

# CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO



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Located at the southernmost tip of the Baja California Peninsula, this once sleepy little fishing village is now a thriving resort vacation destination. World-class resort hotels, million-plus-dollar condos and golf courses sprinkled along the coastline. Welcome to the desert that meets the sea. Warm weather and warm waters makes this an attractive location. Cabo is the perfect destination for that friendly south of the border getaway. The locals are very gracious and eager to please tourists. English is widely spoken in most establishments and the US Dollar is generally accepted (its a good idea to carry a few Pesos).



The tourist areas of Downtown Cabo San Lucas are kept pristine and contemporary, looking more like California-South than most Mexican destinations. Accordingly, prices are more comparable to those found in the US. The central part of Downtown is filled with small Mexican shops, restaurants and bars. The town does get dusty so shop owners are always sweeping the street fronts. The centerpiece of Cabo is its world-class marina full of sleek luxury yachts and high-tech sports fishing boats. Cabo is known for its outstanding deep-sea sports fishing. Sports fishermen come from around the world to catch prize Marlin and

Dorado. The marina also makes Cabo an ideal destination for all water sports activities such as sailing and diving. There is always a lot of activity in and around the marina. There are many restaurants, bars, entertainment and shopping around the marina. It's a great place day or night.



Cabo's most famous landmark, Land's End Arch, sits at the very tip of Baja with the Pacific Ocean on one side and the Sea of Cortez on the other side. The large rock formations comprising Land's End are a popular attraction for visitors. It is also a popular snorkel spot. Lover's beach (Playa del Amante) actually stretches across Land's End touching both the Pacific Ocean and Sea of Cortez. The Sea of Cortez beach is known as Lover's Beach while the Pacific Ocean beach is known as Divorce Beach. The easiest way to get there is by water taxi.



Medano Beach is the main beach on the Sea of Cortez side beyond the marina channel on the edge of downtown. This is where you will find all the beach action. Here you will find top resorts lining the beach and people basking in the sun. At this beach you can swim, parasail, Jet Ski, dodge trinket vendors, and you will find popular beachside cantinas serving up margaritas and tropical drinks. The Mango Deck, Tabascos, and The Office are popular beach bars serving up drinks and fresh Pacific Lobster. Most of the hotels along this strip are very welcoming if you want to come up off the beach to buy a drink and dip in their pool. Water taxis run along this beach back and forth between town and Lover's Beach.



Several miles out of town along the Sea of Cortez, another popular beach and snorkel spot is the pristine Playa Santa Maria. The sheltered bay hosts a colorful coral reef that is part of this underwater reserve abundant with wildlife and tropical fish. The beach requires a short walk from its parking lot, however most Snorkel tours will frequent this beach daily. Several catamarans from the Marina will sail to this location around mid-morning. Further to the east, Chileno Beach (Playa Chileno) is also a popular tourist beach with its shallow calm waters, facilities and equipment rentals.



Cabo caters well to a young lively crowd with its all-night party atmosphere. You will often see groups of young 20-something women away on weekend bachelorette parties. Cabo has excellent nightlife that is just starting when most go to sleep. There are many popular nightspots. Here's just a couple of our favorites:



**Cabo Wabo Cantina** - This is the most popular club & restaurant in Cabo. Owner and rocker Sammy Hagar is regularly spotted at the club and often performs impromptu with his musical friends. He will usually play on his birthday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Part of the Cabo Wabo fame comes from its branded tequila. At the club you'll find live music, dancing, a high-tech sound system and a crowd of all ages ready to party. Their restaurant upstairs serves excellent lobster ceviche and innovative mexican dishes like tequila shrimp. This place rocks at night, a party like no other.



**Squid Roe** - This long time favorite Cabo nightspot is a sister to the famed Sr. Frogs, Carlos'n Charlie's and Carlos O'Brian's. The happening club offers three stories of dance floor and an open-air balcony. The nightly energy is high. Dancing on the tables is a tradition here. So are shots. VoyageMonkey recommends not leaving Cabo until you've tried the Squid Roe Guacamole, which is made fresh at your table using a stone mortar and pestle and fresh

ingredients. The fish tacos are also excellent. Squid Roe is a great night time party spot that should not be missed.



**The Giggling Marlin** - is another popular watering hole and is the oldest bar in Cabo San Lucas. At the Giggling Marlin you can be hoisted upside down on a fish-weighing scale for a photo opportunity while you have an upside-down shot of tequila. The bar is lively at night with its nightly floorshow and has potent signature drinks. Great food is also served. Be sure to stop in for one of their awesome appetizers at this Cabo landmark.



**The Passion Club & Lounge and Nikki Beach Club at ME Cabo by Melia** - The Passion Club is an up-scale super sexy nightclub lounge that features DJ music, large dance floor, VIP room, purple pillows and lounge beds behind sheer curtains found throughout the club. The club includes a premium bar and daily specials. The club is frequented by celebrities, eccentrics and the sexy crowd. The Passion Club is the chicest nightspot in Cabo where people go to be seen. Nikki Beach is ME Cabo's luxurious sexy beach club on Medano Beach that features VIP tepees, posh white-draped lounge style day beds on the beach and pool area. Nikki Beach is the jet-set place to be for beautiful people who enjoy fun in the sun, music, drinks and a seductive atmosphere.

