

# A Local's Guide to Los Cabos

Where to stay, where to eat, and what our drivers actually recommend — from the team that moves between San José del Cabo, the Corridor, and Cabo San Lucas every day.

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## 1 | Welcome to Los Cabos

Los Cabos sits at the very tip of the Baja California peninsula, where the Sonoran Desert runs straight into the Sea of Cortez. It's really two towns in one destination: the resort-lined marina of Cabo San Lucas at the southern point, and the colonial streets of San José del Cabo to the east.

This guide was put together by the Cabo Transfers team: the drivers, concierge staff, and destination experts who spend every day moving between San José del Cabo, the Corridor, and Cabo San Lucas. They get asked "where should we actually go?" more than almost anything else, so we wrote down the answer.



El Arco at Land's End, where the Sea of Cortez meets the Pacific.

## Where Should I Stay?

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Los Cabos is three distinct areas connected by the Tourist Corridor, and where you stay will have a big impact on the kind of vacation you have.



### Cabo San Lucas

- Nightlife
- First-time visitors
- Restaurants
- Boat trips
- Walkability

Cabo San Lucas is the liveliest of the three areas, centered around the marina and Medano Beach. Stay here if you want to walk to restaurants, bars, nightlife and boat excursions, or if you want a more energetic vacation.



### San José del Cabo

- Food
- Culture
- Couples
- Quieter stays
- Walkability

San José feels slower and more local, with a historic downtown, galleries, great restaurants and a more relaxed atmosphere. It's a particularly good choice if you'd rather spend your evenings wandering town than hanging out at a resort.



### The Tourist Corridor

- Resorts
- Families
- Beaches
- Luxury
- Relaxation

The 20-odd-mile stretch between the two towns is where you'll find many of Los Cabos' best resorts and swimmable beaches. It's the best fit if the resort itself is a major part of your vacation — but you'll generally want transportation for dinner, nightlife and exploring.

## Accommodation: Our Top Picks

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A quick guide to some of our favorite properties across all three areas of Los Cabos, and who we'd point each one toward.

### CABO SAN LUCAS



#### Breathless Resort & Spa

- Adults-Only
- All-Inclusive

A chic, five-star adults-only all-inclusive right on Medano Beach, considered the safest swimmable beach in the area. Contemporary suites open onto private ocean-view balconies, and the resort leans fully into its social reputation with international DJs, themed pool parties, a topless-optional pool, and a late-night silent disco. Several à la carte restaurants, an international buffet, a beachside grill, and a 24-hour café keep things running around the clock.

★ **Best for:** couples and friend groups after a high-energy, upbeat stay right on the sand.



#### Marina Fiesta

- Family-Friendly
- All-Suite

An all-suite four-star hotel on the Cabo Marina boardwalk, with kitchenettes or full kitchens and balconies overlooking the marina or city. A kids' club, a lagoon-style pool with swim-up bars, and a rooftop gym overlooking the harbor make it a practical, well-located choice. The Dine Out All-Inclusive plan lets guests eat à la carte at several highly rated restaurants along the boardwalk, rather than sticking to one dining room.

★ **Best for:** families who want to be in the middle of the marina action with room to spread out.



## Bungalows Hotel

 Boutique  Value

A small, rustic-chic boutique hotel in a residential neighborhood, a short walk from downtown Cabo and the marina. Air-conditioned suites and bungalows have kitchenettes and private patios around a heated pool in a secluded tropical garden. A home-cooked breakfast is served fountain-side each morning, and Wi-Fi and parking are included. It's a quieter, more personal alternative to the big resorts, at a reasonable nightly rate.

☆ **Best for:** travellers who want boutique charm and real value without losing the location.

### SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO



## El Ganzo Boutique Hotel

 Adults-Only  Luxury

An art-and-music-driven adults-only boutique hotel at the Puerto Los Cabos Marina, with ocean-view rooms and suites, custom installations by international artists, and an in-house recording studio that hosts touring musicians. The rooftop lounge has a glass-walled infinity pool, hot tub, and daybeds; a private beach club at a nearby swimmable cove and a wellness spa round out the property.

