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Publisher's Letter

I have to admit—I struggled with writing this letter. It's been such a tough year for so many. I can't wait to be able to reminisce about 2020. But fortunately for us fishermen and boaters, we have one of the best social-distancing and mind-cleansing activities available. Managing the impact of COVID-19 and the trickle-down effect it's had on our lives, families, and jobs somehow melts away when you get on the water. I believe that's why there have been record numbers in many tournaments, and the boat ramps have never been busier. We are all very blessed to be able to enjoy our passion during these times, and for that we should be thankful.

The Los Cabos community relies on visitors for its economy and was hit hard by the pandemic. But the fish are calling, the destination is open, and the anglers are responding. The catching has been fantastic, and the number of travelers planning to come this fall is picking up nicely. If you're on the fence, perhaps our feature "An Anglers Paradise" (page 12)—and knowing that you're helping our friends in Los Cabos—will get you on the plane headed to the Baja. I'm certainly looking forward to being there, and sipping on a Cadillac margarita at the end of an adventurous day.

Be safe, live now, and I hope to see you where the fish are.

Good fishing and all the very best,



Dan Jacobs

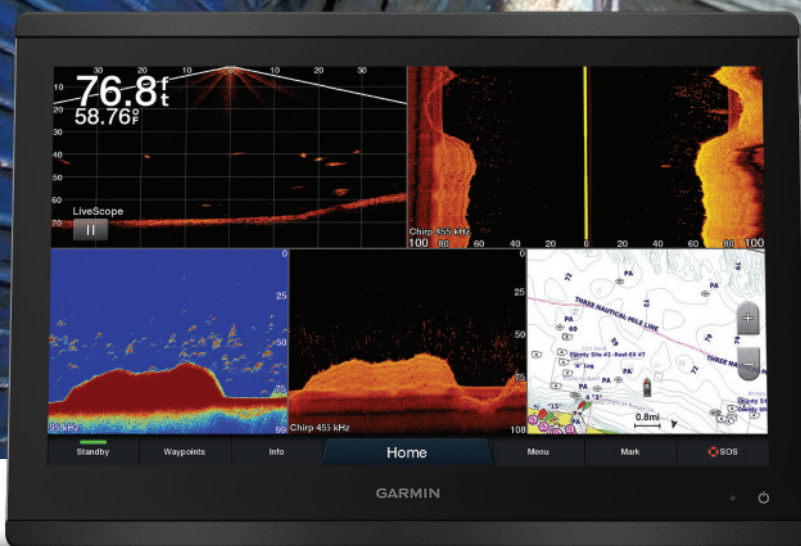
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JON WHITTLE

Publisher's note: While he remains the star of our feature on Los Cabos, and the episode of *Sport Fishing Television* that inspired the article, we are sad to report that Jorge Tellez passed away during the production of this issue. Jorge was a generous man, passionate angler, doting father, dedicated husband, and great supporter of Los Cabos fishing and tourism. We will miss him dearly. RIP, my friend.

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AN ANGLER'S PARADISE: CABO COMES THROUGH

HEAD TO LAND'S END ON THE BAJA PENINSULA FOR STRIPED MARLIN AND MORE

BY MARK MACKENZIE



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he advertisement promoting the upcoming season of *Sport Fishing Television* was sitting on his desk as the show's producer (and my boss) Shawn Bean shook his head. "This looks amazing, except for one small detail," he said. "The main image features a marlin, but we're halfway through filming and we haven't caught one yet. Cabo had better come through for us."

As the only member of the team who had fished out of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, I'd convinced Bean that the striped marlin capital of the world was a lock when he was putting together the show's schedule months before. The fall tournament season in Cabo had produced a stellar bite, with anglers releasing more than 300 marlin during three weeks in October. Charters were reporting 10 to 15 marlin releases a day. With the fishing that good right before our scheduled departure in early November, I started getting nervous that it might not last.

After an easy day of travel from central Florida, we landed at the modern Los Cabos International Airport in San Jose del Cabo around 4 in the afternoon, where we cleared customs and were

DAY ONE: SWING AND A MISS

At 6:15 a.m. sharp, we loaded up for the short ride from the Solmar Resort to the marina, where we boarded the crown of the Gaviotas charter fleet, Tellez's custom 45-foot Bertram, *Don Luis*. After a quick stop to pick up some live bait from a panga in the harbor, Capt. Manuel Arballo had us pointed due east on a course for the Santa Maria Canyon, 9 miles off the coast.

With striped marlin being our primary target, we set out a spread of 6- to 10-inch skirted trolling lures on the outriggers and flat lines, and a split-tail mackerel on the shotgun line. Two of the most popular lure combinations for the Cabo area are the Mean Joe Green, green over black, and petrolero, a combination of orange, red, brown and black. But the skipping mackerel proved to



With Cabo San Lucas as a backdrop, one of the Gaviotas charter boats heads to sea for a day of fishing (above). Striped marlin (right) are the most prolific billfish species found in these storied waters. They are targeted using a wide variety of fishing methods, including lures, dead and live bait, and even fly.

greeted with a warm smile and cold *cervezas* by Raymundo "Mundo" Burgos. Mundo is an old friend, and owner of Burgos Transportation; he helped us load our gear as we headed to the Solmar Resort, our home base for the week. Upon arrival, we unloaded piles of camera cases, rod tubes and reel boxes, plugged in enough chargers and batteries to power a small village and piled back into Mundo's Suburban. Our first stop was Fisherman's Landing, where Jorge Tellez, the restaurant's owner and our fishing host for the trip, confirmed the details of the week ahead. Several hours and several margaritas later, our plans were set and we headed back to the hotel, ready to hit the water early the next morning.



be the winning ticket as the shotgun reel started screaming and a beautifully amped-up striped marlin gyrated across the surface of the calm Pacific behind us.

I grabbed the rod, and the camera crew took their positions. The fish jumped again, and in what seemed like slow motion, I watched as the bait shot out of the marlin's mouth heading north while the marlin continued to the south. Just like that, we were off. Heartbreaking. We reregged with mackerel all around, and while we didn't raise any more marlin, we did box a pair of chunky yellowfin tuna that we brought back to Fisherman's Landing for some fresh tuna "lures" — a remarkably delectable house specialty consisting of tuna, avocado, crab and a spicy sauce — later that evening. We agreed that fresh tuna is hard to beat.

THE FISHING HEATS UP

For our second day, we were greeted at the dock by Tellez and his good friend, former Mexican senator Luis Coppola. The two men met many years ago when Tellez was working for Don Luis Bulnes, an early pioneer of the sport-fishing industry in Cabo San Lucas. Tellez and Coppola share an intense passion for sport fishing as well as an understanding that this incredible resource should be protected for the future of the entire Los Cabos region.

With a livewell full of fresh baits, Arballo took a right turn out of the harbor toward the Pacific, where the word on the docks was that the fish were on the feed at an area known as the Lighthouse. It was a short 6-mile run from El Arco — the famous arch off Cabo — to the 45 Spot, located 2 miles



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A STRIPED MARLIN SHOT ACROSS THE SPREAD AND MADE A BEE-LINE TO THE RIGHT SHORT CORNER.

offshore of the Lighthouse. Here, the bottom rises up at the tail end of a 600-foot-deep ledge off the Cardonal Canyon.

We decided to forgo the trolling lures and opted instead for split-tail mackerel across the entire spread. We were rewarded almost immediately after lines in, when a nice striped marlin shot across the spread and made a beeline straight for the right short corner. Tellez grabbed the rod and deftly dropped back to set the circle hook, and the fight was on. After a 20-minute battle on stand-up gear, he released our first striped marlin, a fish estimated at 120 pounds. After a round of high-fives, we reset the lines and readied the cameras. We missed a knockdown on the right long, and things went quiet for a while. Just as our mate emerged from the cabin with an enormous plate of spicy butterflied shrimp ceviche, the left rigger popped and Coppola was up. Working off muscle memory from countless previous battles with striped marlin, the former senator swiftly brought the brilliantly bluish-purple marlin boatside as our cameraman splashed overboard for some underwater footage of the release.

Schools of tasty dorado also frequent the

SWIMMING WITH GIANTS

Don Luis was booked the next day, so we elected to take a break from fishing and head up the coast to La Paz for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to swim with whale sharks. These gentle giants feed near the surface in relatively shallow waters of the



Mexican senator Luis Coppola and Jorge Tellez share a high-five after Tellez's first marlin release of the trip (above). This stripey won its freedom just moments after the strike by throwing the hook (right).