Other hot nightspots for Margaritas and good drinks include the Baja Cantina, Mango Deck, Caliente Casino Real, Nowhere Bar, and The Hard Rock Cafe which features live music.



Those not into the club-all-night and siesta-all-day scene will enjoy The Cabo Dolphin Center where you can swim with a friendly family of Pacific Bottlenose Dolphins at this state-of-the-art facility. Become a Dolphin trainer for a day. It's a great family experience and is conveniently located at the Cabo San Lucas Marina.



You will find many day activities in Cabo. You can go horseback riding, take a desert dune buggy tour, race a go-cart, parasail, skydive, enjoy a sunset dinner sail (or booze cruise), take a short day trip to the near by city of La Paz on the Sea of Cortez, or the art filled Pacific village of Todos Santos, where you'll find the Hotel California and more. The scenery on the drive is well worth it to see Baja. For local activities in Cabo, one of the most reputable companies is Cabo Adventures ([www.cabo-adventures.com](http://www.cabo-adventures.com)). Cabo Adventures not only operates the Cabo Dolphin Center but they offers such activities as a Baja Desert Jeep safari, a Zip-Line tour through canyons and over riverbeds, and an Americas Cup Yacht racing experience. All are top favorites of visitors to Cabo.



Some visitors to Cabo come here for the excellent Golf. Golfers can choose from several top designer golf courses: Cabo Real (Designed by Robert Trent Jones), Cabo Del Sol-Desert Course (Designed by Tom Weiskopf), Cabo Del Sol-Ocean Course (Designed by Jack Nicklaus), Palmilla Golf Course (Jack Nicklaus Design), and Raven Golf Club (Pete Dye Design). Green fees vary based on season.



Cabo has some really great shopping. The town is full of hundreds of small shops selling everything from high-end jewelry & watches to T-shirts and typical tourist stuff. Liverpool and Ultrajewels, both near the Marina, are both reputable establishments for high-end watches. The

largest shopping complex in Cabo San Lucas is Puerto Paraiso Dining, Shopping and Entertainment Plaza. The 3-story shopping complex is located at the Marina and has over 100 shops. It hosts such establishments as a Harley Davidson dealer, designer fashion stores, galleries, a movie theater, food court, Ruth's Chris Steakhouse and other favorite restaurants. Adjacent to the Puerto Paraiso Mall you'll find the Marina Golden Zone which includes shops, art galleries, a tequila museum and popular restaurants such as Los Deseos.



Spa treatments in Cabo are very popular because there are many world-class spas to choose from among the resorts. These hotels include the Pueblo Bonito Resorts, Villa Del Arco Resort, Playa Grande Resort and many others. Among them you will find treatments such as massages, facials, hot stones, jacuzzi, sauna, steam rooms, relaxation lounges and other amenities. If you are not looking for fancy amenities and are bargain hunting for the best cheap massage in town, then try Eden's Spa (located down the street from the entrance to the Pueblo Bonito Rose Resort on Medano Beach) for a great professional massage at cheap prices. Also, on Medano Beach you can easily negotiate a good price at the massage stands.

### **Recommended Restaurants**

Cabo has many great dining choices, from seafood and casual traditional Mexican to fine international gourmet cuisine. Surprisingly, some of the small hole in the wall restaurants are run by locals that have worked the kitchens of the top local resorts next to great chefs. Here are a few of VoyageMonkey's favorite dining spots.



**Frida's** - Frida's is one of our top picks that has it all. Excellent food, fantastic service, great wine list, and one of the best Pacific views. Frida's Restaurant is located at the Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach Resort & Spa overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Sunset Beach. The beautiful traditional Mexican and European Spanish decor and art make the ambiance very romantic and the view is spectacular. Pueblo

Bonito's premier restaurant features gourmet Mexican food with a European flair. Frida's uses only the freshest ingredients, seafood and meats, selecting only the premier cuts and fillets. The food presentation is artistic and the savory ingredients burst with flavor in your mouth. The desserts are simply the best. Prices are moderate to expensive. Reservations are recommended.



**Don Manuel's** - Just off the west side of the Cabo San Lucas Marina you'll find a private tunnel through the mountain to Don Manuel's Restaurant at the Capella Pedregal Resort on the Pacific Ocean. Don Manuel's is one of Cabo's best restaurants. The view of the Pacific Ocean at Don Manuel's is beautiful and the decor of the restaurant is very relaxing, modern Mexican. Don Manuel's serves the best Ceviche we have found in Cabo and the rest of the menu is right up there as some of the best food in Cabo. Visual presentation and super fresh ingredients make each dish special. Hand selected seafood, beef and farm grown vegetables and herbs are used to make traditional gourmet Mexican dishes. The service at Don Manuel's is excellent, very professional. The prices are moderate to expensive. Fabulous restaurant. Reservations are recommended.