☆ **Best for:** design-minded couples after a creative, adults-only stay with real beach access.



## Casa Natalia

 Adults-Only  Boutique

A quiet, art-filled colonial-style hotel in the heart of the Centro Histórico, with rooms and suites opening onto private terraces (some with double hammocks). The tropical courtyard has a heated pool, a small waterfall, and a palapa bar, and the on-site Mi Cocina Restaurant & Baja Oyster Bar is worth booking on its own. Guests also get access to the El Ganzo Beach Club, and the hotel is dog-friendly.

☆ **Best for:** couples who want to walk to San José's galleries and restaurants.



## Hyatt Ziva Los Cabos

 Family-Friendly  All-Inclusive

A large, luxury all-inclusive oceanfront resort with high-end suites, including swim-up oceanfront master suites. Multiple lagoon-style pools, an adults-only pool, and a kids' splash park cover every age group, and dining spans an international buffet plus specialty Italian, Asian, Mexican, and French restaurants. Worth knowing: the ocean directly in front of the resort often carries strong undertows and isn't reliably swimmable.

☆ **Best for:** multigenerational families who want an all-inclusive with genuine variety.

### THE CORRIDOR



## Cabo Surf Hotel & Spa

 Luxury  Surf

A five-star boutique resort built right on Playa Acapulquito, one of the Corridor's best-known surf breaks, with its own surf school and board rentals. The 37 oceanfront and garden rooms have large terraces (some with kitchenettes and private Jacuzzis), and the renowned 7 Seas Seafood Grille is on-site. Two infinity pools, a hot tub, and pickleball courts round things out.

☆ **Best for:** surfers and families who want boutique charm with a built-in surf break.



## Las Ventanas al Paraíso

👑 Ultra-Luxury

One of the Corridor's original ultra-luxury addresses, with separate adults-only and family areas, private butler service, and suites, villas, or private residences to choose from. Four restaurants, a private dining room, and a speakeasy with live music cover the evenings, while an oasis-style infinity pool with a lazy river and a destination spa fill the days.

☆ **Best for:** milestone trips where top-tier service and privacy matter most.



## Hilton Los Cabos

👨‍👩‍👧 Family-Friendly

🏖️ Beachfront

A beachfront resort on the protected cove of Playa Blendito, one of the few Corridor beaches that's actually safe for swimming. Multi-tiered infinity pools, an adults-only Serenity Pool, and a dedicated Kids Club Dolphin Pool cover every traveller type, and the private Enclave Beach Club hosts nightly s'mores bonfires. Five restaurants, a holistic spa, and beachside massages, with Cabo Real Golf Club close by.

☆ **Best for:** families who want a safe swimming beach without leaving the resort.

## Before You Arrive



### Los Cabos International Airport (SJD)

SJD is the main airport serving Los Cabos and the one most visitors will fly into. It sits about 12 miles northeast of San José del Cabo. Expect roughly a 20-minute drive into San José del Cabo, and closer to 45–60 minutes to reach Cabo San Lucas or the far end of the Tourist Corridor, depending on traffic and exactly where you're staying. Most international arrivals come through Terminal 2, so check which terminal your airline uses before you land.



### Cabo San Lucas International Airport (CSL)

If you're flying private or using a semi-private carrier, CSL may offer a more convenient arrival into Cabo San Lucas. Located much closer to downtown Cabo San Lucas than SJD, the airport remains highly active and features a recently reorganized Terminal 1. Semi-private public charter airline JSX is also scheduled to launch new nonstop flights into CSL in October 2026, making it an increasingly convenient option for travellers staying in or around Cabo San Lucas. Commercial options remain limited, so check current routes before planning around it.



### Airport Arrival Tips

Once you clear customs, the arrivals hall is lined with representatives offering "free" gifts, discounted excursions, and transportation in exchange for attending a timeshare presentation. These pitches can be persistent. Our drivers hear about it from guests constantly, and the advice is always the same: if an offer at the airport sounds too good to be true, it is. Politely decline and head on to your pre-arranged transportation. A firm no and steady walk toward the exit is all it takes, and you'll be outside in under a minute.