45 Spot, so it was no surprise when a pair of acrobatic 20-pounders crashed our party. With the first fish almost at the boat, our mate handed me a spinning rod rigged with a live mackerel to pitch to any followers. Spotting several flashes of tell-tale yellow and green below the surface, I quickly pitched the lively mackerel, and my rod was soon bent over and the drag singing within seconds of the bait hitting the water.

We finished up our second day with just two striped marlin releases, but at least the skunk was off the boat and we also had a couple of nice dorado for a freshly grilled fish dinner that night in town.



Bay of La Paz from early winter until late spring. The sun was barely over the horizon when Mundo picked us up at the hotel for the two-hour ride up the coast to Todos Santos and then across the Baja Peninsula to La Paz.

We booked our trip with Cabo Adventures and



met them at their offices behind the Museo de La Ballena on the La Paz waterfront. After picking up snorkeling gear and meeting our local guides, we boarded a panga for the short trip to the whale shark grounds just outside the harbor. It didn't take long to spot the massive shapes of the 20- to 30-foot fish swimming effortlessly in the clear, shallow waters. Despite their lethargic pace, a fairly vigorous level of swimming is needed to stay close to them. It was an amazing experience and something I will never forget. Back on land, our hosts provided us with a generous lunch on their rooftop dining area overlooking the bay, complete with plenty of local Mexican fare along with the requisite beer and tequila.

THE MINI TOURNAMENT

The next morning, we were joined by Gabriel Tellez, Jorge's son, on *Don Luis* for one last day of fishing. The previous evening, Dan Jacobs, tournament

AN ANGLER'S GUIDE TO CABO SAN LUCAS

Unless arriving by land or sea, visitors to the Los Cabos area will fly into the Los Cabos International Airport, with flights serving the major aviation hubs in the United States and elsewhere. The airport is about 30 miles from Cabo San Lucas. Car rentals are available, but it's preferable to arrange for a pickup or take one of the numerous taxis, unless you're comfortable with the hectic pace of driving in Mexico. Transcabo does a great job with airport transfers, as does Burgos Transportation.

HOTELS

The choices for lodging in Cabo San Lucas are on par with any other top vacation destination in the world, from hostel to five-star-plus. The Solmar Resort is just steps away from the ocean and is a great choice, as is the Playa Grande Resort. Carved into the mountainside overlooking the area is the Resort at Pedregal, another top pick for

visitors looking for beauty and seclusion.

CHARTERS

Perhaps more so than any other sport-fishing destination in the world, Cabo offers a wide range of charter boats. And because the striped marlin can be found within just a few miles of the famous El Arco rock formation at the mouth of the harbor, they're within range of even the smallest outboard-powered pangas. However, for comfort and safety we prefer the sturdy twin-diesel boats of the Gaviotas and Minerva charter fleets. Another top-flight choice is the Cabo Yachts sport-fishers available in the Picante fleet. The choices are nearly endless, although the top boats book early, especially for tournaments. And stop by Minerva's Baja Tackle for any last-minute necessities.

A note on bait: Most Cabo charters will fish a spread of artificial lures, but live bait is available

for purchase at an additional charge from one of the bait pangas in the harbor. It's worth the extra expense to have a dozen or so live mackerel or caballitos in the well to drop back to a striped marlin that's raised on a lure or teaser, or cast to one spotted on the surface.

RESTAURANTS AND NIGHTLIFE

Again, the choices are numerous when it's time to dine after a long day at sea. Don't miss the tuna "lures" at Fisherman's Landing at the marina. Edith's is an upscale choice for steaks and seafood. After dark, head for clubs such as Sammy Hagar's Cabo Wabo Cantina, El Squid Roe or the Giggling Marlin. Breakfast on the beach, at the Office, is always a good choice too.

director of the Los Cabos Billfish Tournament, had arrived for the Los Cabos Charter Classic that was slated for the following week. He was fishing on the 32-foot Cabo *Bill Collector*, so we struck a friendly wager and had an informal two-boat tournament.

The radio was alive with friendly banter as we motored out of the harbor and again headed west into the depths of the Pacific. Our destination this time was the San Jaime Bank, which sits next to the deepest part of the 3,500-foot Tinaje Trough, a deep underwater canyon stretching between the San Jaime and Golden Gate banks. San Jaime features three seamounts rising to within 150 feet of the surface, providing food and shelter for bait and attracting all manner of pelagic predators.

When we arrived at the first seamount, the deckhand handed each of us a 30-pound outfit rigged with a 4-ounce trolling sinker, about 5 feet of

EVAN KRUGER (ABOVE), JON WHITTLE (OPPOSITE, 2)



Snorkeling with the gentle whale sharks off La Paz in the Sea of Cortez (above) is an amazing encounter that should not be overlooked. Cabo's legions of hard-working charter mates are some of the best in the business when it comes to spotting striped marlin in the spread.

Bill Collector owner Mark Chiavetta and Tournament Director Dan Jacobs are all smiles after another successful day on the water.



leader and a live mackerel pinned on a circle hook.

"Drop it down 50 to 100 feet," he instructed. "We're going to drift this spot for striped marlin."

While I'd experienced a different technique unique to Cabo — sight-casting to striped marlin on the surface — this was something completely different. On our third drift, line sizzled off Gabriel's reel for a brief second and stopped. Then the same thing happened to mine. We reeled up to find our baits stripped from the hooks just as we spotted the culprit, a seal, circling the boat a few feet below the surface. As we reeled in the lines to move to a different spot, Jacobs' voice crackled across the radio: *Bill Collector* had its second striped marlin on and had taken an early lead. They were fishing southeast of Jaime Bank at an area known as the Herradura, and with the film crew needing a few more shots of lit-up marlin, we made the call to put out the trolling spread and



head that way.

As we trolled into the Herradura area, a quick scan with the binoculars revealed that this was definitely the spot: Half of the Cabo charter fleet was there, and many of them were hooked up. We eased into the fray, and in a matter of minutes, the right long went off. I grabbed the rod and frantically cranked down on the striped marlin as it streaked toward the boat in a flash. Then, as if on cue, it showed the true strength and speed possessed by the species as the fish catapulted out of the water 20 yards behind the transom in an explosive display of aerial acrobatics. This was the fish we had been waiting for. Cameras rolling, our deckhand leaedered the fish for some slow-motion close-ups and then made a clean release. Rotating through the group of anglers, we released three more striped marlin and a sailfish to round out our day, but it wasn't enough to overcome the crew on *Bill Collector*, with its tally of 10 striped marlin, two sailfish and two dorados.

PARTING SHOT

The reports of great fishing leading up to our trip hadn't cursed us after all. With filming complete, it was time to celebrate our success and enjoy our last evening in town, sampling one of Cabo's other famous attractions: the nightlife. Joints such as the Giggling Marlin and El Squid Roe, among a host of others, are nearly guaranteed to have you up and dancing in no time, especially after a memorable dinner in one of the town's many excellent restaurants.

As we consumed our final batch of tuna lures and gold margaritas at Fisherman's Landing, we set about making plans to return for our next episode. While there may have been some significant changes over the years, Cabo San Lucas still doesn't disappoint. It really is an angler's paradise.

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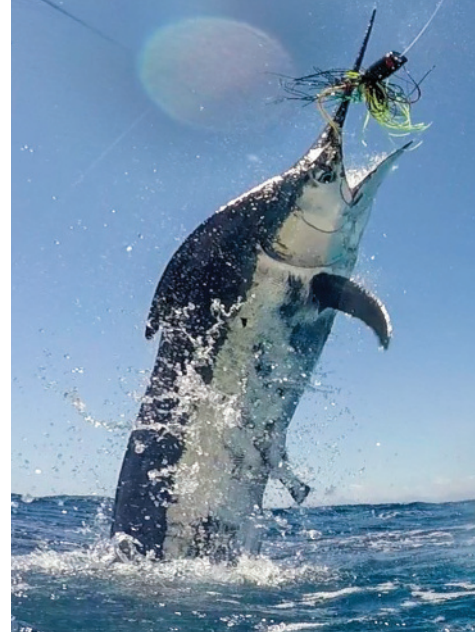


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Despite unpredictable storm conditions closing the ports for the first day of fishing the Los Cabos Billfish Tournament, anglers enjoyed an indoor kickoff party and captains' meeting, two great days of fishing, and the classic awards-banquet evening at the Playa Grande Resort. A total of 51 teams caught 117 billfish, tuna and wahoo as they vied for the \$785,000 purse and prizes.





