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LIFE BLOOMS IN THIS DESERT LANDSCAPE

BY SOLE SASTRE

Though the first image that crops up in people's minds when they think of Los Cabos is that of the ocean — or the sea, take your pick — it wouldn't be much of a stretch to conjure up images of working ranches. Part of the heritage and communal fabric of the region, ranches fit well in the drier landscapes that dominate this corner of the globe.

GROWING STRONG

The area around Los Cabos is dominated by desert landscape, but a favorable winter growing season actually makes it ideal for farm-to-table operations. Not only do many of the local restaurants have a high demand for the freshest in seasonal produce, but the ever increasing number of vacation-home owners at luxury properties — from One&Only Palmilla, the Residences at Solaz and Chileno Bay Resort & Residences to Hacienda Beach Club & Residences — find the bounty to be one of the area's greatest draws.

But you don't need to live here to get a glimpse of what the land has to offer.

Start your exploration of rural Los Cabos with a good old fashioned horseback trail ride. A number of outfitters can set you up with a guided tour of the best parts of the range. Terramar offers a number of horseback adventures. All the information is available on its site BookCabo.com. While the most basic package gets beginners on a saddle and guides them along a trail by the crashing waves, other packages offer excursions through desert terrain, combination horseback/ATV tours and even a safari-style trek through the outback — complete with information on the many cactus varieties and animals that live where you've chosen to vacation. Riding through mountain scapes, canyons, arroyos, sand dunes and backcountry trails offers an unparalleled opportunity to see what life is like just beyond the main highway.

A number of these outings will end with a tequila tasting, and that is where the true affair begins. If you're eager to find out more about the places where the local produce is grown, then a number of small ranches have opened their doors to welcome visitors who want an intimate glimpse of country life in Los Cabos.

At these modest venues — often run by the very same families that work the land — horseback trail rides give way to educational tours through the gardens, fields and orchards. The sustainable and organic movement has caught up with many of these property owners, who have always grown their produce and fed their animals without using pesticides, hormones or other harmful additives. Informational tours of the properties vary, but nearly all are topped off with a home-cooked meal, freshly pressed juices, handmade tortillas and plenty of love.

Not long after establishing one of the area's earliest local farmers markets, the folks at Flora Farms decided to dedicate all the farm's efforts toward growing for local consumption. The working farm now grows for Floras Field Kitchen, Floras Grocery and the property residents, but on certain days of the week visitors can schedule a tour of the premises. More than 100 varieties of vegetables and herbs are grown on a property so picturesque it has been the backdrop for at least one of the latest celebrity nuptials. Maroon 5 singer, Adam Levine, and Victoria's Secret Angel, Behati

Prinsloo, tied the knot there in 2014 with 300 of their nearest and dearest there.

LAY OF THE LAND

The range in Los Cabos extends way beyond what is just past the main road. The array of foodstuffs produced in the region varies from all manner of produce to cheeses, meats and even distilled spirits. But beyond the edibles the land provides, there's plenty to see on the rocks and canyon walls themselves.

History in these parts dates much further back than you might guess. In fact, you don't have to travel to a cave complex in France or a remote region of Spain to come across paintings that have stood a true test of time. Deep into the Sierra de la Laguna Mountain range, you can come face-to-face with prehistory. A number of parietal paintings depict human figures, sea animals — including different kinds of fish, manta rays, sea lions and whales — and land animals like deer, rams, snakes, hares and mountain lions. These sites dot the landscape throughout the Baja California peninsula. Existence of all the prehistoric creativity was well known to Spanish missionaries as far back as the 1700s, but it only became known to the outside

world in 1962. Since then, archeologists and researchers have trickled into the area to learn more, and they have been joined by a steady stream of curious amateur explorers eager to see the rock art and cave drawings for themselves.

The artwork at *Las Manitas* is thought to have been part of a ceremonial center for an ancient group of nomadic peoples traveling through the region — perhaps ancestors of the Pericue, Guaycura or Cochimi peoples the Spanish conquistadors first encountered upon arrival there. Dated to about 7,000 B.C.E., the group responsible for *Las Manitas* left behind a wide array of artifacts that offer researchers and visitors clues as to how they lived.

To get there, you can rent a vehicle from Budget, Payless or Ten Car Rental and drive out for a day of prehistoric exploration. Just be sure to pack plenty of water, snacks and a desire to travel the open road.

If you would rather be guided through the site, Cabo Expeditions runs a seven-hour tour that starts early in the morning and includes travel arrangements, refreshments and light bites, as well as a visit to a Tibetan monastery located within the Sierra de la Laguna Biosphere Reserve.

THE RANGE

Just beyond the sprawling golf resorts and legendary fishing of the Pacific Ocean and Sea of Cortés lies the Baja California Sur outback, a rugged land under expansive blue skies that are awash in starlight at night.

From left: Courtesy of Cabo Expeditions (2); Courtesy of Dolphin Discovery

Destination

DOLPHIN DISCOVERY

A WILDLIFE ADVENTURE



By Dawna L. Robertson

When it comes to aquatic marvels, few rival the bottlenose dolphin. Highly intelligent, these ocean-dwelling mammals can bond deeply with pod peers and humans.

While in Los Cabos, wildlife fans can come closer to them at Dolphin Discovery's 75,000-square-foot natural ocean cove. Set within San José del Cabo's Marina Puerto Los Cabos, the venue is designed for intimate engagement. The park emphasizes conservation, environmental stewardship and a deeper understanding of the marine species.