### Transportation to Your Hotel or Residence

We'd say this either way, but it happens to be true: book a private transfer in advance rather than negotiating with drivers in the arrivals hall. A pre-booked Cabo Transfers vehicle means a fixed rate agreed before you land, a driver waiting with your name, and no guesswork after a long travel day. Rideshare pickups at the terminal also sit in a legal grey area, and federal police enforcement there has increased, so drivers may cancel or ask you to walk off airport grounds.

## Practical Tips for Your Stay

### Best Time to Visit

November through May brings warm, dry, low-humidity weather and is the destination's high season. It's also prime whale-watching time, roughly December through April. June through November is hotter and more humid, with a real chance of tropical storms, particularly August through October. Shoulder months like May and November often offer the best balance of good weather and lighter crowds.

### Getting Around Los Cabos

- Taxis operate widely. Always agree on a price before you get in.
- Rental cars are a great option if you plan to explore beyond the resort corridor, but this is one area where it's worth doing your homework. Low advertised rates can climb quickly once insurance and additional coverage are added, and the terms aren't always straightforward. Confirm the total price and what's covered before signing anything.
- Uber operates in Los Cabos, but there's occasional friction with the local taxi unions, so be mindful about requesting a rideshare right next to a taxi stand or depot, and to certain hotels and venues.
- For anything time-sensitive, like airport runs, dinner reservations, or day trips, a pre-booked Cabo Transfers vehicle takes the guesswork out of getting there.



A pre-booked Cabo Transfers vehicle: fixed price, driver waiting, no negotiating.

### Currency & Payments

The Mexican peso is the local currency, though US dollars are widely accepted in hotels, resorts, and tourist-facing restaurants. You'll typically get better value paying in pesos or your home country currency to avoid the duplication of currency exchange fees. Cards are accepted almost everywhere in town, but keep cash on hand for smaller taquerias, market stalls, tips, and more remote day trips where card machines aren't reliable. ATMs generally offer better rates than currency exchange kiosks.

### Safety Considerations

- Souvenirs and trinkets from beach vendors can be a good-value way to shop, and quality can be just as good as what you'll find in local shops. If you buy, inspect the item carefully, confirm the price before handing over payment, and double-check your change.
- Stay aware of your surroundings and avoid risky situations, as you would in any resort destination.
- Be mindful about requesting an Uber right next to taxi stands or depots.
- Never leave a drink unattended in a nightclub or bar.

### Other Things Worth Knowing

- Many of the Corridor's most scenic beaches carry strong undertows and aren't safe for swimming. Chileno, Santa Maria, Medano, and Palmilla are the more reliable choices for getting in the water.
- Use reef-safe sunscreen, particularly if you're visiting Cabo Pulmo or other protected marine areas.
- Tipping culture mirrors the US, roughly 15 to 20% at restaurants, and a few dollars for bellhops, and housekeeping.

## Beaches

- **Medano Beach:** Cabo San Lucas' main swimmable beach, lined with restaurants and water sports, and the liveliest stretch of sand in the destination.
- **Santa Maria:** A protected cove within a national marine park, calm and excellent for snorkeling.
- **Chileno:** A Blue Flag beach with calm, clear water, good for both swimming and snorkeling, near Chileno Bay Resort.
- **Palmilla:** A gentle, family-friendly beach along the Corridor, with calm water well suited to younger swimmers.



Calm, protected water is the exception along this coast — worth knowing which beaches have it.

- **Playa Blendito (Tequila Cove Beach):** A protected cove fronting the Hilton Los Cabos and one of the few genuinely swimmable beaches on the Corridor. Accessible with a resort day pass, and worth the small cost.
- **Playa El Ganzo:** One of the only calm, swimmable coves in San José del Cabo, reached with a beach club day pass. See Hidden Gems for pricing.
- **Playa Costa Azul (Zippers Beach):** The area's surf hub: beautiful sand, a world-famous advanced break, and Zippers Bar & Grill alongside. Not safe for swimming, but a great place to surf or watch world-class surfers in action.