**Hacienda Cucina Y Cantina** - Sitting along Medano Beach adjacent to the beautiful infinity edge pools at the Hacienda Resort, the Hacienda Cucina Y Cantina is one of Cabo's best restaurants. The Hacienda serves boat-fresh seafood and authentic gourmet Mexican cuisine prepared with full distinct flavors and a visual appeal. Fresh ingredients and off-the-boat seafood make each bite a mouth watering delight. The appetizers are great for sharing and sampling some great flavors. Meat lovers are not left out, as there are delicious traditional Mexican meat dishes. The ambiance is fabulous, the wine list is nice and the view of lands-end and the Sea of Cortez is spectacular. The prices are reasonable, the service is really very good and the food is some of the best in Cabo. A reservation is helpful (Gated Resort).



**Mariscos Mazatlan** - This restaurant is a favorite of the Cabo locals. We asked around town and Mariscos Mazatlan was consistently mentioned. This casual seafood restaurant serves

great meals at reasonable prices. The decor is festive Mexican and colorful giving the place a comfortable feel. This fish is fresh off the marina boats, the staff is friendly and the service is good. Popular dishes included grilled Pacific lobster, grilled jumbo prawns, and local caught Dorado served with rice, vegetables and beans. This is one of the best places in town to get a decent meal at good prices.



**Nick-San** - This award winning restaurant is one of the best sushi restaurants you'll find anywhere. The Japanese restaurant serves sushi and seafood dishes that are out of this world. The sophisticated sleek-white modern interior is toned with soft woods to keep a casual ambiance. Executive Chefs and Owners Angel (Eddy) Carbajal and Masayuki Niikura fuse traditional Japanese cuisine with Mexican ingredients to create unique and innovative blends of flavors. The fish is hand-caught daily by the chefs who go out fishing each morning aboard their "Spicy Tuna" fishing boat to ensure only the freshest and highest quality fish. The sashimi melts in your mouth and is rich with freshness. The produce used is only of the highest quality. For those not suited for raw fish, traditional Japanese dishes include tempura, teriyaki and Japanese barbecue dishes. The restaurant serves one of the best seafood salads we've ever tasted. Just ask the chef what's good today, and he'll recommend something special that will satisfy your taste buds.



**Siempre** - If you are looking for a romantic candlelit dinner with healthy high quality gourmet food, ambiance and service, Siempre is the perfect spot for that quite romantic dinner overlooking the Pacific. Siempre is a circular ocean front restaurant located at the Pueblo Bonito Pacifica, an adults only (smoke-free) Retreat & Spa on the Pacific side of Cabo. Away from the energetic Medano Beach and Downtown Cabo crowds, your dinner will be relaxing with attentive first-rate service. You'll find a wholesome market fresh menu of seafood, meat & poultry with organic produce including select low-calorie spa menu dishes inspired from Mediterranean, Mexican and Pacific Rim cultures. The seared tuna is excellent and fresh. The restaurant has an extensive international wine list, good cocktails, excellent appetizers and a dessert menu that will definitely satisfy your sweet tooth. Note that the menu is moderately expensive. This is a great restaurant for that special night that requires a relaxing ambiance.





**The Office** - This is a long time tourist restaurant that has sat on Medano Beach since the 1970's before Cabo was the popular destination it is today. With an exceptional view of lands end, here you can eat great seafood with your toes in the sand while you people watch. The office is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and serves such Cabo favorites as fresh caught grilled fish, butterfly-cut Baja-style grilled jumbo shrimp, fish tacos, surf-n-turf, and famous 16-oz Office Margaritas. The ambiance is lively, fun and festive in this palapa style eatery that burns tiki torches at night. There is audience participation entertainment a few nights a week with such shows as dance contests and music. This is a great place to have a casual dinner, some drinks, and do a couple tequila shooters while you enjoy the beach. Although the menu is moderately overpriced it is hard to beat the location and the food is good.



**Bar Esquina Restaurant** - The food at this restaurant is fabulous international cuisine with Mediterranean and Mexican influences. This is not your typical Mexican food, Executive Chef Laurent Amaury Saussy has worked and studied in the kitchens of the finest New York and Los Angeles restaurants. Blend this with his French background and you end up with some of the best food in Cabo. Dine on succulent Seared Ahi, flavorful steaks, fresh off the boat seafood, all cooked with the best blend of spices and sauces. The bar boasts a Mixologist's menu with fine Martini's and special evening drinks. Dining on the beautiful outdoor deck is romantic, and the service is superb. Bar Esquina is Located off The Bahia Hotel, directly behind the Casa Dorada beachfront resort on Medano Beach.