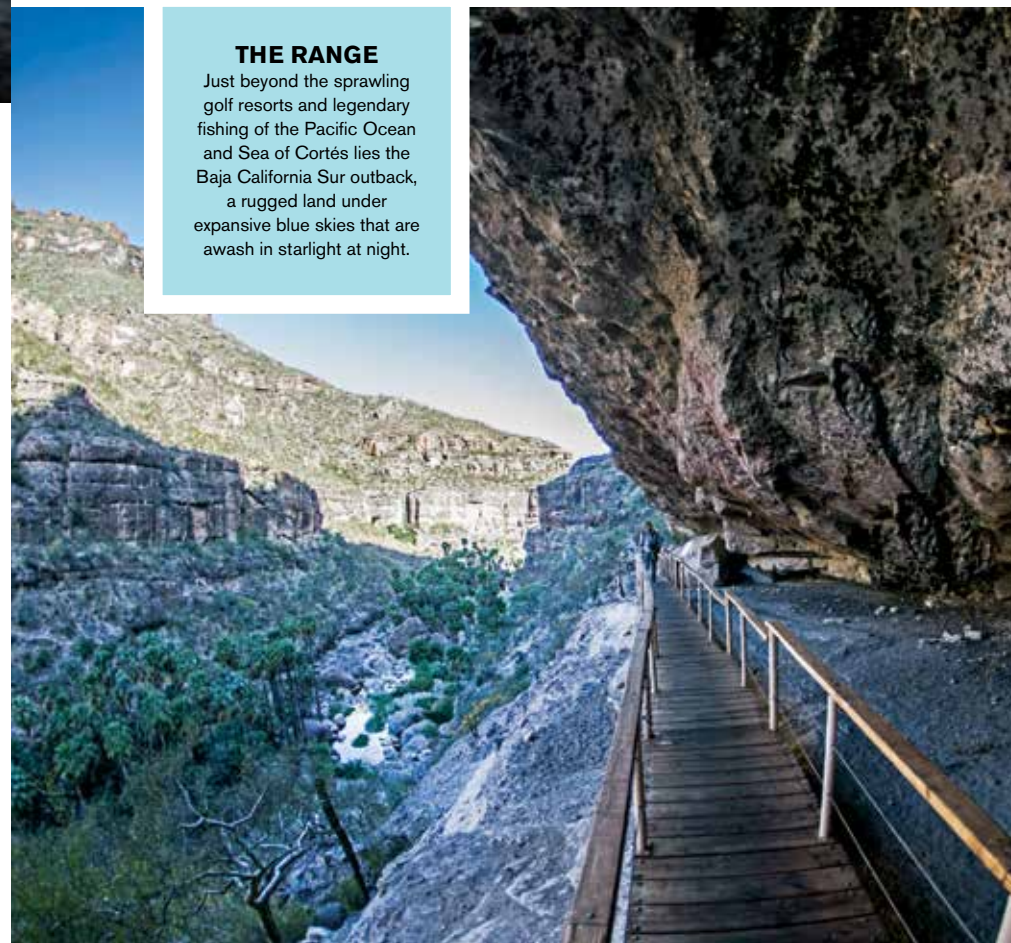
Three immersive programs allow guests to design their experience. All programs begin with a shallow water platform meet-and-greet, setting guests nose to bottlenose for a gentle kiss, sweet hug and tender handshake.

The Encounter package also allows guests to stroke the dolphins' skin, offer treats for tricks, "speak" through hand signals and embrace the animals.

The Royal Swim, enlists a pair of dolphins to propel each guest across the water Superman-style by pushing on their soles of their feet.

Adding an underwater component, the Swim & Ride includes a dolphin-powered "Boogie Push" as well as a "Belly Ride" — a belly-to-belly trek across the cove.

From December through May, you can add a 20-minute Ocean Riders boating excursion to any package.



delightful PLAYS

FIND YOUR COURSE IN LOS CABOS

Inspired by the Sea of Cortés, Pacific Ocean and the rugged Los Cabos terrain, legendary golf designers have carved out their visions of perfection while creating some of the most stunning courses in the world — the two newest being Diamante’s El Cardonal and Quivira Golf Club. Courses throughout the region have been developed by legends of the sport, including Jack Nicklaus, Tom Fazio, Davis Love III, Greg Norman and, most recently, Tiger Woods. Here are the ones open for play, as well as the information that’s worth noting for each.

>> Cabo del Sol – The Desert Course

This Tom Weiskopf par-72 course stretches to 7,049 yards and features undulating greens, demanding elevation changes and dramatic bunkering, as well as mesmerizing ocean views from all 18 holes. The target-style golf experience with sloping fairways offers plenty of bunkers that can challenge golfers of all skill levels. A unique combination of desert and ocean scenery, along with canyon-like arroyos and variation in foliage create a breathtaking backdrop for this formidable course. **[cabodelsol.com](#)**
Director of Golf: Erik Evans

>> Cabo del Sol – The Ocean Course

Measuring 7,091 yards from the tips, the Ocean Course stretches more than a mile along a coastline of craggy rock outcroppings and sun-washed shores. It’s easy to forget you’re on a golf course, especially when experiencing the final three holes, which sit right on the ocean. The waves crashing against the rocks, verdant fairways and greens, and gentle sea breezes make the experience feel more

like a romantic walk on the beach than a spectacular Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course. **[cabodelsol.com](#)**
Director of Golf: Erik Evans

>> Cabo Real Golf Club

Designed by Robert Trent Jones II, Cabo Real Golf Club is now in its 20th year of operation. The showpiece of a 2,800-acre resort and residential project with 3.2 miles of beachfront, the par-71 golf club features a multi-themed, target-style course that measures 6,848 yards. **[questrogolf.com](#)**
Director of Golf Operations: Sergio Castillo

>> Cabo San Lucas Country Club

One of the first golf courses developed in the region, Cabo San Lucas Country Club offers spectacular views of El Arco at Land’s End. The picturesque par-72, Roy Dye-designed, 18-hole course measures 7,237 yards and is set amid endless cacti and colorful bougainvillea. One of the club’s main draws is its “drinking and driving” offering, courtesy of a lighted driving range that’s open until 11 p.m. most nights. **[cabocountry.com](#)**
Golf Professional: Luis Rangel Parrodi

>> Chileno Bay Golf & Beach Club

Designed by Tom Fazio, the 18-hole, par-72 Chileno Bay Club course provides 7,260 yards of play from the tips. The tees, fairways and greens blend in seamlessly with the surrounding desert terrain, and every hole provides magnificent views of the Sea of Cortés. Right in the heart of the course is Lake Chileno, a desalinated lake with

a stunning blue hue. This exquisite course is part of Chileno Bay, a 1,200-acre master-planned resort located on a beautiful beach. **[chilenobayclub.com](#)**

Head Professional: Ryan Silverstein

>> Club Campestre San José

Measuring 7,055 yards from the championship tees, the well-manicured, par-71 Club Campestre San José course is the centerpiece of the 550-acre upscale community that goes by the same name and includes a beach club and social club. Part of prestigious Questro Golf, the 18-hole course was designed by Jack Nicklaus and is spread across the gently rolling foothills of the Sierra de la Laguna mountains. Nestled between the mountains and the sea, it features spectacular views from every single hole.