### INSIDER TIP

Always check current conditions before getting in the water.

## Must-See Experiences

- **El Arco & Lover's Beach:** A short boat or water-taxi ride from the marina to see the destination's most iconic landmark up close.
- **Whale watching:** Gray and humpback whales pass through Los Cabos roughly December through April, and boat tours run throughout the season.



### INSIDER TIP

Whale watching is seasonal, so book ahead if it's high on your must-do list.

- **Sport fishing:** Long known as one of the world's best marlin fishing grounds, with panga and charter trips available from the marina.
- **Golf:** Championship courses run the length of the Corridor, many with dramatic ocean views. Puerto Los Cabos, San Jose del Cabo, Cabo San Lucas, and Pacific & Beyond also feature world class golf courses.
- **Boat tours:** Sunset cruises and snorkeling trips are an easy, popular way to see the coastline from the water.
- **Adventure activities:** Desert ATV tours, ziplining, and horseback riding are all easy to arrange. A morning spent hiking with rescue dogs above the marina is another good option (see Hidden Gems, below).

## Eat Like a Local

Baja cuisine draws on what's immediately at hand: fresh catch from the Sea of Cortez, ranch-raised meat, and produce grown on the region's own organic farms. That range shows up on the table. The same week here can take you from a street taco stand to a Michelin-listed dinner, by way of a farm-to-table lunch. It's also worth going beyond the margarita: a tequila or mezcal tasting is an easy add to any night out, and several of the restaurants below (La Lupita especially) are a good place to start. Below are our team's current top picks by area, followed by the food experiences, cooking classes, and market tours that make for a good day out.



From street taco stands to Michelin-listed tables, often in the same week.

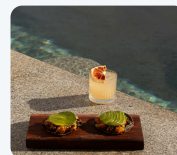
## Top Recommended Restaurants

### SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO

#### El Ganzo Rooftop Bar & Restaurant

An open-air rooftop restaurant atop the artsy, adults-only Hotel El Ganzo, with sweeping views over the Puerto Los Cabos marina and the Sea of Cortez. Non-guests can visit on a day pass (\$100 USD per person, with a \$70 food & beverage credit), which also unlocks the rooftop infinity pool, hot tub, lounge chairs, towel service, and valet parking.

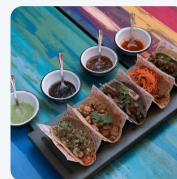
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| HOURS        | Lunch daily, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM                                                                                                            |
| STANDOUTS    | Smoked beet salad, shrimp tostadas, yellowtail tiradito, tempura fish tacos, grilled rib-eye tacos, and the well-known Cadillac margarita. |
| RESERVATIONS | Recommended, especially on weekends. Book directly or through your Cabo Transfers concierge.                                               |
| WEBSITE      | <a href="http://elganzo.com">elganzo.com</a>                                                                                               |



#### La Lupita Tacos & Mezcal

A lively, music-filled favorite in the heart of San José's Gallery District, known for creative taco pairings and an extensive mezcal list. It's a natural stop on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, when the San José del Cabo Art Walk fills the surrounding streets.

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| HOURS        | Lunch & dinner, Tuesday–Sunday, 12:00 PM – 10:30 PM                                                                                                               |
| STANDOUTS    | Traditional Pastor and Costra de Pastor tacos, the rib-eye Takeshi taco, the duck mole taco, and flan de caramelo with a coffee-and-Licor-43 carajillo to finish. |
| RESERVATIONS | Recommended, especially on Art Walk evenings. Book directly or through your Cabo Transfers concierge for exclusive access to reservations.                        |
| WEBSITE      | <a href="http://lalupitamx.com">lalupitamx.com</a>                                                                                                                |



#### INSIDER TIP

Taco Tuesday at La Lupita runs two-for-one on the Pastor and Costra de Pastor tacos.