**Edith's** - Edith's Restaurant is another palm-thatched palapa open-air Medano Beach favorite that is boasted by many as the best food in Cabo. Owner Edith Jimenez-Smith is author of the book "The Cuisine of the Baja Peninsula." which captures the many world influences that make up Baja cuisine. Edith's is highly rated by best-known food and travel magazines like Conde Nast, and provides a high level of service, professional staff and attention to detail. Outstanding menu choices include tortilla soup, original Baja recipe Caesar salad, Baja grilled shrimp, fish in mango sauce, and mesquite grilled surf & turf. Our favorite is one of their combination plates that includes grilled lobster, garlic-laced butterfly-cut Baja shrimp, mesquite-grilled catch of the day, all garnished with baked potato & oriental-style garden

vegetables. Edith's is expensive but the food is outstanding. Edith's is open for dinner only and is located by The Office Restaurant on Medano Beach. Reservations are recommended.



**Baja Cantina Beach Grill and Baja Cantina Dockside** - With two prime locations, on Medano beach and the Marina, this sports bar & grill style restaurant is very popular with tourists and locals. Both locations include open-air dining and excellent views of either the Marina or the beach and Lands End. The Mexican, American, international menu features such items as mesquite grilled seafood, fish tacos, steaks, ribs, burgers, sushi, pizza, pasta and more. There is an excellent appetizer menu, all day happy hour and good wine selection. Fisherman can bring their catch in to have it grilled. Live music is features at both locations. The restaurants are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Baja Cantinas are a fun gathering place with good food & drinks and reasonable prices.



**Lorenzillo's Live Lobster House** - The Lorenzillo family has been serving fresh live lobster and fine seafood since 1979. A popular restaurant in Cancun for many years, the award winning Lorenzillo's opened in Cabo in 2003 at their prime Marina location. Lorenzillo's is the only restaurant in North America to have its own lobster farm. Just pick out your own swimming lobster at the door and have in grilled, steamed, stuffed, baked, or cooked a number ways in a variety of mouth watering lobster dishes. Enjoy King Crab legs, Stone Crabs, Soft-Shell Crabs, Prawns, Craw Fish and other seafood delicacies while you enjoy the nautical theme decor and the great views of the Cabo Marina. Lorenzillo's also serves excellent steaks & poultry, good drinks and great desserts. An impressive international wine list compliments the food. You can also enjoy their popular outdoor oyster bar deck and lounge along the water. Lorenzillo's is the place to satisfy your lobster cravings.



**Pancho's Restaurant & Tequila Bar** - Off the beaten path, a couple blocks west of The Cabo Wabo Cantina, you'll find a little courtyard style eatery called Pancho's. Pancho's is a casual little spot established in the early 1990's by owners John & Mary Bragg of California. Frequented by Cabo regulars and locals, Pancho's serves great mesquite grilled authentic Mexican comfort food, fresh local seafood, and good hearty drinks. The restaurant serves excellent dishes such as Pescado a la Veracruzana, Fajitas de Camaron and fabulous combination plates. With around 500 brands of tequila, this is one of the largest tequila collections in Baja. Just ask for something special and you shall receive. We once ate here and they served us some very special home-made mezcal (tequila) poured from of a gas can. It knocked our socks off. They also serve Rattle Snake Tequila, which is believed to cure ailments. You've heard of tequila with a worm, this has a real rattle snake. Prices are reasonable and the food is great. Pancho's is the type of place you will keep coming back to. We recommend getting away from the touristy Marina restaurants and trying Pancho's.



**Mango Deck** - Another very popular dining spot on Medano Beach is the Mango Deck, who also has a second location on the Marina. The Mango Deck offers great food & drinks and fun audience participation entertainment, fire dancers, and silly dance contests. Aside from the fun stuff like jello shots and happy hour drink specials, the food is really good. You'll enjoy fresh grilled Pacific Lobster, butterfly cut Baja style jumbo prawns, fresh daily caught fish, and Mexican favorites like carne asada tacos. Eat on the deck or on the sand, either way you'll enjoy a great view of Lands End while you dine under the stars in this fun & energetic beach eatery.



**Maro's La Casa Del Camaron** - Bargain hunters look no more. That great steak and lobster deal is right here at Maro's. Just a skinny hole in the wall, Maro's is very popular with tourists and locals. For under \$20.00 USD you can get a real nice grilled New York cut prime steak with lobster tail cooked to perfection with all the Mexican fixings. Not a lobster fan, how about grilled prawns and steak or fish and steak. Either way, you'll get a decent meal at a decent price, and the staff is super friendly. Portions are generous for the price. Not bad for a little hole in the wall that may look a bit questionable to some. You won't be disappointed. Maro's is also famous for its "Bull Dog" signature drink, Tequila, beer and lemonade. The service is good, the food is good, and you'll like the prices.



**Mi Casa** - Mi Casa is a favorite among long-time Cabo go-ers. This tiered open courtyard restaurant next to the old town square is beautifully decorated in Mexican festive colors, Mexican furniture and local art work throughout. The food is really well prepared traditional Mexican cuisine that is featured on a specialty menu. Fresh off-the-boat seafood and fine meats are flavored with fresh ingredients and spices to make exquisite Mexican cuisine. The Margaritas are potent. If you like good Mexican food, we recommend Mi Casa. The food is good, the ambiance is nice, the service is attentive, and the prices are moderate.