[questrogolf.com](#)

Director of Golf Operations: Sergio Castillo

>> Diamante Cabo San Lucas – El Cardonal

Tiger Woods’ architectural debut, the 18-hole, championship El Cardonal visually complements Diamante’s famed Dunes Course. With dramatic views of the Pacific Ocean and natural arroyos, mature vegetation and native dunes, the par-72 course measures 7,363 yards. It features a long front nine that meanders through rippling dunes, while its back nine gradually ascends the higher ground.

[diamantecabosanlucas.com](#)

>> Diamante Cabo San Lucas – The Dunes Course

Reminiscent of Ireland’s Island Golf Club, the par-72, 7,300-yard Dunes Course at Diamante Cabo San Lucas was designed by 21-time PGA Tour winner Davis Love III. This beachfront course boasts 18 holes with emerald fairways and dramatic views of the Pacific Ocean. Critically acclaimed, it was a Top New International Golf Course in 2010. Its 14-acre practice and performance center is unlike anything else. **[diamantecabosanlucas.com](#)**

>> El Dorado Golf & Beach Club

Stretching to 7,322 yards, this par-72 Jack Nicklaus–designed course is ranked as one of the top courses in the world. Located on The Corridor, it offers spectacular play opportunities as it winds through desert landscapes featuring colorful canyons and arroyos. The course at El Dorado is a stunning and memorable experience for anyone who has the opportunity to play it.

[eldoradogolfandbeachclub.com](#)

Head Professional: Jesse Wheeler

>> Oasis Short Course

The the second course designed by Tiger Woods for Diamante Golf and the first par-3 course in Los Cabos, the Oasis Short Course is the latest addition to Diamante’s 1,500-acre master-planned resort community, which is also home to two signature championship courses, a 10-acre man-made crystal lagoon and a wealth of amenities and services. **[diamantecabosanlucas.com](#)**

>> Palmilla Golf Club

The venerable Palmilla Golf Club has been recognized as the “Grand Dame of Los Cabos.” Famous for offering 27 holes of amazing golf

and spectacular views, it was Jack Nicklaus’ first signature venture into Latin America. With three distinctive nines — Arroyo, Mountain and Ocean — the course gently guides golfers through 800 vertical feet of Baja California Sur desert.

[palmillagc.com](#)

Director of Golf: Jason Ballog

>> Puerto Los Cabos Golf Club

Puerto Los Cabos Golf Club features a unique 18-hole composite that includes the Marina Course, designed by Jack Nicklaus, and the Mission Course, designed by Greg Norman. Stretching to 7,461 yards, the par-73 layout is etched into the rolling desert foothills, backed by the Sierra de la Laguna Mountains; all 18 holes are perched high above the Sea of Cortés, the pristine coastline and the resort’s marina. The Mission Course has more than 400 feet of elevation change. Making use of its flash-faced bunkers to signpost the fairways and defend the greens, the layout reveals Norman’s fondness for Australia’s classic Sandbelt courses. The club’s Marina Course features rippling fairways, undulating greens and sculpted bunkers. Eventually, Puerto Los Cabos is slated to offer two separate courses: an 18-hole Nicklaus-designed public course and an 18-hole, Norman private course.

[questrogolf.com](#)

Director of Golf Operations: Sergio Castillo

>> Querencia Golf Club

A private course designed by Tom Fazio, Querencia is truly one of Latin America’s greatest layouts. Its 18 holes span more than 300 acres, carving their way through deep arroyos and resting atop arid plateaus. It is Fazio’s first project in Mexico and has been ranked the number one golf course in the country by *Golfweek* magazine. The par-72 course measures a total of 7,070 yards and features harmonious transitions and subtle breaks.

[loscabosquerencia.com](#)

Head Professional: Luke Brosterhous

>> Quivira Golf Club

After several years of planning and anticipation, the Jack Nicklaus–designed Quivira Golf Club opened for play in late 2014. This stunning par-72, 18-hole course stretches to 7,139 yards and is set along massive sand dunes, rugged cliffs and white-sand beaches. With views of the Pacific Ocean from all 18 holes, Quivira offers more oceanfront exposure than any other course in Los Cabos. This is Jack Nicklaus’ sixth course design in Los Cabos. **[quiviragolfclub.com](#)**

Director of Golf: Antonio Reynante

>> Vidanta Golf

One of the most enjoyable golf outings in Los Cabos has to be the nine-hole, par-35 Vidanta Golf in San José del Cabo. The course measures 3,153 yards and is semi-flat, but don’t be fooled by the modest measurements, as it presents quite a few challenging holes that include both water and bunkers. Built for soft play in 1987, it was originally proposed in order to attract more tourists to the region. Though it is the oldest course in Los Cabos, Vidanta is widely considered one of its best values.

[vidantagolf.com](#)

Golf Course Manager: Saul Buguerio Zepeda

the old man and THE SEA

THE MARLIN CAPITAL OF THE WORLD AWAITS

photomexico

BY NICK HONACHEFSKY

As a seasoned traveling angler, I thought I had crossed a great deal of fishing off my checklist. Then, I had to film a television show in the East Cape. We left the dock as the sun was ready to pop the horizon and dropped squid jigs a mere half-mile from where we set off. Immediately, we were caught in an arm-wrenching battle with an 80-pound Humboldt squid.