## Flora Farms

One of the most celebrated farm-to-table restaurants in Los Cabos, set on a working organic farm and desert oasis complete with a farmers market, shops, a wine store, and a spa. It's family-friendly in practice as well as name, with a small playground, a duck-and-koi pond, and, in summer, open-air movie nights.

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| HOURS        | Breakfast, brunch, lunch & dinner daily, 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| STANDOUTS    | The full farm breakfast, wood-fired Neapolitan pizzas and house-made pastas, the farm pork chop, and desserts like key lime pie and carrot cake. The farm created cocktails are also highly recommended by patrons and prestigious publications. |
| RESERVATIONS | Highly recommended well in advance, especially for dinner. Book directly or through your Cabo Transfers concierge.                                                                                                                               |
| WEBSITE      | <a href="http://flora-farms.com">flora-farms.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                             |



## THE CORRIDOR

### 7 Seas

An open-air, palapa-covered oceanfront restaurant overlooking the Punta Azul surf break. It's one of the best sunset spots in Los Cabos, and a good bet for watching surfers, dolphins, or winter whales while you eat. You'll experience some of the freshest seafood in the region.

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| HOURS        | Breakfast, lunch & dinner daily, 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM                                                                                                                                           |
| STANDOUTS    | Chilaquiles and machaca beef at breakfast, a taco fest sampler at lunch, and wild sea bass or shrimp-and-ricotta ravioli for dinner, alongside one of the region's most extensive wine lists. |
| RESERVATIONS | Recommended for dinner, especially for oceanfront tables.                                                                                                                                     |
| WEBSITE      | <a href="http://7seasrestaurant.com">7seasrestaurant.com</a>                                                                                                                                  |



## Nicksan Palmilla

A polished Japanese-Mexican restaurant from chef Angel Carbajal, blending thirty years of craft with bold local flavors. Smart-casual dress is enforced (no beachwear), and while families are welcome, the restaurant asks for a bit more supervision and quiet than a typical family spot.

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| HOURS        | Lunch & dinner daily (same menu), 1:00 PM – 10:00 PM                                                                             |
| STANDOUTS    | Tuna belly tostadas, shrimp-and-scallop gyoza, and a unique sake and cocktail list, including a rosemary-cucumber gin and tonic. |
| RESERVATIONS | Recommended, though walk-ins are welcome.                                                                                        |
| WEBSITE      | <a href="http://nicksan.com">nicksan.com</a>                                                                                     |



### Sr. Pez

A little-known spot on the beach in an arroyo between the Dreams and Zoetry resorts. The laid-back, open-air setup (part bar container, part beach shack) serves Sinaloa-style seafood in generous portions at fair prices.

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| HOURS        | Lunch & dinner, Tuesday–Sunday, 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM                                                                     |
| STANDOUTS    | Tuna tartare, fresh oysters, breaded fish and shrimp tacos, and tacos gobernador with a crispy pan-fried cheese crust. |
| GOOD TO KNOW | Pets are welcome and parking is free, but the ocean here isn't safe for swimming.                                      |
| RESERVATIONS | Recommended for larger groups, via OpenTable or your Cabo Transfers concierge.                                         |



#### INSIDER TIP

Sr. Pez has no road signage, so turn onto the dirt road at the Km 18.5 marker and follow the dry riverbed toward the ocean.

## Outpost

An urban farm-to-table restaurant and speakeasy that shifts from a bright breakfast spot to a moody speakeasy after dark, with produce from its own gardens and a rooftop garden terrace. Gluten-free options are available, valet parking is complimentary, and it's pet-friendly.

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| HOURS        | Breakfast, lunch & dinner daily, 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM                                                                                                                                                                                |
| STANDOUTS    | Baked French toast and a hibiscus mimosa at brunch, the taco menu (short rib and shrimp are local favorites) at lunch, and beef short ribs or shrimp carbonara pasta for dinner. Ask for the tableside flaming espresso to finish. |
| RESERVATIONS | Recommended to avoid a wait, via OpenTable or your Cabo Transfers concierge.                                                                                                                                                       |
| WEBSITE      | <a href="http://outpost.mx">outpost.mx</a>                                                                                                                                                                                         |



## Edith's Restaurante

A longstanding, romantic upscale restaurant from chef-owner Edith Jiménez, overlooking Cabo San Lucas Bay and the Arch, with a strolling mariachi trio and cuisine rooted in Guerrero cooking traditions layered with local Baja ingredients.