Team El Suertudo put on a clinic releasing four blue marlin, two striped marlin and one sailfish over the two days of fishing to win the first place team, first Overall Release Points Jackpot and Day Two Release Jackpot winning \$117,350

In the Winner's Circle

Insights from the top teams of the 2019 Los Cabos Billfish Tournament

By Mike Mazur

Celebrating its 21st year, the 2019 Los Cabos Billfish Tournament provided great fishing action and drama as a fleet of 51 teams caught 117 billfish over two days, including 36 blue marlin, 73 striped marlin, three black marlin and five sailfish. Team *El Suertudo* took home the overall prize as the fleet competed for a total of \$785,550 in cash winning, plus prizes.

TEAM EL SUERTUDO
First-Place-Overall Team, 2019
Los Cabos Billfish Tournament
Angler Bruce McDonald

OW: You guys lit it up in the last day to win the tournament, releasing four blues, two sails and a striped marlin. In fact, you personally caught the final blue marlin, which pretty much cemented the victory. Can you talk about the excitement of that day?

BM: Last year was really something. Things got really exciting when we realized that final fish wasn't boatable because we knew if we could get one more release, it would be a tremendous result. In the last hour, I think we released two blues. It's funny—I'm the worst fisherman on the boat, we joke about it a lot, but I'm the lucky one sometimes, so they keep me around (laughs).

OW: The team was coming off a big victory

at the East Cape Bisbee event as well. Do you find that success typically breeds more success in high-profile tournaments?

BM: We absolutely had some mojo going. When you get on a hot streak like that, the ability for the anglers and crew to stay focused is just like magic. Things happen so fast and seamlessly.

OW: Team chemistry is certainly important—I know it's something *El Suertudo* takes great pride in.

BM: We do. We all know one another's kids and wives. The owner, Guy Yocum, invites all of us to his place every Thanksgiving. We're like family. On the water, it's all about the assignment of duties, with Capt. Greg DiStefano in total command. Greg is the straw that stirs the drink, and Guy is the quiet force that keeps everything together. Our first mate, Balin, is amazing too. He never stops. He never sits. He's been a great coach for me personally as well. We've got an incredible team.

OW: What is the most underrated fishing tip for finding success around Cabo?

BM: I think pre-fishing. That, and studying the conditions and not always sticking with the same game plan. We're always willing to change depending on what we see. But everything is important. Being prepared to release fish fast is super important. As an angler, getting on that reel as fast as we can is crucial. It's exhausting. But you've got to be on your game if you want to compete.

TEAM WILD HOOKER
Overall Largest Jackpot and Daily
Jackpots Marlin Winner
Angler Guy Arrington

OW: Your team didn't catch a ton of fish at last year's event, but you caught the one that mattered: a 440-pound black that was worth \$483,750. That's got to be an exciting feeling, knowing that, at any moment, the right bite can produce such

PHOTOS: MICHELLE GAYLORD

a great payday. Can you talk about that?

GA: The excitement that materializes with a bite during a tournament is something that every team craves. It's instantaneous exhilaration! The telling moment is when the team gets a good look at the fish and knows it is a qualifier. That is when the vibe goes from hope to realizing you have an opportunity to put your team name on the leaderboard.

OW: Can you describe the catch—what it ate and how it fought? Were you specifically targeting a big fish or looking for numbers?

GA: We try to be versatile and ready to adapt to what the day is presenting—every day is different. We caught the fish on Day One of the tournament, so we were really just prospecting and trying to find an area that looked good. It was my turn as angler, so I jumped in the fighting chair when the reel started screaming. The fish swam straight away from the transom and jumped several times, but we stayed hooked up. After a few minutes, the wireman grabbed the leader and turned the fish toward the side of the boat, and our gaff men made great shots.

OW: Have you ever had a single fish account for such a large prize?

GA: The biggest dollar win in a tournament for the *Wild Hooker* team was 2019's LCBT, with me as the angler.

OW: You've been fishing with this team for quite a while. Can you talk about how you all met and the importance of developing team chemistry when fishing high-profile tournaments?

GA: I met Allen Stuart (*WH* owner) many years ago via a mutual friend, and we share a passion for marlin fishing. Allen and Capt. Shane O'Brien have carefully assembled a fantastic crew (first mate Charles Bowman and second mate Mark Schubert), with chemistry being a top priority. Allen's generosity allows me and other friends to participate as anglers, but we only turn the handle on the reel. The real work is done by Shane, Charles and Mark.

OW: Team *Wild Hooker* is no stranger to fishing success in this part of the world. What is it that makes Cabo such a unique fishery and world-class angling destination?

GA: Cabo has it all! Blue marlin, striped marlin, black marlin, yellowfin tuna, and all the gamefish are available



Team *Wild Hooker's* 440-pound black marlin was the only fish weighed during the tournament, sweeping the Daily Marlin and Overall Largest Marlin Jackpots, winning an impressive \$483,750.

Team *Sneak Attack* had two days of great fishing, releasing two blue marlin, one black marlin and three striped marlin, earning second-place team and second-place Overall Release Points Jackpot, earning \$72,790.





Team Buenaventura got on the stage by releasing three blue marlin and two striped marlin, placing third overall and taking third place Overall Release Points Jackpot, winning \$44,610.

much of the year. With the location on Baja, it's convenient to get there, and the hospitality of the local population is incredible. The Los Cabos Billfish Tournament attracts so many great fishing teams from around the world, so we know that we will compete with the best. Finally, the fact that the LCBT is not only a highly respected tournament but also one that supports the local community is a big draw for us.

**TEAM SNEAK ATTACK
Second-Place-Overall Team
Angler Shawn Guttersen**

OW: Shawn, your team got off to a really strong start on the first day of last year's event, releasing three striped marlin and a blue marlin. Can you describe the nerves that you feel with every hooked fish during a high-stakes offshore tournament? Or does all that more or less go away amid the excitement?

SG: Fortunately, our team has fished together for a few years, and the excitement really kicks in when the wireman gets a hold of the leader. Of course, if it's a qualifier, extra focus and effort to stay in sync with the fish, the captain and crew is my goal.

OW: Team *Sneak Attack* has placed many times over the years at the Los Cabos Billfish Tournament. What's been the biggest factor to your success?

SG: Commitment to preparation and crew. Like any sport, we are only as good

as our team, which has the experience and knowledge to find the fish and execute catching. We have the utmost respect for those teams who can travel around the world and be competitive.

OW: Do you guys primarily default to trolling or live-baiting when tournament fishing in Cabo? Or a mix of both?

SG: A mix of both. In the Cabo waters, it usually depends on the current, and if the black marlin are on the banks. If the black marlin are in season, we like live-baiting.

OW: Can you describe the exhilaration that comes from winning high-stakes-tournament money and prizes?

SG: In the tournaments, we have won money and prizes; it's always a great feeling to see the team get acknowledged for our dedication and year-round work.

**TEAM BUENAVENTURA
Third-Place-Overall Team
Owner/Angler Chris Watts**

OW: You're a relative newcomer to the Los Cabos Billfish Tournament, Chris, but you've already experienced quite a bit of success in this event. That must be a great feeling, considering the caliber of the competition.

CW: This was the second time I personally fished the LCBT—the last time was two years ago on my father's boat, *Sol Pursuit*, where we captured first-place overall in the release category. I acquired *Buenaventura* only six months prior, and

had a new captain, Dylan Kerwin, new mates, and four novice tournament anglers who had fortune smile upon them. Anytime you're lucky enough to even be in the hunt against highly experienced professional tournament teams, it is a very satisfying feeling.

OW: Based on your team's results, I would think your crew has a lot of experience fishing Cabo. Can you talk about that?