It was a sensation I had never experienced. An hour later, our trolling spread was assaulted by three marlin at once — all within a stone's throw from the dock! The day went on, ending with our crew live-lining baits to catch roosterfish and dolphin along the coastline. I couldn't have been more astounded, but that's what fishing in Los Cabos is all about — exceeding even your wildest expectations.

WHERE TO FISH

Brimming with marine life and fishing opportunities, Los Cabos' waters are an unparalleled playground. Accessibility is a major factor as the main fishing grounds in the Pacific Ocean off El Arco include a short run anywhere from five to 40 miles offshore to target pelagic species.

Billfish are the main draw, headlined by three species of marlin — blue, black and, the centerpiece of Los Cabos fishing, striped marlin. Most billfish run between 200 and 500 pounds, with the ever-present opportunity to score one over 1,000 pounds. Double-digit catch days of striped marlin are not rare. Two other billfish species that are also on the roster are sailfish and broadbill swordfish.

Another prime target on the offshore hit list is yellowfin tuna, many of which exceed the 300-pound mark. Lightning-quick wahoo and high-flying sailfish round out the mix. Offshore methods to land billfish and tuna include trolling large squid spreader bars, cedar plugs and skirted ballyhoo baits, as well as chunking dead baits while chumming them up to come and feed. Offshore sport fishing fleets like Picante gravitate toward the notable hot spots off Cabo San Lucas, including the Gordo Banks, Cabrillo Seamount, Golden Gate Bank, 45 Spot and 95 Spot.

Inshore fishing off Cabo San Lucas entails patrolling the rocky shoreline from

the tip of Land's End to the lighthouse and back. Trolling lures and sardine baits entice roosterfish, snapper, rainbow runners, yellowtail, bonito and grouper to come up and hit the seductively moving lures. Those fishing on foot from the surf can take a stroll just past Lover's Beach on Land's End. The beaches right off El Arco offer excellent opportunities to surf-cast metal or surface lures before sunrise to catch jacks, rainbow runners, roosterfish and bonito.

Exploring the shores of the East Cape is like entering a timeless paradise. The shoreline remains undeveloped in most areas, offering wondrous views. A day troll off the beaches of Punta Arena will have you battling one roosterfish after another, as the animals' namesake cox-combed fins betray their locations. Live-lined sardines pull snapper off the rocks along the coastline. If you want to try something different, rent ATVs from Terramar and explore the East Cape on their ATV Desert & Beach Expedition, surf-casting to 50-pound roosterfish, houndfish, snapper and even mahimahi as you move from spot to spot.

CHARTERING A BOAT

You don't need to be a fishing expert to enjoy the bounty of these waters. On my first trip to Los Cabos, I managed to barter a trip on a 17-foot panga boat with a local fisherman. We trolled goggle-eyes (live bait) off local waters to tangle with jacks, a few small roosterfish and rainbow runners. It was a simple four-hour trip that made me smile.

Half-day inshore fishing on a 19- to 23-foot panga boat runs from roughly 7 a.m. to noon. Renting one is inexpensive but will only get you into nearshore waters. If you prefer an all-inclusive operation — complete with bait, tackle, provisions and gear — outfitters like Picante and Pisces Sportfishing can set you up for the experience.

The Pisces fleet includes a line of luxury sport fishing vessels that offer first-class accommodations in air-conditioned cabins, as well as top-of-the-line gear and tackle. Full-day charters are equipped for a 20-50-mile run for a full day of ultra-luxe fishing.

Picante lays claim to being the fishing champion of Los Cabos, with \$4.6 million in tournament earnings to date and the title of Top Striped Marlin Release Captain for the 15th time in 20 years.

THE CAPITAL

As the capital of Baja California Sur, La Paz is best known for its seafront Malecón promenade, which is where everyone congregates thanks to the beaches, parks and art on display there.

peace of LA PAZ

A PLACE OF INSPIRATION

BY NICK HONACHEFSKY

A sublime, sleepy vibe descends upon a place known as “The Peace.” Baja California Sur’s capital city of La Paz has represented the warm heart and giving soul of the region for more than 480 years, and its quaint charm is still intact. As if a beacon showcasing its inherent spirit, upon entering the port city, visitors are greeted by a monument designed by artist Efrén Olalde Sanchez depicting a dove and a breaching whale tail welcoming the wanderer. Even though La Paz is the largest city in the state of Baja California Sur — 99 miles north of Cabo San Lucas — the city has just recently caught up to 21st century, with more modern accommodations and tasteful contemporary architecture popping up everywhere. But that is just a slow and recent trend. Old World charm still dominates the region.

Once in town, put your bags down at CostaBaja Resort & Spa, where plush accommodations, fine dining and a welcoming, laid-back attitude can have you instantly immersed in complete serenity.

Spa treatments, yoga classes and a wide variety of culinary delights are offered at the resort to keep you in an ultimate state of bliss. After checking in, step outside and take a deep breath of the clean, crisp, salty air as you walk toward the old downtown district to Velasco Gardens, where you can shop for authentic Mexican handicrafts while you take in the local culture. Stop at the magnificent Catedral de Nuestra Señora de la Paz, which houses rescued paintings from other missions; then stroll through the Whale Museum, the Museum of Natural History and the Museum of Anthropology, where you can study whale evolution, cave art and the indigenous culture and lifestyle of the Pericú Indians.

For a lively evening, experience some of the city’s nightlife offerings along the Malecón. From that vantage point you can take in the splendor of the crimson-hued sunsets over the Sea of Cortés, and then

sample the very contemporary attractions along the three-mile stretch of boardwalk, including night clubs, restaurants, bars and shops peddling all kinds of wares. You’ll find many tourists enjoying the sights and sounds along the Malecón, where seemingly all locals and visitors come to enjoy the street magicians, musicians and craft vendors under the backdrop of spectacular vistas and sunsets overlooking the water’s edge. Plenty of sidewalk cafés offer solid breakfast menus at sunrise, and traditional Mexican fare will keep you satisfied and refuel you for the day’s activities. If you feel a little overheated, stop by one of the myriad palapa huts to cool down under the shade. The Malecón is also the epicenter of the area’s largest parade at Carnival, which occurs the six days before Ash Wednesday. Look for a lively display of fireworks, parades, music and fun during that time of year — a must do for both families and rabble-rousers alike.