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| HOURS        | Dinner daily, 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM                                                                                                        |
| STANDOUTS    | Tableside Caesar salad, lobster or shrimp taquitos, mesquite-grilled steaks, and a tableside flambéed Mexican coffee to close the meal. |
| RESERVATIONS | Strictly required. Book directly or through your Cabo Transfers concierge.                                                              |
| CONTACT      | +52-624-143-0801 · <a href="http://edithscabo.com">edithscabo.com</a>                                                                   |



## Los Tres Gallos

A Michelin-listed restaurant in a lush, open-air courtyard with cobblestone floors, live mariachi, and recipes drawn from Puebla and the Yucatán. It's as popular with locals as it is with visitors.

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| HOURS        | Dinner daily, 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM                                                                                                      |
| STANDOUTS    | Tableside Caesar salad, mole con pollo, cochinita pibil, and churros with artisanal horchata ice cream.                               |
| GOOD TO KNOW | Outside bottles are permitted for a \$20 corkage fee.                                                                                 |
| RESERVATIONS | Available via OpenTable, directly, or through your Cabo Transfers concierge. <a href="http://lostresgallos.com">lostresgallos.com</a> |



## Food Experiences, Cooking Classes & Market Tours

### COOKING CLASSES

#### Los Tamarindos

A 19th-century organic farm where you hand-harvest your own vegetables and herbs before a hands-on, four-course class guided by a resident chef, finishing with lunch overlooking the fields and the Sea of Cortez. Menus run to beef birria, shrimp chile relleno, and chicken barbacoa.

Public classes daily, 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM (4 hours). Book direct.

#### Flora Farms Cooking Classes

Hands-on classes using ingredients grown on-site, with a guided farm tour, a signature cocktail, a family-style lunch, and a recipe booklet to take home.

Themed by day: tamales (Mon & Wed), the tortilla table with nixtamal corn-grinding (Tue, Thu & Sun), salsas and Baja fish tacos (Fri & Sat). Book direct.

## MARKET & FOOD TOURS

### Eating with Carmen Food Tour

A walk through San José del Cabo's streets uncovering Baja's culinary secrets, from local flavors to the soul of Mexican coastal cuisine. Good value, and an easy first outing for anyone new to the destination.

San José del Cabo. Book direct.

### Cooking & Food Tour San José

A produce-market visit paired with a hands-on class: see where local families buy the freshest produce, then learn to cook the region's best salsas and dishes. Works well for couples, families, friend groups, and team-building groups.

San José del Cabo. Book direct.

## FOOD EXPERIENCES

Los Cabos has two long-running organic farmers markets, both worth a morning and both an easy way to see what the region's farms actually grow. Each mixes produce stalls with prepared food, coffee, and local makers. [More on both markets.](#)

### San José del Cabo Organic Market

The original Mercado Orgánico, held on the grounds of Club La Huerta: organic produce from local growers alongside baked goods, prepared food, and artisan stalls.

San José del Cabo · Club La Huerta · Seasonal, so check current dates

### Pedregal Farmers Market

Cabo San Lucas' organic market, set in the Pedregal neighborhood, with produce, local makers, and food stalls.

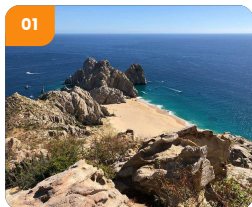
Cabo San Lucas · Pedregal · Current dates on the market's [Facebook page](#)

## | Hidden Gems & Local Recommendations

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A handful of experiences our team recommends most often to guests who've already done the boat tour and the beach club, and want something a little further off the standard itinerary.

