

# LOS CABOS

# Your Destination Wedding

At the tippy tip of Mexico's Baja California Peninsula, between the shimmering Sea of Cortez and the deep waters of the Pacific Ocean lies the resort of Los Cabos, comprised of the towns of Cabo San Lucas and San José del Cabo.



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It's an exotic destination wedding locale with out of this world appeal, boasting a dramatic desert backdrop awash in romance. But these two sister towns couldn't be more different. San José del Cabo is a traditional Mexican town renowned for its Art District where you can find art from all over the world, stylish shops and a thriving restaurant scene. If you're looking for a lively downtown vibe with an endless number of luxury resorts, bustling marina and an all-day all-

night party atmosphere, Cabo San Lucas is the place for you.

These two towns are linked by a 20-mile 'Corridor' lined with world-class resorts including the ultra-luxury One&Only Palmilla, seaside and cliffside The Resort at Pedregal, lively ME Cabo, A-list Esperanza, an Auberge Resort, and Casa Natalia, an intimate artsy boutique hotel in less populated San José del Cabo. Insider tip: order the chocolate mousse—To. Die. For. Along the Corridor are also award-winning golf

courses designed by the pros—Jack Nicklaus, Tom Weiskopf and Greg Norman. And, at the southern tip of it all, landmarked El Arco, often referred to as Land's End, juts out from the sea. These massive rock formations provide the perfect backdrop for dramatic wedding photos.

With typically 350 days of sunshine, and low humidity, this truly is the ultimate beach location. Los Cabos is where the desert extends right to the beach and offers incredibly diverse activities for sun fun, while exciting

nightlife choices include outdoor clubs with state-of-the-art sound and lighting, live-music venues, sports bars, breweries and late-night clubs.

Los Cabos is beyond ideal for whatever kind of wedding you are dreaming of, from



toes-in-the-sand casual to over-the-top elegant. Check out the Sunset Chapel at Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach if you want a beach wedding but still with a church ceremony, and Hotel El Ganzo can put together an unforgettable event that celebrates your diversity and creativity. Combine all-inclusive with uber pamper-



## Daily Flights from Most Major U.S. Airports

ing and you have the Grand Velas for a super-luxurious celebration on a golden sand beach, expansive oceanfront terrace, or opulent ballroom. Flora Farms will host a truly organic celebration in one of their numerous private outdoor areas like a mango grove with barn (where Adam Levine and Behati Prinsloo exchanged I do's!), or an herb

garden amphitheater. For a more spiritual and holistic union, Baja Wellness offers symbolic weddings with different ceremonial rituals. Most resorts offer a variety of possibilities, and most include wedding planning as part of their services at no additional fee.

## Your Wedding Guests



Wedding parties have nearly limitless activities to keep them busy. Golf is a major activity and Los Cabos offers 15 signature courses allowing players

to meander through rugged cactus terrain, all while enjoying stunning views of the sea. Treat your besties to a sunset Fajita dinner cruise on a luxurious twin-deck catamaran for a closer look at The Arch, Lover's Beach and even a sea lion colony, all while enjoying food, drinks and lively dance music. There's hiking, horseback riding along the beach and every type of water sport imaginable. Family and wedding guests can enjoy their own mini-vacation and partake in adventures from ATVs, buggies, off-road



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racing and motorcycles in the desert. Hit the waves by boat, parasail above them, take an amazing helicopter ride and fly even higher, or try an exhilarating bungee jump 300-feet in the air from a glass-bottom gondola. Cool off later with a scuba dive below the waves. Popular Corridor spots for diving include Chileno Reef, Santa Maria Cove, and the Blowhole with diverse terrain, rugged tunnels, shallow caverns and deep rock cuts

## Most Resorts Include Wedding Planners

where manta rays, sea turtles and large schools of fish like amberjacks can be seen.

Want to really blow your guests' minds? Set up a group outing with a camel safari tour along a secluded beach and enjoy spectacular views of the ocean and the desert—imagine the thrill of spotting a whale from the back of one of these huge mammals!

For a slower pace your family can view the splendor of the famous Arch from the

comfort of a private sailboat with close-up views of the Land's End attractions, enjoy the chic art and cultural scene, and take part in the ultimate sport—shopping. From high-end boutiques at Luxury Avenue to local shops featuring unique mementos like embroidered clothing and authentic hand-painted pottery and tiles, there's sure to be something for everyone. Check out the Los Cabos Amber Gallery for distinctive amber jewelry, collector-worthy perfume bottles, small and large sculpture pieces, and abstract paintings at their Fine Art Annex. For designer clothing, silver jewelry and home décor, visit AlmArte Boutique.

