resort at Pedregal
4. Sandos Finisterra Los Cabos
5. Tesoro Los Cabos
6. Playa Grande Resort & Spa
7. Breathless Cabo San Lucas Resort & Spa
8. Marina Fiesta Resort & Spa
9. Casa Dorada Los Cabos Resort & Spa
10. ME Cabo
11. Pueblo Bonito Los Cabos Resort
12. Pueblo Bonito Rosé Resort & Spa
13. Villa del Palmar Beach Resort & Spa

14. The Cape, A Thompson Hotel
15. Esperanza, an Auberge Resort
16. Holiday Inn Express Cabo San Lucas
17. Sheraton Grand Hacienda del Mar
18. Fiesta Americana Grand Los Cabos Golf & Spa Resort
19. Chileno Bay Resort
20. Grand Velas Los Cabos
21. Le Blanc Spa Resort

22. Solaz Los Cabos
23. Dreams Los Cabos Suites Golf Resort & Spa
24. Casa del Mar Golf Resort & Spa
25. Las Ventanas al Paraiso, A Rosewood Resort
26. Paradisus Cabo Real All Inclusive Resort & Spa
27. Hilton Los Cabos Beach & Golf Resort
28. Marquis Los Cabos All Inclusive Resort & Spa
29. Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Los Cabos

30. One & Only Palmilla
31. Krystal Grand Los Cabos
32. Hyatt Place Los Cabos
33. Hyatt Ziva Los Cabos
34. Barceló Grand Faro Los Cabos
35. Royal Solaris Resort
36. Cabo Azul Resort
37. Holiday Inn Resort Los Cabos
38. Hotel el Ganzo
39. Secrets Puerto Los Cabos
40. JW Marriott Los Cabos Beach Resort & Spa



MEET IN LOS CABOS

Los Cabos could be the ideal location for your next convention, meeting or event.

With a 72,000-square-foot state-of-the-art convention center and nearly 130,000 square feet of meeting space among all the area hotels, Los Cabos has the flexibility for any size meeting. Our hotels and meeting spaces

are spread throughout the area, so you can host your meeting in Cabo San Lucas, San Jose del Cabo or within the Tourist Corridor. And these hotel chains have specialized features and personnel to cater to your

meeting's specific needs. As bonus, Mexico offers VAT at 0% for international conferences, exhibitions and fairs hosted by event organizers from abroad.

EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Los Cabos Half Marathon San José Jazz Weekend Todos Santos Art Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional Town Party SJDC Los Cabos Cheese & Wine Festival Todos Santos Film Festival Festival Sabores de Baja
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballet Gala de Danza Los Cabos Open Water Challenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mexican party CANIRAC GastroVino Todos Santos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Los Cabos Open of Surf Fiesta de la Música Stars and Stripes
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabo del Este Dorado Shoot Out Los Cabos Come Así Mango Festival Todos Santos Abierto de Tenis Los Cabos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bisbee's Cabo del Este Offshore Tournament Abierto de Tenis Los Cabos Los Cabos Come Así 	
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Los Cabos Billfish Tournament Bisbees Los Cabos Fishing Tournament Bisbee's Black & Blue Fishing Tournament 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ironman 70.3 Baja Ha-ha Cruisers Rally Cocktail Festival Tuna Jackpot Fishing Tournament Jazz Experience VIP Summit International Film Festival Sabor a Cabo Rural Los Cabos Big Charter boat Classic Probemos Mexico Savor a Cabo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Year Fireworks at Medano Bay

RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES

WHALE WATCHING *Early December to mid April*

BIRD WATCHING *Estero SJC*

BEST MONTHS TO DIVE *Sea of Cortez/ Cabo Pulmo*

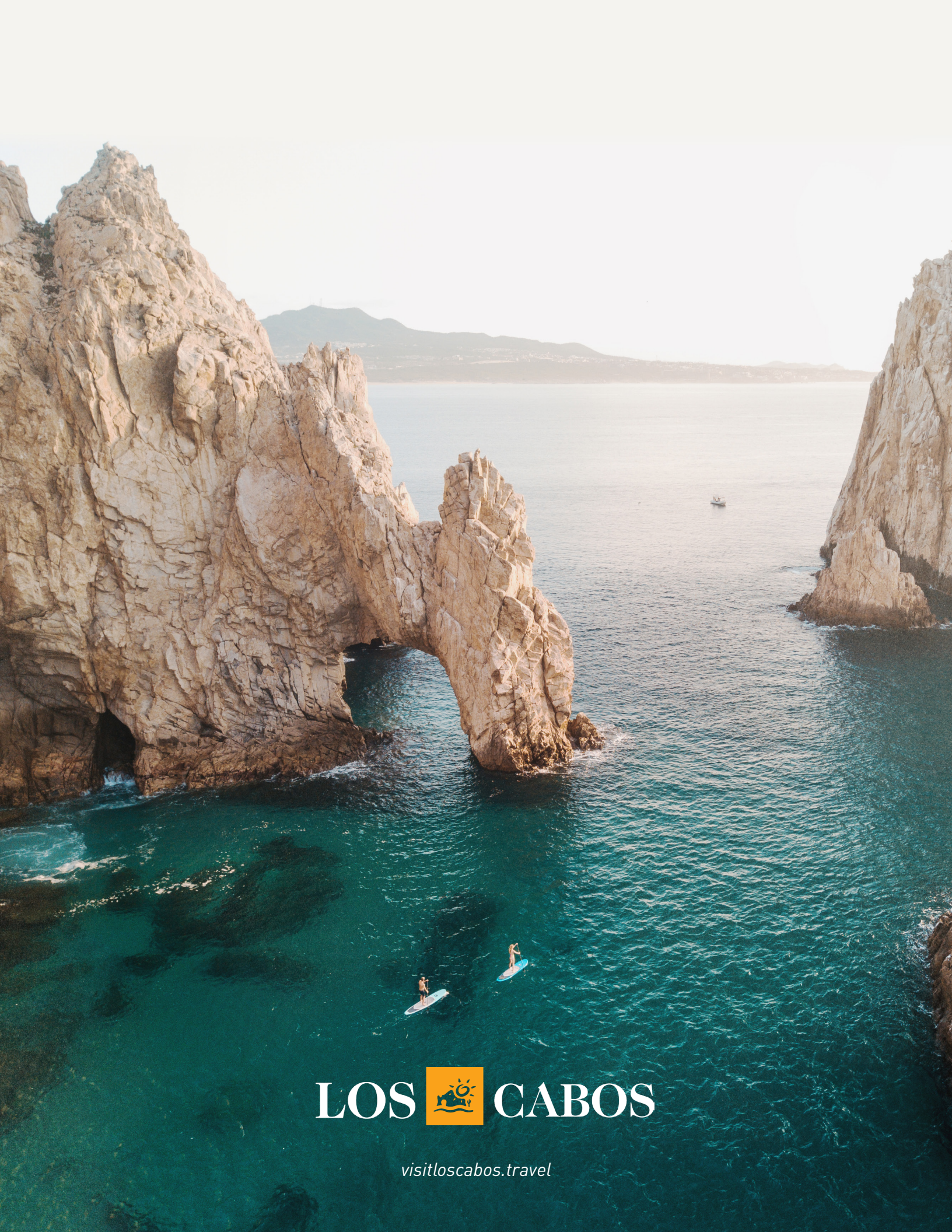
SWIM WITH WHALE SHARKS *Mid November-mid February*

WIND IN PACIFIC AND SEA OF CORTES *Mid November to mid March*

SURF *Sea of Cortez/ Pacific Ocean*

ORGANIC MARKET *Saturdays from November 1 to May 31*

ART WALK SJC Art District *Thursdays from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.*



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