From left: Courtesy of Transcabo; Courtesy of The Resort at Pedregal; Photomexico

Nature’s bounty flourishes in La Paz, highlighted by a truly ecological wonder; the uninhabited island and UNESCO World Heritage Site of Espíritu Santo is often referred to as “The Galapagos of the North.” Espíritu Santo boasts incredible ecological diversity, with 235 species of plants, 271 fish species, 32 reptile species, 98 species of birds and 31 of marine mammals (11 are unique to the island).

At the northern end of Espíritu Santo is the celebrated dive site at Los Islotes Rock, best known for its resident sea lion colony. Ghostly sea caves seem to call adventurers to explore their mysteries. There is immeasurable natural beauty under the waves, where brilliant damselfish and butterflyfish swim freely among curious snorkelers. Whale-watching excursions allow visitors to see majestic gray, finback and Bryde’s whales up close as they breach the water’s surface, spouting streams from their blowholes high into the air, delighting both young and old.

If seafaring adventure is more your speed, then hop aboard a sportfishing charter at the state-of-the-art marina at

El Centro, which houses 250 slip spaces that can accommodate boats up to 225 feet in length. Sportfishing charters generally run half- or full-day excursions and will test your skills and willpower as you battle against striped marlin, blue marlin, mahimahi, snapper, grouper and roosterfish, among many other species. The marina also has a long pier for those who simply want to try their luck casting a line from shore.

La Paz is an accessible destination in the Baja California peninsula, as ferry routes carry passengers, cars and campers across the Sea of Cortés, keeping La Paz connected to the mainland. In addition to the ferry service, the roads make it accessible and if you want a bird’s-eye view of the region hopping a quick flight on a helicopter is an exciting way to go. Avispa Aviation can take you to multiple destinations close to Los Cabos.

While most anglers think of partying until the sunrise hours when hearing of Los Cabos, there is also a gentler, more soulful side to the region, which La Paz easily evokes in the observant traveler.

THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE OF ESPÍRITU SANTO IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS “THE GALAPAGOS OF THE NORTH.”



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TODOS SANTOS

AN ECLECTIC TOWN WITH A HIP VIBE



By Laura Jenkins

It’s like two vacations in one. Visit Los Cabos, and then pay a visit to the area’s eclectic little cousin: Todos Santos. Approximately one hour from Cabo San Lucas, Todos Santos is an easy trip. Rent a car — from Budget or Payless — to enjoy the views at your leisure.

If an overnight stay is possible, check out the delightfully funky Hotel California. La Coronela, the hotel’s highly acclaimed restaurant, features locally sourced and organic offerings.

Another local gem is the Guaycura Boutique Hotel. Just a few steps from the town’s main square, the accommodations there are plush and the spa is luxurious.

Todos Santos was once named one of the Top Ten Artists’ Colonies in North America, and Mexico’s Secretariat of Tourism deemed it one of Mexico’s *Pueblos Mágicos* — literally, “Magical Towns.” If you happen to be there in February, be sure to check out the Open Studio Tour, which is part of the Todos Santos Art Festival.

In addition to the robust arts scene, Todos Santos has numerous other attractions. The Casa de Cultura houses a library and a museum of anthropology and local history. Another landmark is the Nuestra Señora del Pilar de Todos Santos, a mission built in 1733.

If you like the outdoors, check out Playa Los Cerritos, one of the only swimmable beaches on the west coast of Baja California Sur.

wild at HEART

HOLD ON FOR THE RIDE OF A LIFETIME!

THE TERRAIN

The local landscape is mostly rock and desert, but that is by no means a sterile environment. A wealth of creatures and plants thrive in Los Cabos, making hiking, biking or kayaking an exciting adventure.

BY DAWNA L. ROBERTSON

Whether you skew toward a “sky’s the limit” attitude, have a passion for digging below the surface or crave grounded adventures that spark an adrenaline rush, Los Cabos excites action seekers at every turn.

SAIL & JET SKI

Visiting Los Cabos without toasting on a sunset cruise is like dining at a buffet and skipping dessert. As the day ends, the sky over Land’s End is awash in color.

For a cool vibe, Pez Gato’s 65-ft. *Tropicat* complements smooth sailing with the equally placid sounds of contemporary jazz. Celebrate the end of a perfect day with an international bar serving premium wines and cocktails along with hors d’oeuvres. The operator switches gears with a party cruise that features a national bar along with chips and salsa.

Pez Gato’s *Cabo Mar* seats 150 for its Fiesta Dinner Cruise, during which guests sip margaritas and nosh on specialties from a taco buffet with all the trimmings — carne asada, marinated chicken, quesadillas, grilled vegetables, beans, rice, homemade tortillas, guacamole, chips and salsa.

Likewise, Cabo Sails’ vessels cruise to the most famous sites in Cabo San Lucas: El Arco, Lover’s Beach, Médano Beach and Finisterra Rocky Point. VIP experiences include a premium bar accompanied by fruit platters, veggies and assorted Mexican appetizers.

If you prefer to drive your own exploration, rent a Jet Ski and head out around the rocky formations yourself. You can pick one up at Mango Deck right on the beach.

WHALE WATCHING

Both Pez Gato and Cabo Sails — as do most other Los Cabos outfitters — include whale watching tours as part of their winter itineraries. From November through March, hundreds of humpback, blue and gray whales migrate south from frigid Arctic waters to the warm nurseries of the Pacific Ocean and Sea of Cortés.

SNORKELING & DIVING

It’s clear to see why legendary undersea explorer Jacques Cousteau nicknamed the Sea of Cortés “The Aquarium of the World.” Brimming with more than 800 species, this nautical treasure chest is especially vibrant from mid-July through November, thanks to warmer temperatures.

Pisces Fleet’s luxury yacht charters lure divers to the promising waters.

