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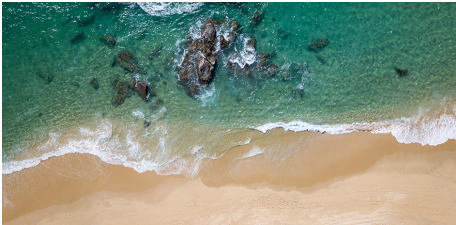
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The beach at Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

With a beautiful location of sand and sea flanked by scenic desert landscape, [Los Cabos](#) is already a perennial destination for travelers of all interests—be it sipping margaritas by the pool, tackling the waves onboard a jet-ski or snorkeling with tropical fish. But this year, a host of luxury hotels are opening along the twenty-mile strip of land between raucous Cabo San Lucas and the smaller, more charming San José del Cabo. Add in a few new restaurants and several exciting events, and the region is sure to grow ever more popular, dynamic and multi-faceted. There’s no better time to go than right now. Here are a few reasons why.

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New Hotels



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The sleek [Montage Los Cabos](#) was the first to lead the charge back in May 2018. Housed on 39 acres of desert landscape, overlooking the tranquil Santa Maria Bay, this 122-room, all ocean-view property boasts a swimmable beach, several excellent dining venues, a signature spa, kid's club and a bevy of pools for lazing about. (But who really needs a pool with a swimmable beach in Cabo?) The cream-colored rooms and refined décor blend seamlessly with the resort's surroundings, belying the laid-back and contemporary atmosphere of the hotel itself.

Come February 2019, the passion project of Robert De Niro—and Nobu Matsuhisa's first Mexican outpost—will arrive: [Nobu Hotel Los Cabos](#). The sexy resort, which will combine Japanese minimalism with Mexican-inspired touches (think low-to-the-floor beds, rattan and sisal rugs, wooden soaking tubs and sleek furniture) will play host to Nobu's eponymous restaurant along with several other dining outlets.

In keeping with the aesthetic and quality of the brand's [Mandapa](#) and [Dorado Beach](#) properties, [Zadún, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve](#), opens in March 2019, replete with a dramatic oceanfront location and elegantly appointed rooms. Tucked in between the dunes of Puerto Los Cabos, Zadún's 115 guest rooms, suites and villas will all offer sea views and a personal butler, and most will be equipped with private plunge pools. Golf lovers should be waiting with bated breath to play the Greg Norman and Jack Nicklaus-designed 27-hole course there, as well.

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Costa Palmas is perhaps the biggest news of all. Located on a private coastline, the Four Seasons Costa Palmas resort complex that includes a marina, a village and beachfront residences and offers pristine views and unspoiled terrain in a destination that can

sometimes feel crowded. Also on the swimmable beach stretch will be Mexico's only Aman property, Amanvari, opening later in 2020. In typical Aman fashion, the ultra-luxury, decidedly modern resort will offers high-touch service and impeccable design.

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New Restaurants



Arbol at Las Ventanas

[Ventanas al Paraíso](#)'s newest dining outlet, **Arbol**, is looking to change the culinary game in Los Cabos with its Asian fusion menu and eclectic décor. On offer is Wok-fried Wagyu beef and chicken tikka, specially prepared in the restaurant's new Tandoor oven, plus fresh sushi. It's buzzy and atmospheric, an illuminated by pretty hanging lanterns.

For something more seafood-oriented, **Tres Sirenas**, the brainchild of Edith Jimenez, owner and operator of the always-popular **Edith's** (located across the street), just opened. Outdoors with a Baja-casual vibe, Tres Sirenas is ideal for a low-key fish dinner with killer margaritas.

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Hakkasan Group's new outpost at Vidanta Los Cabos, **Casa Calavera**, will be adding a trendy element to the area. The barefoot-chic, brightly colored restaurant serves authentic Mexican fare in a Dia de los Muertos-themed dining room.



Nido Cevicheria at Viceroy

Other soon-to-be stalwarts include the Montage's **Marea**, a stunning beachfront seafood restaurant; the **Viceroy's Nido Cevicheria & Bar**, housed in a nest-like structure overlooking the water; **El Merkado**, a fast-casual dining market that parallels New York's Urbanspace; and **La Deriva**, Solaz's new Italian restaurant.

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Upcoming Events

The annual [Black & Blue Marlin Tournament](#) is a fisherman's paradise. It's social and lively, attracting an eclectic range of die-hard fishermen and keen spectators. Held from October 23-27, which is considered the regions's shoulder season, Cabo is a great home base for those looking to enjoy the tournament and relax on the beach.

Each Thursday evening, from November to June, downtown San Jose del Cabo offers a weekly [Art Walk](#) through the Gallery District. The neighborhood is closed off to cars from 5PM-9PM, and pedestrians can enjoy complimentary gallery visits and talks with local arts. It's a creative, fun way to engage with local culture, particularly for those with a penchant for colonial architecture and contemporary art. Interested buyers may even find a few souvenirs to bring home.

[Sabor a Cabo](#), Cabo's annual International Food and Wine Festival, will take place on December 1, 2018. For foodies, the lineup of gastronomic geniuses is sure to impress.

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– Avery Carmichael on October 12, 2018

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