

Magical Mexico: CABO SAN LUCAS

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Hotel Lobby



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Cabo San Lucas is a popular destination, especially for Southern California residents. The resort city on the southern point of the Baja California peninsula is home to the unique rock formation, the Arch of Cabo San Lucas, where the Pacific Ocean meets the Sea of Cortés — among many other attractions. 🌊



Exterior



Vista Ballenas



Spa Room



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Central Pool



Marquis Los Cabos, an all-inclusive, adults-only Cabo San Lucas resort, offers stunning views of that sea. With 235 ocean-front suites or casitas from which to choose (all with water views and balconies), Marquis — and their guest services — solidifies why all-inclusive is always a stellar option. The AAA Four Diamond resort re-opened just a few short years ago in March 2015, under the management of Hoteles Marquis, after a \$10 million renovation.

Marquis Los Cabos stays committed to the health and safety of their guests and employees. Mexico is, of course, enforcing CDC protocols. But Marquis was already leading the way with forward-thinking and minimal capacity rates, and was one of the first hotels in the world to become *Sharecare Health Security VERIFIED® with Forbes Travel Guide* in 2020.

There's truly no reason to leave the property — especially with COVID-19 limitations, with all the choices available for food, drink and activities. There is no shortage of restaurants for fresh, local food on site. Foodies will love it here. Ballenas serves international food for breakfast and lunch; Sakke dishes up exotic pan Asian cuisine with Teppanyaki tables; Dos Mares prepares only the freshest seafood with a selection of ceviches. There is pool-side dining as well.

But the real treat is Canto Del Mar — Signature Restaurant By Thierry Dufour. This is fine dining at its finest. Not to be missed. The French Michelin Star Chef presents a new five-course menu every Monday, made with local ingredients and the freshest seafood. Even pre-COVID, reservations were necessary. There are only two seatings per night with a fixed menu and artistically crafted presentations. It is an intimate dining experience. If it is on the must-see agenda, note that dress code is required (think women, no sandals allowed; men, wear collared shirts), which only adds to the ambience even more so while on vacation. 🍷



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And, yes, while there is no need to leave the resort, it is quite extraordinary to visit the unique restaurant Los Tamarindos in San Jose del Cabo. This 17-acre organic farm, dating back to the 18th century, is now home to a restaurant, and is the real deal for farm-to-table. The farm is open and welcomes diners to take a stroll. For example, there are more than 30 varieties of tomatoes, herbs and other vegetables to view. Chef Silva, also an agronomist engineer, “develops” the menu according to the farm season. Four-course cooking classes are offered in the rustic, outdoor kitchen terrace area so those who want to eat their own creations can easily do so.

While on the resort’s property, Marquis helps guests set up activities such as snorkeling, boating, sailing and scuba diving — the water is clear and the colorful fish are a plenty. A French-made sailing yacht, for example, will cruise past the famous Arch, an active view of a bustling sea lion colony and Lover’s Beach (some say the spot earned the name because this is where the Gulf of California and the Pacific Ocean meet; others say it is for the history of two lovers in the 18th Century, which included a Japanese sailor who was rescued). For land lovers, golf courses are also a plenty — with some courses boasting contribution designs by Jack Nicklaus, Greg Norman and Tiger Woods. But there are so many other activities available, including just lounging poolside.



Los Tamarindos

Cabo truly is a magical place. The weather includes sunny, hot days, with low humidity. The sky is blue (very little rainfall) and the water is even bluer. So many of us are longing to travel. Yet, we are still, rightfully so, very cautious. An all-inclusive resort in a gorgeous location might be just what is needed to move out of quarantine and find our way back to travel. ♦

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