Baja Outback, Cabo Expeditions and a number of others also organize tours that cater to enthusiasts looking to explore the pristine waters around this 31-square-mile marvel. Whale Shark swims dominate the operators’ agendas from November through April, with nature lovers encountering gentle giants that weigh in at more than 47,000 pounds.

TAKE A HIKE

One of the most rewarding ways to experience Baja California Sur’s outback scenery is by hitting the trail on a hiking adventure that will transport you to a world away from the everyday.

Traveling through the canyons along the Sierra de la Laguna mountain range, you’ll be traversing the same lands explored by indigenous people thousands of years ago. At the end of your hike, you’ll get to take a refreshing swim beneath a waterfall that cascades into a natural pool.

OFF ROAD

At Wild Canyon, ATVs and UTVs deliver a true taste of off-road grit while rambling amid five distinct areas — Ocean View, Brook, Beach, Canyon and Mountain.

The exhilarating experience is punctuated by the world’s longest wooden pedestrian and ATV hanging bridge: the Los Cabos Canyon Bridge. The 1,083-foot engineering feat hovers 164 feet above the ground at its lowest point. Supported by two-inch, No. 5 Swedish steel cables, the Los Cabos Canyon Bridge can hold up to 50 ATVs or 300 people at the same time.

As Terramar’s leisure tour division, Baja Outback is one of the go-to destinations for ground transportation and access to Los Cabos’ array of activities. Transcabo is another outfitter that offers a long list of curated excursions and land transfers, as well as customized experiences. Regardless of your mindset, get set to give in to this recreational wonderland.

ZIP-LINE & BUNGEE JUMP

Wild Canyon gets spirits soaring with its UNESCO-protected Boca de Sierra National Park setting. Eight dramatic heart pumpers up to 2,673 feet in length include the park’s Monster Zip-line circuit, which revs up excitement with a natural rockclimbing wall, crazy ladders, suspension bridges and rappelling.

BY SARAH MUÑOZ

One vacation, three generations. How do you make everyone happy? These days, it's easier than you think — if you choose the right destination.

Long a haven for friends' getaways, golfing groups and honeymooners, Los Cabos has quickly left its mark on the family travel sphere thanks to its perfect blend of creature comforts and active pursuits. But the destination has taken it a step further by rolling out the red carpet for several generations to come together, sharing experiences and making memories as a family unit.

According to the 2017 Virtuoso Luxe Report, multigenerational travel is currently the top trend for upscale travelers — in fact, it has been for the past six years — and Mexico, is among the top family travel destinations. Of course, much of the attraction lies in the accommodations, which are not only top-of-the-line, but also facilitate travelers' activities. Hotels and resorts throughout Los Cabos have embraced multigenerational guests by relying on two strategies: updated accommodations with great amenities and experiential offerings.

Milestones, anniversaries, birthdays or "just because" vacations can reveal shared interests and kickstart new family traditions with kids, parents, grandparents and even multiple families.

"[Multigenerational family groups] simply want to travel together and do things with the whole group," says Gabriel Ibarra, director of sales & marketing for Hacienda Encantada Resort & Residences.

Activities and experiences that the whole family can enjoy at that resort include everything from cooking classes to horseback riding

along the beach, and the concierges can arrange any kind of adventure nearby, including sunset cruises and city tours that mix sightseeing with a little shopping and more.

Besides luxury suites and private villas, Hacienda Encantada has eight new double-unit condos, as well as new suites, a fitness center and a spa. Already home to three-bedroom villas, The Residences at Hacienda Encantada are an ideal place for families looking to have a comfortable getaway.

"If guests are looking for a private and relaxed experience, they can enjoy some family time at The Residences, perfect for up to 10 guests," says Ibarra. "Each offers its own private pool with jacuzzi, outdoor shower and sun deck."

A getaway in Los Cabos allows for a wealth of experiences for the entire family. The brand new Solaz Los Cabos is a vacation ownership complex that offers all the amenities of a planned community, along with the perks of a high-end resort. A spa, fully equipped gym and premier Italian restaurant — La Deriva — complement three levels of staggered terraces with breathtaking views of the ocean, where the expansive units overlook the sea.

A Kid's Club provides a safe space for children to play under the supervision of trained staff.

Hyatt Ziva's all-inclusive program helps streamline a family vacation, by including dining at seven restaurants, 24-hour room service, live entertainment, and day and nighttime activities for all ages.

But, family travel is not just about the kiddies. You can indulge in luxury with in-laws, parents or friends at Le Blanc Spa Resort Los Cabos, a new adults-only all-inclusive that boasts designers suites and a 29,000-square-foot full-service spa.

THE FEELING

From luxe villas with multiple rooms to engaging programs, resorts like One&Only Palmilla have been ideal destinations for the entire family long before the concept became a travel trend.

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LOCATION: At the tip of Baja California Sur, Los Cabos is approximately 1,000 miles south of San Diego, just south of the Tropic of Cancer. Los Cabos actually refers to Cabo San Lucas and San José del Cabo.

POPULATION: Approximately 288,000 people live in Los Cabos.

CLIMATE: It's a subtropical desert. Summer highs can reach 90° F with sporadic showers. Winter lows may drop to 60° F, with daytime highs near 80° F.

TIME ZONE: Los Cabos is on Mountain Time (MT), an hour later than Pacific Time.

LANGUAGE: Spanish is the official language of Mexico, but English is widely spoken throughout Los Cabos.

ELECTRICITY: 120 volts/60 hertz. Electrical outlets are the same as those used in the U.S.

BANKS AND CURRENCY: The official unit of currency is the Mexican peso (MXN), but the U.S. dollar (USD) is widely accepted. All major Mexican national banks are represented here and are usually open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Many locations have ATMs that accept U.S. bank cards, and some ATMs can dispense both Mexican pesos and U.S. dollars. Transaction fees may be higher.

While you can exchange dollars for pesos at the airport, many hotels or at any bank, banks usually have the best rates.

Credit cards are welcome at most major restaurants and hotels. When using your credit card, the statement total will appear in pesos at the exchange rate posted on that day.