CW: I lucked into a young captain named Dylan Kerwin, who, at the ripe old age of 26, had already managed to accumulate a lot of experience in a relatively short time in the Cabo area. Dylan moved to Cabo from Dana Point just after high school. He grew up working on boats out of Dana Harbor, many of which he fished down south. Dylan spent the next several years working on sport-fishers, rigging baits for tournaments, and participating in many. Our first mate, Brian Garcia, is a Cabo native and has fished on multiple tournament-winning boats throughout his extensive career. So, in short, with the experience and talent of those two individuals, they put us on plenty of fish.

OW: You had a great first day, catching two blue marlin and a striped marlin. I would think that getting off to a strong start like that is important in tournament fishing, no?

CW: Honestly, when we entered this tournament, we had zero expectations, given that it was a new captain, new boat, new owner and new crew. But when we found success Day One, I can assure you, the intensity level turned up several notches given that there was no Day Three because of the storm this past year.

OW: What were your overall impressions of the tournament, participants and accommodations?

CW: First, our team wanted to applaud the tournament organizers, who decided to cancel Day One due to weather but did a masterful job of adjusting to the circumstances and pulling off an outstanding event. Dylan specifically wanted me to mention how nice all of the events were, from the captains' meeting to the awards—even the goodie bags were off the charts! First-class all the way. We thank you and look forward to the next one!

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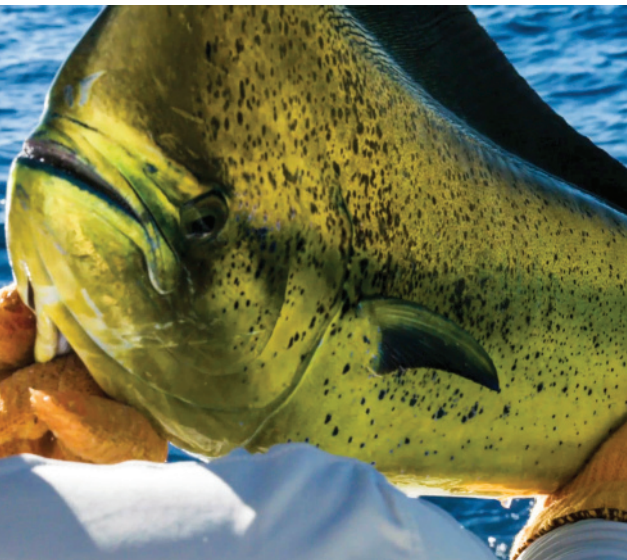
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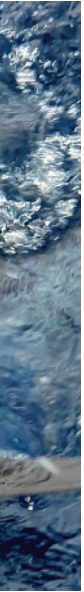
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For complete coverage and day-by-day results from the 2019 event, visit the tournament's official website at loscabostournaments.com.

Offshore World: You and your wife put on quite a performance at last year's tournament! I imagine it's a real thrill to fish competitively with your spouse. It must make for special memories.

Blake Craig: Yes! My wife, Kimberly, and I love to fish together, and we are pretty competitive. We have been to Cabo San Lucas fishing about five times in the past five years. We even got married in Cabo in 2016. We had about 20 family members in Cabo for the wedding, so we chartered four boats from the Pisces Sportfishing fleet and had a "family fishing tournament" the day before the wedding. Of course, our boat won!

OW: And you carried that momentum over to the event. You fished aboard

Karina last year—how was the overall experience? And where did you stay while in Los Cabos?

BC: *Karina* is a great boat. The crew is excellent too. They worked hard to help us have a great fishing tournament. While in Los Cabos, we stayed at Tesoro Resort. We enjoy that resort because it's right on the marina in the middle of the excitement.

OW: What's your favorite thing to do in Cabo? You and your wife are obviously pretty serious anglers.

BC: We try to go to Cabo at least once a year. Last year we spent 10 days in the area. We spent five days in Cabo, then drove up to Todos Santos and La Paz. It was an amazing trip. We are definitely serious anglers, but we are also "fun"

anglers. We fish the Gulf Coast in Texas a lot too. We love being on the water and fish every chance we get.

OW: The best part about this tournament is that admission is free outside the normal charter fee—can you talk about that? I imagine that must make winning a few bucks even sweeter.

BC: It's great that this is a free tournament. We always charter a boat when we visit Cabo, so having a free tournament against other charters is awesome. I think the captain and crew enjoy it too. They get business by word of mouth, so bragging rights is crucial to their business success. They work extra hard when they know you're in a tournament. Our crew definitely did. We will definitely fish this tournament again!



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Offshore World: You really cleaned up last year, catching two big yellowfin tuna to win more than \$2,400. Did the fish fight equally hard?

Matt Sherman: Yes, but I felt more beat up by the first one (123.1 pounds). I was literally dreaming of that moment for so long that when it finally happened, I tired myself out way too fast. I felt like I paced myself better for the last fish (184.3 pounds).

OW: So big-game fishing is something that's fairly new to you. Have you done much offshore fishing in the past? Were these the biggest tuna you've ever caught?

MS: I used to do more tuna fishing when I was a teenager, but my dad and I didn't get back into it until 2017. We went down to Cabo together, and now it's an annual thing for us, something truly special that we do together. But yes, I placed three of the four days in the tournament—every day produced the biggest yellowfin I'd ever caught. It was just an amazing trip!

OW: Los Cabos is known for its wide variety of offshore gamefish—do you have a particular favorite?

MS: I'm just happy to be down there fishing. But if I could pick any fish to catch, it would definitely be tuna and

wahoo. Both taste great and are really fun to catch.

OW: How would you describe the overall experience of the Los Cabos Big-Game Charter-Boat Classic?

MS: Awesome! Truly a dream come true. It turned out better than I could have ever hoped. Everybody down there was just so nice and welcoming, from the tournament staff to the other participants. Everybody was just so friendly. But it could not have happened without Capt. Carlos Peralta of Sea Boy and Lands End Charters. He was great. I'm not sure I could have done it without his knowledge and support.

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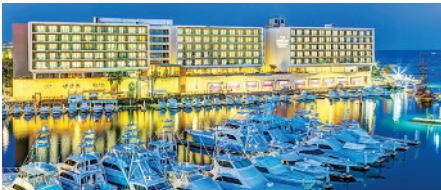
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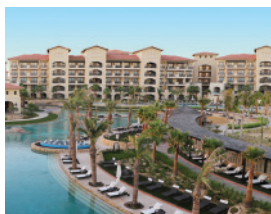


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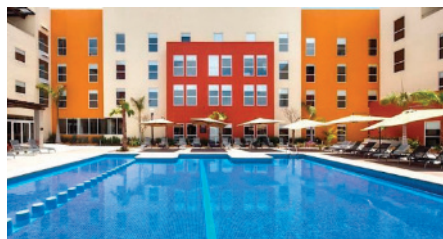
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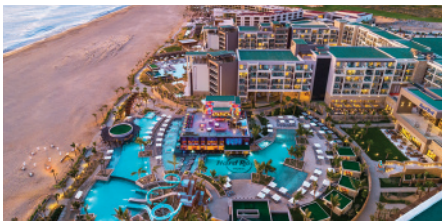
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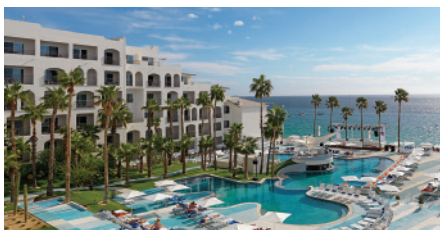
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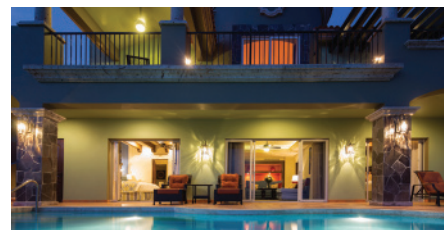
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SUNROCK CONDO HOTEL — This is the answer to your search for the best hotels in Los Cabos, Mexico. Come to Cabo San Lucas and stay in an authentic paradise. The Sunrock is a complex of 80 two-bedroom suites of 1,237 square feet, with views of the Arch of Cabo San Lucas, fully furnished and equipped with first-class amenities and services, seven swimming pools, a gym, and it's only five minutes away from the Cabo San Lucas Convention Center and the Marina and very close to downtown, the beach, bars, restaurants and Cabo's vibrant nightlife. For more information, visit us online at sunrockhotel.com.