While almost every resort here has its own fabulous spa, five of the best are SE Spa by Grand Velas, One&Only Spa at Palmilla, Saltwater Spa at Casa Dorada Resort, Cabo Azul's PAZ Body & Mind Spa, and Currents Spa at The Cape, a Thompson Hotel.

Have any foodies in your wedding party? No doubt you will want to experience Chido Cabo, an all-inclusive adven-tour showcasing the



## To Be Wed

Most resorts can assist with paperwork to marry in Mexico and inform you of the rules in specific areas, since marriage requirements vary by city. All couples must be 18 or older and not currently married. You'll also need to present a valid passport, tourist card (typically issued upon arrival at the airport), birth certificate, blood test results (done in Mexico), completed marriage application forms from local registry and four witnesses. All foreign documents, with the exception of your passport, will need to be translated, have an apostille and be notarized. The bride and groom, plus their witnesses, will also need to arrive in Mexico four business days before the wedding day for legal ceremonies.





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best of the craft beer and food scene. You'll get access to underground settings and private audiences, meet the people behind the food and drink, hear their captivating stories and feel their passion for what they do. They may even share a secret or two.

## Your Honeymoon



Savvy couples wanting a romantic getaway and passionate honeymoon have made Los Cabos a top destination, and for good reason. Beyond the allure of relaxed, warm days and pleasantly cooler nights, there is so much to do here that you may no doubt choose to spend all your future anniversaries in the place where it all began.

Set out to explore the Sea of Cortez and the Cabo coast aboard a small group yacht cruise, complete with lunch and an afternoon of snorkeling or paddle boarding at Pelican Rock. A Dolphin Swim will get you as close to

nature as possible as will a visit to Wild Canyon Kingdom, where you can spend a full day interacting with rescued exotic animals from around the world. Feeling more adventurous? Attempt the three-and-a-half-hour Monster Zipline tour in Wild-life Canyon. You will soar across canyons and zoom by rock faces to get your adrenaline pumping.

Year round, there is always something fascinating going on in Los Cabos. In addition to the holidays shared with Mexico, in March there's an 11-Day San José Del Cabo Festival; December hosts Sabor a Cabo, the food and wine festival; winter into early spring is known for the best whale watching; plus the San José Del Cabo Art Walk takes place on Thursday evenings from November through June.

When you need to refuel, Los Cabos has some of the best culinary offerings in the world. You'll find everything

from traditional Mexican dishes rich in flavor and history from every region to the most creative and exquisite

## 350 Days of Sun a Year

gourmet cuisine. If you want fresh seafood served under the stars in a hidden garden, Bajo La Luna is the place for you. Book at table at Acre and know that everything from the food to the furniture and dishware are from the

Baja region. Sunset Monalisa is where you'll want to be for delectable Mediterranean food and one of the best places to watch the sun set...the restaurant is carved into a cliff overlooking the Bay with the best view of the famous Arch at Land's End.

Whether you are celebrating a new marriage, a one-year anniversary or 50 years together, a trip to Los Cabos is the perfect backdrop for any kind of getaway...and one you will never forget.



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# Top 10

Reasons to Have Your Bachelor/ette Party in **Los Cabos**

- 1 HOTELS & RESORTS**  
70+ choices from party-minded to chic and intimate
- 2 ADVENTURE**  
Push your limits off-roading, ziplining, or bouldering
- 3 WATER SPORTS**  
Everything from scuba diving to hydro flights
- 4 SPAS**  
One-of-a-kind indulgent experiences hard to find anywhere else
- 5 GOLF**  
More than 15 courses with panoramic views and every terrain imaginable
- 6 NIGHTLIFE**  
Dance til dawn, hit a sports bar, brewery, jazz or comedy club
- 7 SHOPPING**  
From high-end boutiques to local, artsy crafts and wares
- 8 FOOD**  
Everything from traditional local dishes to the most creative gourmet experiences
- 9 CLIMATE**  
350 days of SUN—it's summer *all year long!*
- 10 BEACHES**  
Miles and miles and miles of them

One more...

## HOTEL CALIFORNIA

See what the magic is all about in Todos Santos at this enchanted inn



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# THE FAIRY TALE IS THE STORY



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