**La Fonda** - Chef and owner Christophe Chong Boone has searched high and low throughout Mexico, as well as his mother's extensive recipe book, to offer the most traditional Mexican fare around. This is as authentic as it gets. Chef Christopher also serves as the corporate chef for the Solmar Resort. You'll have to venture a bit off the tourist track to find this colonial-themed gem serving the most authentic Mexican dishes. Its located just north of downtown Cabo San Lucas, in a safe neighborhood ten blocks up Morelos street, between Obregon and 12 de Octubre. It's an easy safe walk. La Fonda accommodates romantic couples, as well as families and larger groups. The restaurant is beautifully decorated in traditional Mexican colonial styles with class. The main non-smoking dining room is surrounded by the long windowed kitchen and bar, with beautiful tile accents, wood tables and chairs, a lovely three-tiered fountain, and wood-trimmed beveled windows facing a second dining salon and covered terrace. Servers are dressed in traditional Mexican clothing and wear cheerful smiles. La Fonda features authentic and unusual dishes not found in many of the mainstream Mexican restaurants around town. The slow braised pork shank is the best you will ever taste and the skirt steak in whiskey is a must to try. We also recommend trying the sea bass stuffed with shrimp, the beef short ribs or the Fried Lobster La Fonda. If you want to get real adventurous try the grasshopper tacos sauteed with garlic and butter. They also have great sampler plates to try many on the specialties in small portions, like the surprisingly delicious ant egg caviar. This is one of the best traditional Mexican restaurants in all of Cabo with incredible service and moderate prices. Well worth getting ten blocks off the beaten path.



**InVita Bistro** – Located across from the old Amelia Wikes Square on Calie Hidalgo Street, InVita Bistro serves exquisite traditional Mediterranean cuisine paired with an extensive international wine list. The atmosphere is stylish and contemporary and they offer an outdoor street-side patio. They offer a broad range of menu options including Italian, Spanish and Greek dishes. You can choose various Spanish tapas and antipastos to share. The salads and seafood are super fresh and the portions are hearty. Entrees include various Pastas, Kabobs, and a selection of Mediterranean Surf & Turf dishes. Desserts include traditional Tiramisu and Crème Brule. The restaurant includes a full bar serving a broad range of cocktails. The service is very professional, attentive, and the staff is super friendly and eager to make your dining experience special. Prices are moderate, but a great deal for food of this quality in Cabo. We recommend you try InVita Bistro. You will want to go back for more.



**Misiones De Kino** – Bearing the name of Eusebio Francisco Kino, a 17<sup>th</sup> century Italian priest who established 24 missions in Mexico and Baja, Misiones de Kino specializes in authentic Mexican & Baja cuisine, seafood dishes and exquisite Italian cuisine introduced to Mexico. Located at the corner of Vicente Guerrero & 5 De Mayo, the restaurant offers both outside seating in a lovely garden setting, and indoor seating in a pleasant Mexican palapa featuring beautiful warm wood finishings and Mexican art. The menu includes super fresh soups & salads, a selection of pasta dishes, assorted fresh local seafood & lobster, and delicate poultry and beef dishes slow cooked over mesquite wood. Ingredients used include sun-dried tomatoes, pine nuts, artichoke hearts, roasted garlic, spinach, walnuts, capers, kalamata olives, fresh mushrooms, various premium cheeses, and special herbs. The chef uses a secret signature garlic chili and herb sauce known as Chilpalla Sauce in many of the dishes. The restaurant serves superb Margaritas made with fine tequila straight from a wood aging barrel. The service is top notch and friendly. Prices are moderate. Misiones de Kino serves some of the best food in town.



**La Chatita (Formerly Mis Suenos)** – Located on the Cabo Marina across from the Hacienda Resort, La Chatita specializes in hearty portions of fresh local sea food including lobster, prime steaks, pastas, traditional Mexican food and fresh salads. Mis Suenos features an extensive menu and wine list. Sea food preparations include Blacken, breaded, mango sauce, Veracruz style, caper sauce, panko crusted, cilantro sauce, barbequed, and garlic buttered. They offer a combination seafood platter for two people so that you can sample all the different seafood they serve, including lobster and jumbo shrimp. The filet mignon is tender and juicy. The full bar serves cocktails that are beautifully garnished for a festive visual. The view of the Marina is gorgeous, particularly at sunset, and the staff provides excellent friendly service that makes you feel special. Many of the customers are repeat visitors and local residents. La Chatita is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The prices are fair for good quality delicious food like this. This is one of the better restaurants on the Marina.