TESORO LOS CABOS — Located at Cabo San Lucas Marina, Tesoro Los Cabos sits in the heart of the town's fishing center, with all its shopping, dining and nightlife within easy reach. Built in the Southwestern style with a distinctive Mexican flavor, the resort includes 286 recently refreshed guest rooms, all by the marina walkway, where local fishermen and their crews mingle with tourists and boat owners in a colorful setting. The resort excels at providing absolute guest satisfaction with its warm and caring service and attention to detail. For more information, call 877-674-6706 or 011-52-624-173-9300, or visit tesoroloscabos.com/en/.



THE CAPE, A THOMPSON HOTEL — Imagine a side of Los Cabos you never knew existed, where the soul willingly surrenders to *el sol*. It's a fresh and vibrant approach to Los Cabos luxury—a singular beachfront retreat occupying a contour of the cape where every room and vantage point overlooks El Arco and the Bahía Cabo San Lucas horizon. Intuitively interwoven within the natural landscape surrounding the Monuments Beach point break, the Cape is a place to revel in the heat of the moment. At this luxury boutique hotel, the clean, contemporary lines of visionary Mexico City architect Javier Sanchez converge in a relaxed 1960s' Southern California-meets-Baja aesthetic. Visit thompsonhotels.com.



THE RIDGE AT PLAYA GRANDE — Perched atop majestic granite cliffs with views of the Pacific Ocean and Sea of Cortez, you will find luxury resort the Ridge. Within walking distance of the marina, marketplace, nightlife, restaurants and activities, this serene Mexican getaway is ideal for exploring the offerings of Cabo San Lucas. The Ridge boasts private beaches and breathtaking views, with a collection of spacious suites and infinity pools. Our full-service spa features contemporary and ancient holistic treatments to inspire relaxation. Take advantage of exciting theme nights and delicious on-site cuisine with an optional All-Inclusive Plan. Enjoy the vacation experience you deserve with the Ridge at Playa Grande. For more information, call 888-321-2226, email reservations@solmar.com, or visit theridgeluxuryvillas.solmar.com.



VILLA DEL ARCO BEACH RESORT & SPA — The ultimate oasis for luxurious living and relaxing to the fullest, this five-star resort boasts one-, two-, and three-bedroom suites appointed with furnishings that achieve the utmost in comfort and style. Captivating views of the world-famous El Arco rock formation and stunning vistas of Medano Beach are just the icing on the cake. An ideal place to enjoy first-class facilities and amazing amenities, this exclusive boutique-style resort will take your breath away with exquisite dining, impeccable service and the ultimate in intimate experiences. Call toll-free at 800-831-1191 or visit villadelarco.com.



VILLA DEL PALMAR BEACH RESORT & SPA — A stunning escape for family getaways and romantic retreats for couples, located on Medano Beach just 1 mile from downtown Cabo San Lucas, this exquisite resort offers the ultimate in lively entertainment, family-friendly amenities, indulgent experiences and world-class service. Take advantage of comfortable one-, two- and three-bedroom suites, as well as private studios that turn vacationing in Cabo San Lucas into a luxurious affair. Call toll-free at 800-831-1191 or visit cabo.villadelpalmar.com.



VILLA LA ESTANCIA BEACH RESORT & SPA — An exquisite masterpiece nestled on scenic Medano Beach overlooking El Arco and Lands End, this delightful five-star resort boasts an impressive Spanish Colonial design and 60 deluxe villas. It's the epitome of elegant living. From the personalized check-in to the exclusive in-suite amenities, every detail exudes serene luxury. Each of the resort's one-, two-, and three-bedroom suites and sublime penthouses is appointed with furnishings that maximize comfort, style and sophistication. Welcome to Villa La Estancia—welcome to magnificence. Call toll-free at 800-831-1191 or visit cabo.villalaestancia.com.



WALDORF ASTORIA LOS CABOS PEDREGAL — Desert meets the sea at Waldorf Astoria Los Cabos Pedregal, featuring a collection of luxury Cabo San Lucas suites and rooms. Well-adorned and offering an air of sophistication, each of our guest rooms serves as a stunning retreat where you can relax, indulge and explore Baja California's many adventures. From spacious guest rooms to four-bedroom Los Cabos suites, every room has an ocean view and a private terrace, providing scenic views of an undisturbed landscape. Each of our guest rooms and Los Cabos suites features refined design details and amenities, including curated reading material, premier amenities, plush bedding, and a private plunge pool. Call toll-free at 844-733-7342 or 52-624-163-4300. For general inquiries, email sjdwa.hotel@waldorfastoria.com



CASA DEL MAR GOLF RESORT & SPA — The casual yet sophisticated Colonial hacienda Casa del Mar Golf Resort & Spa invites guests to indulge in everything from relaxing on the beach to lounging poolside at the exclusive beach club to playing golf at world-renowned courses. Situated in the tourist corridor of Los Cabos, this beachfront 42-room boutique hotel offers endless views of the Sea of Cortez with warm, personalized service. Casa del Mar is truly the perfect getaway for all travelers—romantic honeymoons and weddings, anniversary celebrations, friends' getaways, golf trips and much more. Call 888-227-9621 or 800-712-2987, email reservationscdm@questoresorts.com, or visit casadelmar.com.mx.



CHILENO BAY HOTEL & RESIDENCES — This stunning luxury resort brings a new, carefree energy, fun Latin charm and contemporary style to Los Cabos. Located on the most coveted year-round-swimmable beach on the Sea of Cortez, this resort, consisting of 92 guest rooms and villas, offers a fresh experience in Los Cabos, with its active, friendly and engaging environment. Three zero-edge pools in a unique design spanning 138 meters serves as the centerpiece of the resort, creating a gathering place for interaction among the guests. Every Chileno Bay Hotel & Residences experience, including the restaurants, spa, an H₂O cave and activities center, embraces a casual and energetic escape with exceptional service for guests of all ages. Call 844-207-9354 or visit chilenobay.aubergeresorts.com.



DREAMS LOS CABOS SUITES GOLF RESORT & SPA — This AAA Four-Diamond all-suite resort is an unlimited-luxury haven, with 255 luxury ocean-view suites, four a la carte restaurants, a buffet, grill and cafe open 24 hours, five bars and lounges, and 24-hour room service. There are two swimming pools—an infinity pool with a children's section and an adults-only pool—two swim-up bars, a full-service spa, fitness center and the Explorer's Club for Kids, featuring supervised fun. The resort is ideally located in the tourism corridor, just 25 minutes away from Los Cabos International Airport and a short 15-minute drive from San José del Cabo or Cabo San Lucas. For more information, call 866-237-3267 or 011-52-624-145-7600, or visit dreamsresorts.com/en_us/resorts/mexico/los-cabos.html



ESPERANZA: AN AUBERGE RESORT — Tucked between two scenic bluffs on the Baja Peninsula, this 59-room resort exudes barefoot elegance. Located in a private enclave, perched above two private beaches, the resort features an infinity-edge swimming pool, private beach, world-class oceanfront restaurant, fitness center and full-service spa. Recently recognized as a AAA Five-Diamond property, the resort offers high standards of service and an incomparable natural setting that come together to deliver a truly luxurious experience. Call 866-311-2226 or 011-52-624-145-6400. Visit esperanza.aubergeresorts.com.



GARZA BLANCA RESORT & SPA LOS CABOS — You are invited to experience the art of living extraordinarily. Distinctly modern yet exquisitely timeless, Garza Blanca Resort & Spa Los Cabos emanates contemporary flare within a relaxed, sleek atmosphere. Chic spaces tailored for every mood, occasion and generation create a vibrant oasis where vividly attentive service and personalized pampering are delivered with passion and integrity by highly experienced staff. Garza Blanca Resort & Spa Los Cabos redefines the experience of luxury for even its most discerning visitors. Offering modern splendor, unrivaled accommodations and unforgettable experiences, let us fulfill your vacation whims. Resort phone: 52-624-105-4460. Call toll-free US/Canada: 877-208-0689 or visit cabo.garzablancaresort.com.



GRAND FIESTA AMERICANA LOS CABOS GOLF RESORT AND SPA — This property is located in one of the most exclusive developments in Los Cabos. Set among incredible panoramic views of the Sea of Cortez, it is the ideal getaway for couples and families who demand luxury and personal service. The resort offers 249 ocean-view rooms and suites, award-winning restaurants, a private beach with the option of snorkeling on-site and six heated/chilled swimming pools, and nine restaurants and six bars, including disco lounge Black Lemon. The exclusive SOMMA WineSPA is also on-site for a unique wine-therapy experience. For more information, visit grandfiestamericana.com.