EXCHANGE RATE: At press time, one Mexican peso equaled .050 U.S. dollar. This rate changes regularly. Check what the rate is when you are ready to travel and once you arrive.

COMMUNICATION: Most major wireless carriers offer packages that provide messaging, calling and data services at reasonable rates. Check with your provider and ask about roaming rates in Mexico, international package options and other travel-related services prior to your trip.

The Internet works quite well throughout Los Cabos, and Wi-Fi is a standard amenity at a number of businesses and most hotels and resorts, so Skype, FaceTime, Whatsapp and other Wi-Fi-enabled apps are a cost-effective way to stay connected. To call the U.S. from your U.S. cell phone,

dial 00 + 1 + area code + phone number. To call locally to landlines, just dial the seven-digit phone number. To call cell phones (within the same area code), dial 044 + phone number. To call Mexico outside of Los Cabos, dial 01 + area code + phone number.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: Mexico celebrates a number of public holidays annually. Except for banks and government offices being closed, your vacation plans should not be disrupted because of them.

- Jan. 1** New Year's Day
- Feb. 5** Constitution Day
- Feb. 24** Flag Day
- Mar. 21** Benito Juárez Day
- May 1** Labor Day
- May 5** Battle of Puebla (Cinco de Mayo)
- Sept. 16** Independence Day
- Oct. 12** Día de la Raza (Columbus Day)
- Nov. 2** Día de los Muertos
- Nov.19** Anniversary of the Mexican Revolution
- Dec. 12** Day of the Virgin of Guadalupe
- Dec. 25** Christmas Day

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TAXIS: To get from one town to the other, you can expect to pay between \$50 and \$60. Red and yellow taxi vans operate in San José del Cabo; blue and green vans cruise Cabo San Lucas. They are available 24 hours a day and are never far. Those who like to do like the locals can hop on a public bus. They run between both towns regularly and cost \$2 to \$3, depending on the exchange rate. Accounting for stops at major hotels along The Corridor, the ride takes about an hour.

AIRPORT TRAVEL DETAILS: To enter Mexico, you will need a valid passport. All foreign travelers must pass through immigration and customs. Once you have have been cleared by immigration officials, collect your luggage and proceed to customs where you will push a button on something that looks a lot like a traffic light; if the light turns red, your luggage has been selected for inspection. After getting through customs and immigration, you may be greeted by time-share sales people eager for your attention.

Unless you've arranged pickup with your hotel, yellow and white mini shuttles are a good option. They are less expensive than taxis, but they won't depart unless full, so you may have to wait a few minutes.

Cab drivers and other pre-arranged transportation providers are stationed outside the building, prepared to take you to your destination.

Just 20 minutes north of San José del Cabo, the Los Cabos International Airport (SJD), services more than 400 domestic, international and private flights weekly. At press time, the following airlines offered flights to Los Cabos: Aeroméxico, Air Canada, AirTransat, Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta, Frontier, Interjet, Spirit Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Sun Country Airlines, Sunwing, United Airlines, Virgin America, VivaAerobús, Volaris and WestJet.

Nonstop flights and connections to Los Cabos are available from numerous cities across the U.S., including Atlanta; Charlotte; Chicago; Dallas/Fort Worth; Denver; Detroit; Houston; Kansas City, Mo.; Minneapolis; Newark; Phoenix; Salt Lake City and Seattle. From California, there are flights and connections available from Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, San Francisco

and San Jose. From Canada, there are flights available from Calgary, Edmonton, Kelowna, Toronto, Vancouver and Winnipeg.

The smaller, less frequented Cabo San Lucas International Airport (CSL) services mostly private aircraft.