**Los Tres Gallos** – Located on 20 de Noviembre Street near Leona Cicario St., Los Tres Gallos serves some of the best authentic and creative home-cooked regional Mexican food in Cabo. You dine in a beautiful rustic garden courtyard shaded by fruit trees. The kitchen is open to the dining courtyard area so you can see your food and fresh tortillas being prepared. They use specially made dish-ware, candles on each table and provide fleece blankets on each chair for cool evenings. The Mole sauce they make is traditionally made on site with fresh ingredients that are displayed in baskets. The home-made tequila salsa and chips are yummy, the chicken mole is excellent, and the skirt steak is some of the best in town. The Margaritas are freshly made from squeezed fruit and the portions are generous. The service is very good and the staff is friendly, attentive and professional. The owner is usually onsite to make sure you are happy. The prices are reasonable, and the food is super delicious. This is some of the most authentic Mexican food in Cabo.



**Los Barriles** – Los Barriles serves excellent fresh seafood and steaks along with Mexican and Pacific Rim Asian Fusion cuisine. It's like Pacific Rim cooked Mexican style. Los Barriles has a relaxing courtyard setting and an extensive menu with many choices. They offer traditional Baja style steak and lobster and an outstanding combination VIP platter for two featuring filet mignon, lobster, jumbo shrimp, scallop, and a variety of local fresh seafood and veggies. The restaurant will cook your food table-side or in the kitchen. They will alter any menu item for your taste and will even prepare special orders for you that are not on the menu. They serve outstanding festive cocktails from their full bar and provide beautiful live music on Fridays and weekends. They are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. They have reasonable prices, free valet parking, and excellent friendly service. They don't rush you so that you can enjoy the music or coffee after your meal. This family-run restaurant makes you feel at home. People who eat here usually come back again. They are located on Calie Hidalgo Street downtown.



**Mama's Royal Café** – Mama's is a Cabo must since it's opening in 1991. They serve awesome breakfast, lunch and dinner all at inexpensive prices and the food is simply outstanding. They are known for their French Toast and Mimosas. The dinner menu features seafood and gourmet traditional Mexican regional dishes (Yucatan, Oaxacan, Etc...), like Pozole, a Mexican pork and hominy stew, or their slow cooked pork in banana leaves. Order fresh shrimp and fish prepared multiple traditional ways. Dine on their beautiful patio and enjoy their full bar & Margaritas. They are located on Miguel Hidalgo Street across from Maro's Shrimp House. This is a great inexpensive restaurant with excellent food.



**Cascadas Beach Grill** – Located on Medano Beach at the Club Cascadas De Baja Resort, the Cascadas Beach Grill is open for Breakfast, lunch and dinner and serves fantastic seafood, steaks, appetizers, pasta, salads, sandwiches and Mexican specialty dishes. They have great fish tacos, Burritos, Fajitas, and what is probably the best cheese burger you can find in all of Cabo. The restaurant offers indoor dining under a large Palapa or beach dining, and has an awesome view of lands-end. They have a full bar, the ambiance is very nice and they have evening piano music. Prices are reasonable to moderate, the quality food is delicious, and the service is great.



**ROASTED GRILL**

Other popular restaurants include: La Dolce Italian Restaurant (Near Cabo Wabo); Alexander's on the Marina; and, Baja Brewing Company on the rooftop of the Cabo Villas Resort at Medano Beach. Baja Brewing Co. offers good pub food along with rooftop live music while overlooking Medano Beach. Our favorite inexpensive restaurants and cheap eats include: Healthy Restaurant & Wine Bar (located at 5 de Mayo Between Vicente Guerrero and Miguel Hidalgo Downtown), Roasted Grill & Bar (at Acuario & Ave. del Pescador near Medano Beach), La Mesa Poblana (on Calle Ninos Heroes one block from the Marina), and Burrito Surf Burrito Shop for cheap eats (at corner of Ninos Heroes & Matamores downtown).

### **Recommended Hotels**





There are many fine hotel choices in Cabo San Lucas. Hotels on the Pacific side of Lands End and west of Town include the Hotel Finisterra, Capella Pedrigal, Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach, Pueblo Bonito Pacifica, Hotel Playa Grande, and Solmar Suites. Hotels near the marina include the Marina Fiesta, Wyndham Los Cabos and the Marina Sol. Along the Medano Beach strip you'll find the Hotel Hacienda Resort, Pueblo Bonito Los Cabos, ME by Melia Pueblo Bonito Rose, Cascada de Baja, Villa La Estancia, Villa del Palmar, and RIU Palace Los Cabos. Further away from Cabo San Lucas along "The Corridor" to San Jose Del Cabo you will find many mega resorts and all-inclusive resorts. Here you'll find Dreams Los Cabos Resort & Spa, Las Ventanas al Paraiso, Marquis Los Cabos, the Westin Resort & Spa Los Cabos, Fiesta Americana Grand, Hilton Los Cabos, Sheraton Hacienda Del Mar, Palmilla Resort, and the Esperanza An Auberge Resort.