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### **Mt. Solmar Rescue Dog Hike**

Also known as the Cerro del Vigía hike, this free, donation-based hike up a private mountain peak is led by local guide Enrique Morales Méndez alongside a pack of friendly rescue dogs. It's a moderate-to-challenging 45-minute climb (about 2 hours round trip) with loose gravel and some hands-on scrambling near the summit, rewarded with 360-degree views over Land's End, the Arch, and both the Sea of Cortez and the Pacific.

**Good to know:** No reservation needed. Arrive by 7:45 AM for an 8:00 AM departure (except Saturdays) at the Dog Training Gates on Boulevard Paseo de la Marina, across from the naval base. Wear closed-toe shoes, bring 1 to 1.5 litres of water per person, sun protection, and small bills for tips and donations. Personal pets aren't permitted.

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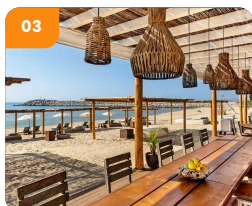


### **La Fortuna: Surf, Dine & Feed the Donkeys**

A small stretch of open-air restaurants on the way to a well-known surf point, most of which don't require reservations. Zai Sushi Surf Bar, a local favorite, is the exception, so book ahead for lunch or dinner. Bring a few days-old vegetables, carrots especially, to feed the friendly donkeys that roam the road on the way in. Surfboards can be rented on-site at La Fortuna Surf Shop, or picked up beforehand in San José at Costa Azul Surf Shop or Surf in Cabo.

**Good to know:** La Fortuna is primarily a rocky surf point rather than a protected swimming beach, so water conditions can be unpredictable for swimmers. Reservations for Zai Sushi Surf Bar: WhatsApp +52-624-191-3645.

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### **El Ganzo Beach Club (Private Beach Day)**

Playa El Ganzo sits in one of the only calm, swimmable coves in all of San José del Cabo, just minutes from the hotel. Day passes are \$1,200 MXN per adult, with \$1,000 MXN applied as food & beverage credit (\$600 MXN / \$500 MXN credit for kids 5-12, free under 5).

**Good to know:** While the main hotel is adults-only, children are welcome at the beach club. Unused credit isn't refunded, so it's worth calling ahead to confirm availability. +52-624-104-9000 ·



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## Ánima Village Shopping Adventure

A newly opened, ultra-luxury open-air shopping and lifestyle destination along the Tourist Corridor, designed by architecture firm Sordo Madaleno using local stone, wood, and terracotta to blend into the desert landscape. Built as a walkable village rather than a mall, it's home to more than 80 brands, including Louis Vuitton, Chanel, Cartier, and Rolex, alongside Arte Abierto Baja, an open-air contemporary art gallery with rotating installations.

**Good to know:** About 10 minutes from Cabo San Lucas and 20 from San José del Cabo. Open roughly 11:00 AM–8:00 PM Monday–Thursday, until 9:00 PM Friday–Sunday.

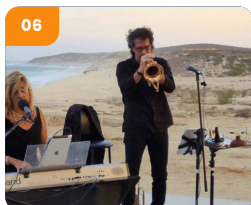


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## Cine Jardín Outdoor Movie Nights

Flora Farms hosts free outdoor movie nights on the farm through the summer into September, typically on Wednesdays. Admission and popcorn are complimentary, but reservations are required and capacity is limited. Doors open around 6:40 PM, with the film starting around sunset (about 7:15 PM); bring a blanket or lawn chair.

**Good to know:** Wood-fired pizzas, tacos, and seasonal farm cocktails are available from the on-site food truck and bar. Outside food isn't permitted. Mosquito repellent is a good idea.



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## VidaSoul Dinner & Concert

A beachfront dining and live-music venue on Baja's East Cape, built around dinner by the Sea of Cortez, sunset gatherings, and a rotating schedule of live music and special events. It's a further drive than most entries on this list, which makes it a better fit for a full evening out than a quick stop.

**Good to know:** Located on the East Cape. Check VidaSoul's current schedule before you go, and confirm hours, pricing, and reservations directly with the [venue](#).



