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#### A Festive Meeting Of Land, Sea And Sky

Care for a near panoramic view of land, sea and sky from the comfort of your reclining beach chair? Welcome to Los Cabos, the festive vacation spot at the tip of the Baja Peninsula in western Mexico.

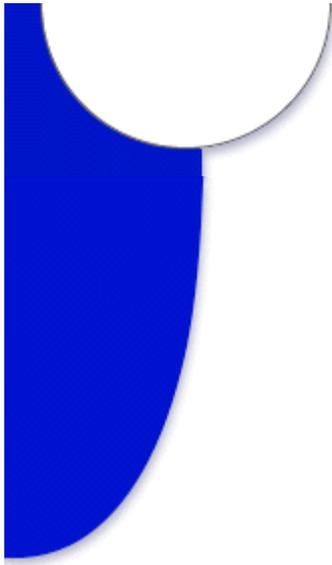
With its unique geographic characteristics, Los Cabos surrounds you with an unforgettable Mexican beach vacation. It's the place where the cordial Sea of Cortez to the east meets the bold Pacific Ocean to the west, and where deep blue waters, soft sand underfoot and warm sun overhead line up to complete 360-degrees of enjoyment away from home.

First enjoyed by Spaniards and their nemeses the pirates, Los Cabos is no newcomer to the list of favorite sun-and-sand destinations in Mexico, and yet it still enjoys a sort of "best-kept secret" status. The resort area along the tip of the peninsula is 20-plus miles long, but you will find no lack of beautiful sunrises and sunsets, lush golf courses, water sports, delicious foods, festive marketplaces, romantic balconies and places to party into the night.

Los Cabos greets you in three dimensions of fun. San Jose del Cabo is a laid-back colonial village with architecture restored true to its 18th century origin. Further west along the coast, Cabo San Lucas awakens early for sportfishing enthusiasts and scuba divers and keeps that active pace well into the Mexican moonlight with its youthful nightlife venues. The stretch of beachfront real estate connecting Los Cabos' two poles is lined with luxurious resorts, golf courses and restaurants.

#### Where The Sand Meets The Sea

You've come for the beaches and Los Cabos won't disappoint. While the sands just off the main streets of its twin villages are inviting, you'll want to venture to other beaches and coves, too.



The rock formation that symbolizes Los Cabos is at Land's End. El Arco is a 200-foot-high natural wonder where the nonstop waves of the Pacific have created a huge archway in the side of the rock. Sea lions frolic near the landmark.

Take your camera to capture the beauty of sailboats at sunset off Playa Palmilla. For a mountainous backdrop, head to Play Santa Maria between Cabo San Lucas and San Jose.

At Playa El Medano, you will rediscover why vacations on the water are so refreshing. Several water sport vendors and guides offer their services here. Glide over the waves on a jet ski or a surfboard.

Couples like Playa del Amor or "Lovers Beach" with its rare beauty. A glass-bottom boat ride gives you and yours a chance to see the multi-colored aquarium just below the water's surface.

### **For The Love Of Water**

Departures from land happen every minute of the day, so grab your suit, sunscreen and shades and enjoy the aqua. Parasailing gets you a bird's eye-view and sea kayaking lets you ride the ocean's surface.



Los Cabos is the "Marlin Capital of the World," but that's not all. Sign on with a sportfishing charter service and you could reel in prize swordfish, wahoo or tuna as well. First-timers are quick to say there's nothing like the thrill of pulling your first catch on board. Back on shore, it's not hard to find an accommodating restaurant to grill up your day's bounty either.

Satisfy that love of diving with a trip to Submarine Canyon, an underwater marine park made famous by Jacques Cousteau. Gordon Banks awaits experienced underwater explorers who are sure to see whale sharks, manta rays and hammerheads staring back.

Once dried off, you'll want to end your day in the water by scouting for marine life at The Point. Or grab your binoculars to see some of the 200 species of birds that visit an oasis in the desert created by an underground spring that bubbles to the surface in a park in old Cabo San Jose.

On some other day, reserve dusk for a horseback ride along the shoreline.

### **Daytime Explorations**

For landlubbers, Los Cabos has plenty of options. For starters, shed your touristy persona and make yourself at home in the delightful Plaza Mijares and Jardin de Arte in San Jose. You'll stroll along the quaint, shady plaza surrounding a central fountain and lined with cafes. The sights of native tilework and festooned shops

and the sounds of live Latin music will enliven your senses.

For a step back in time, visit La Mision de San Jose. This sacred spot is a colonial-style mission built by the Jesuits some 250 years ago.



Golfers will want to tee off at either or both of Jack Nicklaus' signature courses along the Sea of Cortez. The nearby mountains, deserts and ocean make for dramatic vistas that challenge you to keep your eye on the ball.

Markets worth checking out include the outdoor shops on the marina at Cabo San Lucas where you'll find handmade jewelry, Mexican handcrafts and other souvenirs. Buy an embroidered dress to wear at dinner at Mamma Eli's or get decorative Mexican masks, sculptures and paintings at Galeria El Dorado.

### Food And Fun



Palate-pleasing menus are offered at several restaurants, especially in the resort district. Whether wanting seafood, American burgers, grilled specialties or traditional Mexican or gourmet Mexican dinners, you'll feed that hunger.

Cabo San Lucas excels at offering some of the best nightlife fun in the region. There's Edith's Jazz Café, Cabo Wabo Bar and Grill with its surprise visits by rock recording artists, and Whale Watchers Bar with a Mexican buffet near tables overlooking the Pacific.

### No Better Time To Go

April starts the season to see the whales make their trek along the horizon to fresh environs.

To latch on to the best time for prize fishing, make your trip now, too. But with an average daily temperature of 75-degrees year around, every day's a good day to enjoy Los Cabos.

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