**Here are some of VoyageMonkey's hotel recommendations:**

Pueblo Bonito Resorts (Blanco Los Cabos, Rose, Pacifica and Sunset Beach) - There are 4 Pueblo Bonito Resort Hotels in Cabo San Lucas and we like all four of them. All with 4-Star ratings, there are two on the quieter Pacific Ocean Side (Pacifica and Sunset Beach) and two on Medano Beach (Los Cabos Blanco and Rose). All four include airport transportation services and shuttle service regularly between the sister hotels. Guests of each resort have room charging privileges at each of the sister resorts and use of their facilities and pools. A real convenience.



**Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach Resort & Spa** - The luxurious Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach Resort sits on 50-acres overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The resort rises from the beach up a hillside, so all rooms have spectacular ocean views. Complimentary golf cart services regularly shuttle guests around the resort up and down the winding hillside paths. The expansive white sand beach provides a secluded and tranquil setting. There are 327 all-suite guest rooms each with private balcony or terrace, marble floors, marble bathrooms, stocked bar and more. Amenities include three fine dining restaurants, bars, deli & shops, entertainment, cigar bar, six large swimming pools each with swim-up pool bars, Jacuzzi, tennis, chapel, and the Spa & Fitness Center at Sunset Beach. Perfect for a romantic get away. This is one of the finest resorts in Cabo.



**Pueblo Bonito Pacifica, Resort & Spa** - This adults only all-inclusive retreat style resort offers 154 guest rooms including 14 suites. Rooms have calm Zen tones for that comfortable peaceful ambiance and include a private terrace. A strictly nonsmoking resort, the resort features The Armonia Spa & Fitness Center, dedicated to total wellness of body, mind and spirit. Amenities include restaurants and bars offering spa menus and natural juices, expansive secluded beach, 4-poster beach beds, pools and Jacuzzi. Perfect for those wanting peace and relaxation. Very quiet. Not a place for kids.



**Pueblo Bonito Blanco Los Cabos** - This luxury beachfront resort sits on Medano Beach with its spectacular view of Land's End and gorgeous white sand. The resort architecture is Mediterranean style white adobe with blue trim. Their refreshing large pool is just steps from the beach. The resort offers suites and junior suites over 525 square feet each equipped with fully furnished kitchenettes and private balconies. Amenities include restaurants, bars, entertainment and 24-hour room service.



**Pueblo Bonito Rose Resort & Spa** - Just steps down Medano beach from its sister hotel Pueblo Bonito Blanco Los Cabos, this all-suite resort offers warm hospitality in a comfortable luxurious setting. Junior suites offer over 575 square-feet of comfort, including fully furnished kitchenettes and private balcony or terrace. The resort offers restaurants, bars & entertainment. Other amenities include large pools, spa & fitness center.



**ME Cabo (Melia) San Lucas** - ME Cabo is Melia Resort's party brand hotel that caters to the younger party crowd. The resort is located in the heart of Medano Beach, conveniently located near all the beach restaurants & bars, and has excellent views of Lands End. The 6-story beach

front resort has 150 contemporary guest rooms with private balconies and in-room amenities ranging from iPods, home theaters, DVD player, stocked mini-fridge, private jacuzzis, and 24-hour room service. This pet friendly resort features an adults only floor, the famous Nikki Beach Club that is adorned with white day beds along the beach and pool area giving the place that super sexy feel. The resort also includes the exclusive Passion Club & Lounge that attract celebrities for its dance club scene. Other amenities include large beach front swimming pool, fitness center and onsite dining. This resort is perfect for the bacheloret party weekend getaway.



**Villa Del Arco Beach Resort & Grand Spa** - This 7-story resort is set on Medano Beach, features 217 guest rooms & suites, and has excellent views of Lands End. Rooms feature balconies, satellite TV and marble floors. The resort offers both all-inclusive and room only options for guests. All-inclusive rates include all meals, beverages (including alcohol), use of the gym and non-motorized water sports. Resort amenities include pools, a pool pirate ship, Jacuzzis, beauty salon, restaurants, entertainment, 31,000 square-foot spa, fitness center, tennis, shops and motor scooter rentals. This is a great resort for families and it has a great location just minutes from downtown.



**Hotel RUI Palace Cabo San Lucas-All Inclusive** - The RUI Palace is located at the eastern part of Medano Beach a couple miles from downtown Cabo San Lucas. The 5-story luxury resort includes 642 guest rooms and suites that feature such amenities as balconies or terraces, satellite TVs, ceiling fans, mini-bar & liquor dispenser, room safe, and ocean views. Jacuzzi suites are also available. The resort features two gorgeous swimming pools with Jacuzzis and swim-up bars, lush manicured gardens, day spa, fitness facility, tennis, volleyball courts, beauty salon and children's playground & children's pools. Dining options consist of six fine & casual restaurants including a poolside grill. The food is excellent. There are several bars and lounges including a disco. The all-inclusive plan includes all meals, snacks, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, 24-hour room service, entertainment, activities and use of the facilities. The RUI Palace is an excellent choice for the all-inclusive fan, offering great amenities and good value.