GRAND VELAS LOS CABOS — Strikingly located where golden sand beaches touch turquoise seas, Grand Velas Los Cabos welcomes you to a world of uninhibited, all-inclusive luxury. A stay at this AAA Five-Diamond resort is an experience in itself, with suites that feature amenities that celebrate our traditions, original local artwork and special details. Explore epicurean delights paired with the finest beverages boasting the region’s largest wine collection at seven dining venues, including *Cocina de Autor*—which is led by a two Michelin-starred chef—and indulge in lavish SE Spa. Refresh with an oceanfront yoga session, invite the kids to discover the modern kids’ and teens’ clubs, and experience the imminent sensation that can be felt only where the desert meets the sea. Limitless luxury described as one of “the most exquisite resorts in the world.” Call 877-418-3059 or 800-831-1162. Visit loscabos.grandvelas.com.



HACIENDA DEL MAR LOS CABOS — Effortlessly blends Old World charm, modern style and unmatched service. Beautifully landscaped gardens with tropical vegetation and glistening pools provide a true desert oasis. Resort architecture is in the distinctive hacienda style, with rustic red-tile roofs, giving the impression of a traditional Mexican village. Make yourself at home in one of our inviting suites, which feature kitchens and hot tubs—and many offer beautiful sea views. Relax in our Cactus Spa, play golf at one of the top-notch courses next door or enjoy a range of family-friendly activities—both here and in the surrounding area. Dine on the award-winning cuisine at one of our on-site restaurants, and let our friendly staff help make your visit unforgettable. Call: 855-652-7362 or 624-145-8000, ext. 24204. Visit: haciendadelmar.com.mx.



HACIENDA ENCANTADA RESORT & RESIDENCES — Experience the beat, colors and flavors of traditional Mexico in a contemporary hacienda-style resort, winner of a four-diamond award. Hacienda Encantada lies within the exclusive Tourist Corridor between San José del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas, next to Cabo del Sol Golf Course and just a short drive to the downtown marina. Enjoy spacious suites, gourmet dining, luxurious pools and a choice of beautiful settings for special events. Take advantage of the unique dine-out privilege, an all-inclusive option that lets you enjoy gourmet experiences at a variety of restaurants in the Marina Golden Zone downtown. Hacienda Encantada shows off the best that traditional Mexican architecture and Mexican artwork have to offer. Call 844-289-6318 or 011-52-624-163-5555. Visit haciendaencantada.com.



HAMPTON INN & SUITES LOS CABOS — Our guests can take advantage of seemingly endless amenities and services that make staying with us as close to staying at home as you can get in the middle of paradise. Enjoy all the trusted Hampton Inn perks such as a free hot breakfast, fitness center and complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the property. Relax the day away sitting beside our heavenly rooftop pool, or grab a drink in the full bar near the lobby. Consider treating yourself to a massage. We look forward to welcoming you where value, a convenient location and top-notch service are the everyday norm. Call 844-55HAMPTON or visit loscabosuites.hamptonbyhilton.com.



HILTON LOS CABOS BEACH & GOLF RESORT — Ideally set along the Baja Peninsula’s most tranquil stretch of golden beach, the award-winning Hilton Los Cabos Beach & Golf Resort boasts 343 spacious and elegantly designed ocean-view guestrooms, along with the only swimmable beach in the area. This luxury resort and spa features state-of-the-art amenities along with family-friendly activities and facilities. Featuring reimagined culinary offerings using seasonal ingredients based on the farm-to-table concept, Italian cuisine and the most exquisite Baja flavors embracing organic seasonal meals. At Eforea Spa, we pride ourselves on our knowledge and passion for our practices, using our hands and natural ingredients to heal, relax and nourish the body. Call 52-624-145-6500.



LAS VENTANAS AL PARAISO — A Rosewood Resort offering unprecedented luxury and hospitality with personalized service, exquisite accommodations and unwavering attention to detail, this five-diamond resort allows guests to indulge in the innovative new Signature Treatment at the Spa at Las Ventanas, be pampered by pool butlers, and discover authentic flavors of Mexico at three world-class restaurants. To further enhance its spectacular surroundings, Las Ventanas unveiled 12 stunning Signature Villas that have introduced guests to an entirely new standard of excellence and privacy, as well as a new, expertly trained team of villa hosts who cater to our guests’ every need. Call 888-ROSEWOOD (888-767-3966) or 011-52-624-144-2800. Visit lasventanas.com.



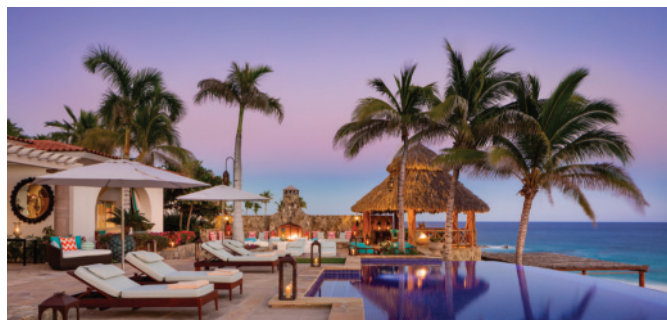
LE BLANC SPA RESORT LOS CABOS — This adults-only all-inclusive resort provides all the features you would want to check off your getaway list. With its sumptuous accommodations, world-class dining, spa treatments and personal butlers, it's no wonder the resort is among the top 10 best all-inclusive resorts in the world on TripAdvisor. All 369 suites are designed specifically for comfort, with private terraces and panoramic views of the Sea of Cortez. With plush furnishings, pedestal bathtubs, Bvlgari toiletries and liquor dispensers with premium labels, going back home will seem like a far-fetched idea. Try the Taste of Elegance, with Italian, French, Asian and Lebanese specialties; take your pick from any of the eight exquisite a la carte restaurants this gorgeous resort has to offer. Welcome to Le Blanc Spa Resort Los Cabos—the first-class vacation you've always desired. For more information, visit leblancsparesorts.com/los-cabos/en.



MARQUIS LOS CABOS ALL INCLUSIVE RESORT & SPA — This five-star, adults-only, AAA Four-Diamond resort is a member of the Leading Hotels of the World, offering not only an all-inclusive plan in a pristine setting, but also deluxe services and facilities, creating a unique experience. This luxury resort features 235 suites, all with spectacular views of the Sea of Cortez. It's home to five specialty restaurants, three pools—two of them infinity pools—and the 13,000-square-foot Spa Marquis. The resort is located 25 minutes from Los Cabos International airport (SJD), 10 minutes from San José del Cabo and 30 minutes from Cabo San Lucas. For reservations, call 01-800-690-0102 (Mexico) or 877-238-9399 (US). Visit marquisloscabos.com.



MONTAGE LOS CABOS — Perched on Cabo's premier beachfront and set within the renowned master-planned community of Twin Dolphin, Montage Los Cabos features 122 expansive guest rooms, suites and casas along with 52 Montage Residences. It features remarkable walk-in access to the area's finest swimming, snorkeling and diving. The resort includes three pools and Montage's signature, immersive children's program called Paintbox. Also featuring two dining venues where travelers can enjoy the region's abundant seafood and innovative use of fresh, local ingredients. The resort offers its guests highly personalized, authentic experiences, as well as an array of fitness offerings including biking and hiking trails, and the Fred Couples Signature Golf Course at Twin Dolphin. For reservations, please call 0052-624-163-2000 or visit montagehotels.com/loscabos.



ONE&ONLY PALMILLA — Perched on an idyllic beach, one of the few swimmable beaches in the area, and offering unobstructed views of the Sea of Cortez, One&Only Palmilla features well-appointed luxury rooms, suites and villas. Two grand four-bedroom villas come complete with dedicated staffs that include a butler, a chef and a fitness instructor, with added services and amenities. Exceptional cuisine is served in four unique venues, each with its own distinctive menu. A renowned destination spa provides a sanctuary for rejuvenation as well as a complimentary fitness center. Activities are endless, including adventures on land and sea, complimentary watersports, two pools, the Kids Club and an on-site 27-hole Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course. For reservations, call 888-691-8081 or 0052-624-146-7000. Visit oneandonlypalmilla.com.