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5. Nobu Hotel Los Cabos

6. Hard Rock Los Cabos

7. Santos Finisterra Los Cabos

8. Tesoro Los Cabos

9. Playa Grande Resort & Grand Spa

10. The Ridge Luxury Villas at Playa Grande

11. Solmar Resort

12. Grand Solmar Land's End Resort & Spa

13. Grand Solmar at Rancho San Lucas Resort Golf & Spa

14. Hacienda Beach Club & Residences

15. Breathless Cabo San Lucas Resort & Spa

16. Marina Fiesta Resort & Spa

17. Casa Dorada Los Cabos Resort & Spa

18. Bahía Hotel & Beach House

19. Quinta del Sol by Solmar
20. Cabo Villas Beach Resort & Spa | Cachet Los Cabos

21. RIU Santa Fé

22. ME Cabo

23. Pueblo Bonito Los Cabos Resort

24. Pueblo Bonito Rosé Resort & Spa

25. Club Cascadas de Baja

26. Los Cabos Golf Resort

27. Villa del Arco Beach Resort & Spa

28. Villa La Estancia Beach Resort & Spa

29. Villa del Palmar Beach Resort & Spa

30. The Cape, A Thompson Hotel

31. Holiday Inn Express Cabo San Lucas

32. RIU Palace Cabo San Lucas

33. Sirena del Mar Welk Resort Cabo

34. Esperanza, An Auberge Resort

35. Hacienda Encantada Resort & Spa

36. Sheraton Grand Hacienda del Mar

37. Fiesta Americana Grand Los Cabos Golf & Spa Resort

38. Live Aqua Resort & Residence Club
39. Chileno Bay Resort & Residences

40. Montage Los Cabos

41. Grand Velas Los Cabos

42. Le Blanc Spa Resort

43. Solaz Los Cabos

44. Solaz, A Luxury Collection Resort

45. Villa La Valencia

46. Dreams Los Cabos Suites Golf Resort & Spa

47. Casa del Mar Golf Resort & Spa

48. Las Ventanas al Paraíso, A Rosewood Resort

49. Paradisus Los Cabos

50. Hilton Los Cabos Beach & Golf Resort

51. Marquis Los Cabos All Inclusive Resort & Spa

52. Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Los Cabos

53. The Westin Resort & Spa Los Cabos

54. One&Only Palmilla

55. Krystal Grand Los Cabos

56. Hotel & Suites Las Palmas

57. Hyatt Place Los Cabos
58. Royal Decameron Los Cabos

59. Hyatt Ziva Los Cabos

60. Posada Real Los Cabos

61. Mar Adentro

62. Barceló Gran Faro Los Cabos

63. Casa Natalia

64. El Encanto Inn

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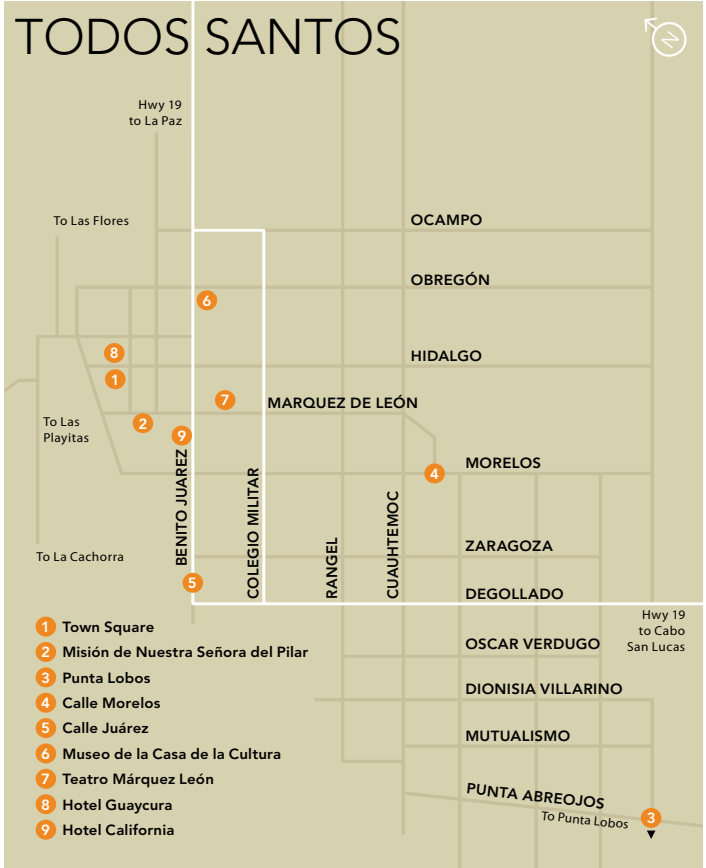
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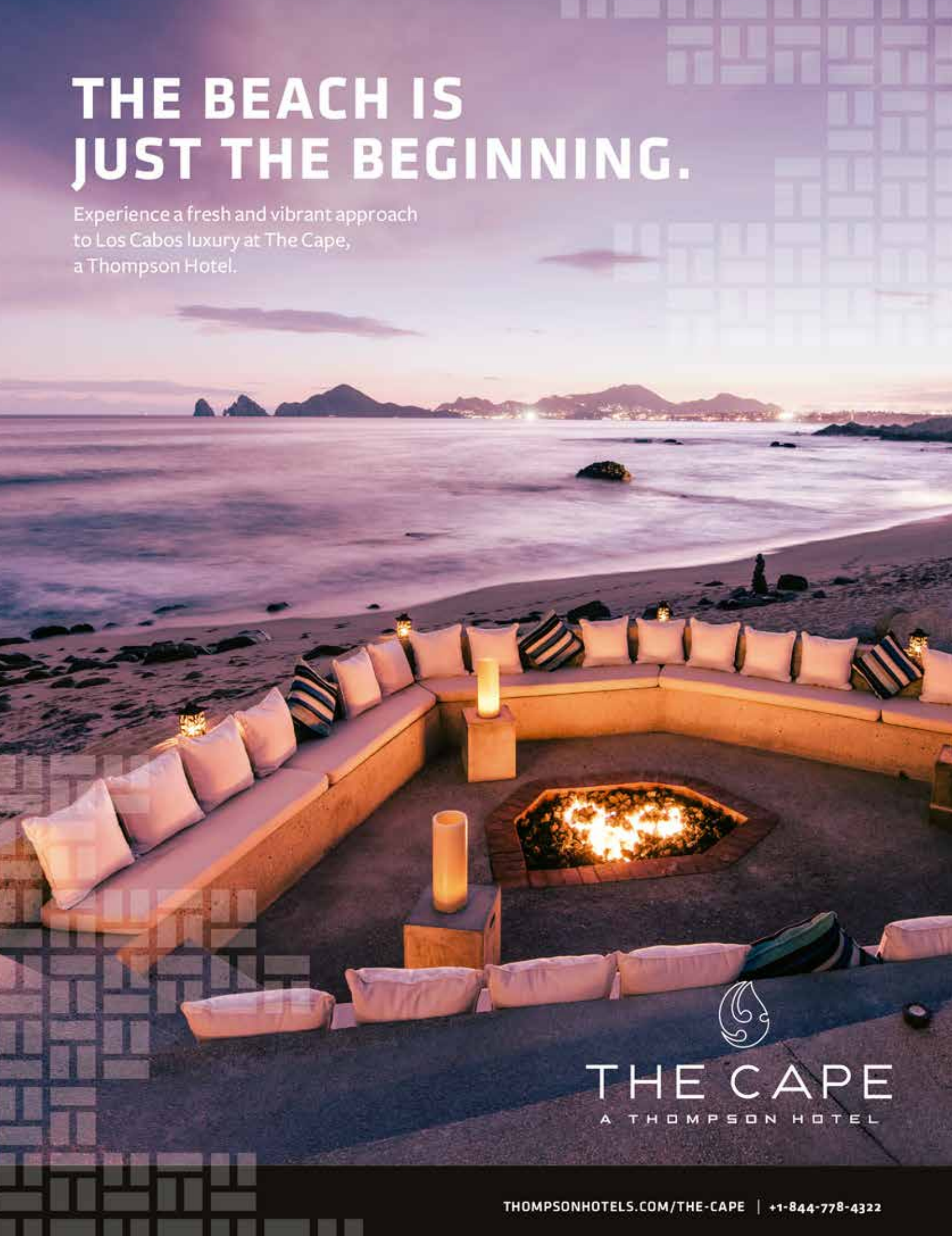


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