**Playa Grande Resort & Grand Spa** -This 4-star all suites Resort sits on eight acres of Pacific beach near lands end, just a short walk to downtown Cabo. The resort features 260 suites with private balconies, kitchens or kitchenettes, and marble floors, granite counter tops, hand crafted furniture and decor. The resort's world class Grand Spa offers a full range of luxury treatments. The property features three heated swimming pools surrounded by cushioned teak lounges, waterfalls and a swim up bar. There is an adult pool, a beach front pool and two outdoor oversized spa tubs. Playa Grande offers a total of 11 restaurants and bars, including some off the property restaurants to charge to your room. Other amenities include tennis, state of the art Fitness center, satellite TV, welcome cocktail, activities desk, daily turn down service, room service, wireless internet and business center. This is a great resort for families and the service at the resort is good.



**Casa Dorada Los Cabos Resort & Spa** - This luxury 4-star all-suite resort sits on Medano Beach in Cabo San Lucas. Boasting unobstructed vistas of Land's End and the famous Arch, this 5-acre beachfront property has private furnished balconies with spectacular views of the ocean, 2 infinity-edge pools, a full-service health spa, beauty salon and gift shop, 2 restaurants, bars, lounges and pool bar, and 24-hour room service. All just steps away from world-class shopping, dining, entertainment, and the lively Cabo Marina. Other resort amenities include a kids club and kids pool, business center, 220 yard beach club and swimmable beach, 1 open air Jacuzzi, and fitness center. The Casa Dorada has one of the most central locations on Medano Beach. This resort is a great property with a great location (location, location, location) and good service. The resort will accept one dog or cat with a weight less than 40 Lbs.



**Sheraton Hacienda del Mar Golf & Spa Resort** - The 4.5-Star resort sits on a pristine secluded beach and is surrounded by the Cabo del Sol Golf Course which features a spectacular

18-hole Jack Nicklaus designed Ocean Course. Guests can enjoy preferred tee times and special rates. Downtown Cabo San Lucas and Medano Beach are conveniently located six miles away, while the small town of San Jose del Cabo is just 14 miles away. The resort has 270 luxurious guest rooms and suites featuring satellite TV, fully stocked Mini Bar, and private terraces. Thirty one suites feature living rooms with a sofa bed, kitchen, and dining area for four to six people. The resort includes three swimming pools, including an infinity edge main pool, a selection of swim-up bars, children program and babysitting services. The resort offers a variety of dining options and small shops, including four restaurants, five bars, sports bar, and 24-hour room service. The Cactus Spa offers massages and their signature Cactus facial. The spa is also equipped with sauna and steam rooms, as well as a state-of-the-art fitness center overlooking the Sea of Cortez. This is a fantastic resort with great service, food and amenities.



**The Westin Resort & Spa Los Cabos** – Located on the tourist corridor midway between Cabo San Lucas and San Jose Del Cabo on a beautiful private beach, the Westin Resort’s architecture is designed to carry the tradition of the famous Cabo rock arch at land's end, creating an open view of the Sea of Cortez throughout the property. All guest rooms feature a private balcony overlooking the beach, large deluxe bathrooms with separate shower and tub, Westin Heavenly Beds, plenty of room and all modern amenities. The property includes three swimming pools, a swim up bar, two lighted tennis courts, a miniature golf course, conference rooms, a business center, a gym, and a luxury world-class spa offering an array of indulging treatments. You’ll find three restaurants on the property and more to enjoy at the neighboring Regina resorts which share the property. The service at this resort is some of the best we have ever encountered in Cabo. The staff makes each guest feel like they are getting special treatment. They are friendly and more than eager to please. This is a perfect resort to relax and unwind.



**Hacienda Beach Club & Residences** – Located along Medano Beach closest to the Marina, this luxurious oceanfront resort is conveniently located walking distance to the Marina restaurants and downtown Cabo San Lucas.. This large resort offers plenty

of one to three bedroom oceanfront villas and residences. Find grand swimming pools, a world-class spa, fine dining at the Hacienda Cocina & Cantina, bars & lounges, and the best view of lands-end. Each elegant residence at this Cabo resort features a gourmet kitchen, master suite, fine living amenities and high-tech touches, including hardwood doors, handcrafted metalwork, natural stone finishes, and surround-sound stereo systems, flat screen televisions, and complimentary Wi-Fi throughout all residences. This is by far the nicest and most luxurious resort along Medano Beach.



**Club Cascadas de Baja** – Located on Medano Beach, this oceanfront resort features old-world Palapa style architecture throughout the resort. There are 113 unique one to four bedroom villas on the resort. Amenities include Villas with private pools and Jacuzzis, kitchens, two large swimming pools, clubhouse, a popular beachfront restaurant & bar, swim-up pool bar, spa & fitness center, tennis court, kids club, convenience store, and full concierge service. You’ll walk along flagstone-surfaced paths to villas with thatched bamboo roofs nestled amongst palm trees and tropical flora. It’s just a short walk to downtown and the marina. This resort is beautiful, relaxing, and has everything you need for the perfect getaway.

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