PARADISUS LOS CABOS — Enjoy breathtaking views of the Sea of Cortez while relaxing on our swimmable beach or in any of our sparkling pools. At Paradise Los Cabos, the options are endless. You may experience cocktails at any of seven bars, enjoy a variety of international cuisines at seven different restaurants, or visit the Gastro Bar. The resort also features one of the largest convention centers in the area, with state-of-the-art technology. Paradise Los Cabos is a proud member of Leading Hotels of the World as of June 2018. For more information, call 011-52-624-144-0041.

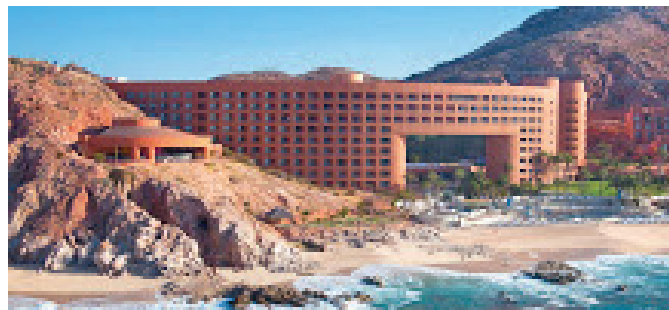


SHERATON GRAND LOS CABOS HACIENDA DEL MAR — Nestled in the Cabo del Sol golf development overlooking the Sea of Cortez, this AAA Four-Diamond resort boasts 270 deluxe rooms and suites, each featuring the Sheraton Sleep Experience, large terraces, hot tubs and walk-in showers in an environment reminiscent of an upscale seaside village. The hacienda-inspired resort is home to eight restaurants (including five-star-award winners Pitahayas and De Cortez), nine bars, five pools, a kids club, the Cactus Spa and the Sheraton Fitness Center. Call 800-325-3535 or 011-52-624-145-8000. Visit sheratonloscabos.com.



SOLAZ SIGNATURE SUITES — This magnificent beachfront resort designed by Sordo Madaleno Arquitectos features ocean views from all areas of the resort, including the suites. It's a refuge meant to bring guests balance, harmony and freedom. The resort was landscaped by Jerónimo Gabayet, whose work generates an identity that enhances the aesthetic form of the environment. The landscape features a mixture of trees and flowers of endemic and exotic origins. Together these create an atmosphere lush with life and color, imbuing the surroundings with the natural beauty that can only come from the earth. Immaculate and refined works by renowned Mexican artist César López-Negrete are displayed throughout the Solaz Signature Suites property. Choose from 147 ocean-view suites with one, two or three bedrooms. Call 866-787-6529 or 011-52-624-144-2173. Visit solazsignaturesuites.com.

SOLAZ, A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT — An architectural sculpture of design inspired by the majestic landscape of the Baja, this cascading masterpiece has 128 full oceanfront guest rooms embedded in a botanical garden, including 13 extraordinary suites plus three-bedroom Residence Suites with wraparound terraces. It's a meeting planner's delight with more than 20,000 square feet of event space, including an 11,000-square-foot oceanfront deck. Solaz Resort is known for the dedicated Artisan Service, Ojo de Liebre Spa with Thalasso Wellness Therapy, Gabinet del Barco Museum, and extraordinary culinary delights. Solaz Resort is designated in the Luxury Collection portfolio of Marriott International, an ensemble of more than 100 of the world's most iconic hotels—each one noteworthy for its architecture, art, furnishings and outstanding amenities. Call 011-52-624-144-0500 or visit solazresort.com.



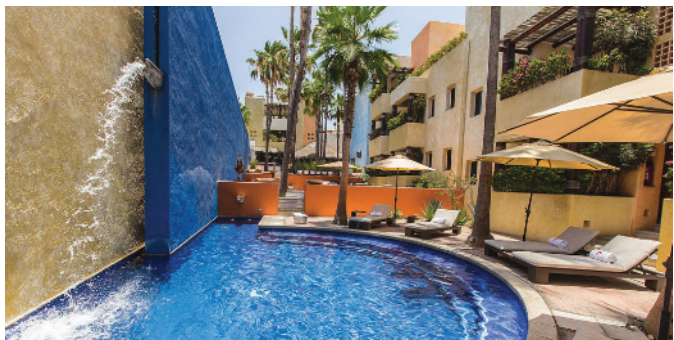
THE RESIDENCES HACIENDA ENCANTADA — The Residences are the ultimate in luxurious accommodations at Hacienda Encantada. Mexican tradition and modern luxury come together in these high-concept suites. Stay in a three-bedroom Private Residence or a two-bedroom Luxury Villa, both styles decorated with locally produced textiles, furnishings and Baja-inspired decor to reflect the essence of Mexico. All of the attractions of Cabo, such as world-class golf courses and gorgeous beaches, are incredibly close. Embrace breathtaking views of the Sea of Cortez from every terrace and balcony. Create unforgettable memories in our private Cabo San Lucas villas. Guests looking to plan a vacation with luxury amenities and complete privacy should look no further. Call 855-671-4343 or 011-52-624-163-5555. Visit haciendaencantada.com.

THE WESTIN RESORT & SPA, LOS CABOS — The Westin Resort & Spa is undergoing an extensive multimillion-dollar renovation and becoming an all-villa resort. The impressive building structure, designed by famous Mexican architect Juan Sordo Madaleno, will remain as the property transforms 243 guestrooms into 147 luxury villas. The redesign encompasses all public and recreational areas, and it will feature new restaurants and bars, along with the Spa by Westin. Call toll-free 866-376-0724 or 011-52-624-142-9000. Visit westin.com/loscabos.



BARCELÓ GRAND FARO LOS CABOS — A premium-category resort on the seafloor of the stunning Sea of Cortez, this hotel was designed for enjoying the exclusive tranquility of Los Cabos. Scarcely a mile and a half away lies San José Del Cabo, a Colonial town well-known for its cultural ambience and varied culinary delights. The hotel boasts 350 luxurious rooms and suites distributed among three buildings. All the rooms have private balconies with views of the Sea of Cortez and are fully equipped with first-class comforts to make your stay a pleasurable and memorable experience. Call 624-142-9292 or visit barcelo.com.

CABO AZUL RESORT — The new standard of luxury for Cabo resorts has been established. Cabo Azul Resort, in exotic Los Cabos, is an all-villa masterpiece, the epitome of sophistication and indulgence. A stay here will take your mind and soul on a journey to places previously attained only in your wildest imaginings. In passionate flame sculptures, creative and playful waterscapes, and dramatic lighting effects, the elements of fire, earth, water and wind work in concert to provide an unforgettable vacation experience. Nestled on more than 12 oceanfront acres in the heart of the Los Cabos corridor, Cabo Azul Resort truly makes the most of this prime vacation setting. Call 800-438-2929 or 011-52-624-163-5100. Visit caboazulresort.com.



CASA NATALIA — Located a block from the art district in the heart of San Jose del Cabo, Casa Natalia is surrounded by historic buildings, shops and restaurants. Guests can choose from a variety of outdoor activities, or they can choose to do nothing but relax around the pool, enjoying poolside food and cocktail service. If even that's too much trouble, guests can also just spend the day in a hammock on their private terrace. A stroll along the town's picturesque streets presents a wealth of sights: Mexican Colonial architecture, colorful town squares, soothing fountains and a historic church. The shopping and dining choices are plentiful, offering visitors a variety of options. Call 888-277-3814 or visit casanatalia.com.



EL ENCANTO INN HOTEL — This boutique hotel offers an intimate ambience amid the Art District of historic San Jose del Cabo. Experience the warmth and comfort of old Mexico, hacienda-style architecture, nicely decorated rooms and suites, fine linens, and our beautiful chapel for special events. The beautiful garden grounds feature the scent of jasmine wafting on the warm night air, the splash of a fountain, and echoing soft Latin music. All 28 rooms, regardless of size, are beautifully decorated in an upscale, rustic style. Beds, pillows and linens meet and exceed American luxury-hotel standards. Email reservations@elencantoinn.com or visit elencantoinn.com.