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## Sea Turtle Release (Seasonal)

During nesting season, several conservation programs along the coast let visitors take part in a responsible hatchling release. It's a memorable, kid-friendly evening that also supports local conservation work.

**Good to know:** Timing depends on the nesting season and shifts year to year, so ask your Cabo Transfers concierge for the current recommended operator before planning around it.

# Day Trips Beyond Los Cabos

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## Todos Santos

A short drive north of Los Cabos, Todos Santos is a designated Pueblo Mágico, a historic sugar-cane town turned arts colony, with cobblestone streets, restored colonial buildings, boutique galleries, and a laid-back, creative energy that feels worlds away from the resort corridor. It's long been linked, fairly or not, to the Eagles' "Hotel California," and nearby Cerritos and Pescadero beaches are popular for surfing and sunset watching.

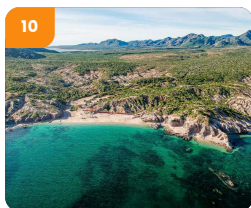


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## Cañón de la Zorra & Santa Rita Hot Springs

A stunning desert canyon with a 12-meter waterfall feeding several swimmable pools, commonly paired with nearby Santa Rita Hot Springs for a full desert-oasis day. Access is via Rancho Ecológico Sol de Mayo, which has a rustic restaurant serving steak and shrimp tacos, quesadillas, and cauliflower tacos with almond mole; it's worth calling ahead to confirm the restaurant is open.

**Getting there:** About 45 to 50 minutes north from San José del Cabo through Santiago, then a rough, unpaved final stretch that calls for a high-clearance vehicle. The ranch is open daily, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.



### Playa El Arbolito (Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park)

Part of the Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park, home to North America's oldest coral reef and a UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site, El Arbolito is widely considered the best beach in the area for shore-accessible snorkeling. The reef here shelters sea turtles, rays, and large schools of tropical fish, and basic facilities (restrooms, changing rooms, and an on-site taco stand) make it manageable for a full day out.

**Getting there:** Roughly 45 minutes north from San José del Cabo on Highway 1, then an unpaved stretch toward La Ribera and Cabo Pulmo. Open daily, 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM (50 to 125 pesos), with snorkel gear and kayaks rentable on calm days; a life jacket is required by park rules.



### Los Barriles & Buena Vista Hot Springs Resort

Los Barriles feels worlds apart from the resort crowds of Cabo San Lucas: a laid-back Sea of Cortez town built around sport fishing, wind sports, and desert ATV trails. Between December and March, the "El Norte" winds bring world-class kiteboarding and windsurfing to the bay; from April to November, when the wind drops, it's better suited to snorkeling and paddleboarding in calm water.

**Getting there:** An easy 1-hour, 40-mile drive north from San José del Cabo on Highway 1. The family-friendly Buena Vista Hot Springs Resort sells a \$30 USD day pass with a \$20 food and drink credit (\$15 for kids 11 and under with a \$10 credit); call ahead to confirm.

#### CABO TRANSFERS

## Our Top 5 Local Tips

- 01** **Confirm your fare, every time.** Taxis rarely run meters, so agree a price before you get in and reconfirm it once you're moving.
- 02** **If it sounds too good to be true, it is.** Politely decline "free gift" offers from beach vendors and timeshare reps, especially at the airport.
- 03** **Stay sharp after dark.** Never leave a drink unattended in a bar or nightclub.
- 04** **Use rideshare thoughtfully.** Uber operates here, but be mindful about requesting one right next to a taxi stand or depot, including some hotels and at the airport.
- 05** **Ask your driver.** Our team lives here year-round, and if you ask for their personal favorite taco stand or quiet beach, you'll usually get a better answer than any guidebook.

## | Transport Within Los Cabos

The airport, a hotel-to-hotel transfer, a night out in Cabo San Lucas, a day trip out to Cabo Pulmo or Los Barriles: Cabo Transfers can get you there safely, on time, and at a fair, fixed price.

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