HOTEL EL GANZO — Hotel El Ganzo is Los Cabos' most unique luxe boutique hotel, often described as a place of experiences, with its very own cultural, art and musical programs. It offers 60 deluxe ocean-view rooms and nine suites. The property stands at the entrance to Marina Puerto Los Cabos, close to the historic town of San Jose and its famous Art Walk. The multiple on-site dining options include Gachoo Sushi Bar; Upstairs Bar, wrapped around the infinity pool with its signature glass hot tub; Downstairs Restaurant, overlooking the marina and the private Beach Club Restaurant, on a swimmable beach. With an on-site holistic spa and golf just minutes away, Hotel El Ganzo truly is a unique hotel and experience. Call 855-835-4269 or visit elganzo.com.



HYATT PLACE SAN JOSE DEL CABO — The Hyatt Place is in the heart of San Jose del Cabo's historic district, art district, estuary, theater, missions, golf courses and the new marina at Puerto Los Cabos. This hotel will make you feel at home with round-the-clock food and bar service, complimentary buffet breakfast and Wi-Fi, an outdoor pool and a 24/7 fitness center. Our spacious suites feature contemporary decor, king-size Hyatt Grand beds, state-of-the-art workstations with Hyatt plug panels, and 42-inch LED flat-panel TVs that easily integrate with laptops and other electronic devices. Each suite is blessed with a spectacular view of the mountains, the Sea of Cortez or the golf course. Call 011-52-624-123-1234, email loscabos.place@hyatt.com or visit loscabos.place.hyatt.com.



HYATT ZIVA LOS CABOS — Hyatt Ziva Los Cabos is the Evolution of All-Inclusive® in a quiet part of San José del Cabo, allowing guests to experience spectacular views of the Sea of Cortez and the exclusive atmosphere for which Los Cabos has been renowned for decades. After a round on one of the surrounding championship golf courses or an exciting fishing experience, our guests can enjoy world-class cuisine at any of our seven restaurants. Conveniently located 12 miles from Los Cabos International Airport, 3 miles from Marina Puerto Los Cabos and 19 miles from Marina Cabo San Lucas, the Hyatt Ziva provides a sense of exclusivity, being "so near yet so far" from the action that is Los Cabos. Call 011-52-624-163-7730 or visit loscabos.ziva.hyatt.com.



JW MARRIOTT LOS CABOS BEACH RESORT & SPA — Designed by award-winning architect Jim Olson, this resort reveals the deep blue of the Sea of Cortez from every perspective. Its elegant horizontal structures also frame the beautiful textures of the Baja desert, with a contemporary line that complements the natural landscape. The property has direct access to a golf course and a private luxury marina, and features a variety of incredible amenities, including family water activities, gastronomic delights and a luxurious spa. JW Marriott Los Cabos Beach Resort & Spa is the ideal place to share those treasured moments in your life. It's also perfect for important business meetings. Come and enjoy a beautiful experience in a special place made for you. Call 866-236-2427 or 011-52-624-163-7600. Visit jwmarriottloscabos.com.



LA MARINA INN — The La Marina Inn, brimming with authentic Mexican charm, features 24 spacious, recently renovated guest rooms and suites with amenities, local favorite George's Restaurant, cocktail cantina, swimming pool and massage-treatment room. Located in the heart of historic La Playita, it's only steps from Puerto Los Cabos Marina and minutes from downtown San José del Cabo and adventures on the East Cape, including sport fishing, scuba diving, surfing and swimming with dolphins—or you can just relax at the beach. We look forward to welcoming you at La Marina Inn. Call US: 626-548-2681, Mexico: 52-624-142-4166, visit lamarinainn.com, or email manager@lamarinainn.com.



POSADA REAL LOS CABOS — The Posada Real is a lovely low-rise Santa Fe-style property laid out on three levels. It has only 148 rooms and suites in three levels, each one with its own balcony facing the Sea of Cortez. The hotel features 133 meters of private beach, a heated swimming pool, a wading pool, a hot tub, a massage area, free wireless internet, a putting green, tennis and volleyball courts, two bars, a restaurant, a taco bar, meeting rooms, a tobacco shop, and a rental car and travel agency. Call 800-448-8355 or 011-52 624-142-0155. Visit posadareal.com.mx.



REFLECT KRYSTAL GRAND LOS CABOS RESORT & SPA — Located on a stunning beachfront on the majestic Sea of Cortez and a short five-minute drive from the Cultural and Arts District of San José del Cabo, Reflect Los Cabos Resort & Spa offers an Unlimited-Luxury escape for friends, families and couples. Seven dining options feature enticing dishes from a variety of cuisines—including Asian, Mexican, and Italian—while five bars and lounges pour delightful cocktails and spirits. The unique adults-only Sky Lounge offers incredible views of the Sea of Cortez, perfect for enjoying a cocktail and watching the sun set. Four pristine swimming pools offer dedicated family-friendly and adults-only options that cater to the needs of every traveler. Call: 52-624-163-4750 or visit reflectresorts.com/en_us/resorts/mexico/los-cabos.html.



ROYAL DECAMERON — Located just 15 minutes from Los Cabos International Airport (SJD) and only five minutes from downtown San Jose Del Cabos, Royal Decameron Los Cabos offers 153 standard rooms with air conditioning, in-room safes, minibars, coffee makers and internet service. Our guests can also enjoy dinner a la carte at our restaurant Luna, serving Mediterranean specialties. Make sure to enjoy our shows and live entertainment in the evenings. If you are looking for a relaxing experience, visit our Tonalí spa. For further information, please visit our website: decameron.com.



ROYAL SOLARIS LOS CABOS — This wonderful Mexican hacienda-style beachfront resort offers beautifully appointed rooms. Six restaurants, including a la carte and buffet options, serve the finest Mediterranean and Mexican cuisine featuring Baja's most exquisite seafood. It also boasts four bars. Besides daytime and evening activities, guests also have access to the Kids' Club, with its spectacular only-in-Cabos mini water park, four swimming pools, spa, gym, and tennis and basketball courts. At night, enjoy dinner-theater shows and other live entertainment. Call 877-270-0440 or 011-52-624-145-6800. Visit hotelessolaris.com.



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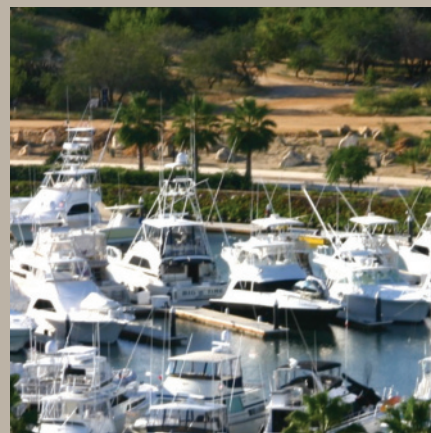
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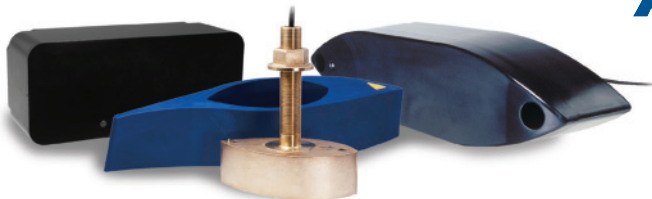




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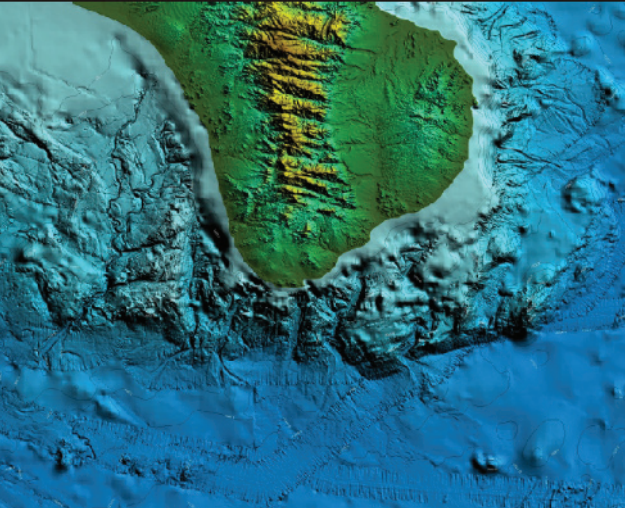
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