

great escapes



EVER DREAM OF A PLACE WHERE THE SUN ALWAYS SHINES WITH NARY A CLOUD IN THE SKY? WHERE EVEN ON A SCORCHINGLY HOT DAY OF 98 DEGREES, THERE IS A COOL BREEZE IN THE AIR? SUCH A PLACE DOES EXIST. AT THE TIP OF THE MEXICAN BAJA PENINSULA, CABO SAN LUCAS IS A SMALL PARADISE WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED.

# Cabo San

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One&Only Palmilla



Edith's

### EAT

**Edith's** Enjoy a delightful meal under the stars at Edith's Restaurant (*Camino a Playa El Medano, 011 52 (624) 143-0801*). Featuring the eclectic cuisine of the Baja Peninsula, Edith's is the place to go to enjoy a delicious meal, an incomparable atmosphere and even a celebrity sighting or two. Don't pass on their hand-made tortillas. Enjoy a taste of all the great menu items with the Wally's Special—grilled lobster, garlic-laced butterflied shrimp, and mesquite-grilled catch-of-the-day served with a baked potato and Edith's signature oriental-style garden vegetables. Open for dinner only. Reservations recommended.

**The Office** Kick off your shoes and enjoy a great meal on the beach at The Office (*Playa El Médano, 011 52 (624) 143 3464*). Specialties include The Office Combo (lobster-stuffed poblano pepper smothered with tomatillo sauce, shrimp enchilada with corn tortilla covered in guajillo chile sauce, and grilled flank steak served with rice, black beans with epazote and guacamole) or Baja-style Shrimp (jumbo shrimp, butterfly-cut, served on the shell with oil-browned chopped garlic cloves and garnished with rice, beans, guacamole and tortillas). If you are in town on a Thursday night, make a reservation for their festive weekly Gran Fiesta Mexicana. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Reservations recommended for dinner.

# Lucas



The Office



**Nick-San** Combining traditional Japanese cuisine with local Baja ingredients, Nick-San (*Blvd. Marina Iote Local 2, Plaza de la Danza, 011 52 (624)143 2491*) has redefined the sushi experience. Fish is brought in fresh off Cabo's famed docks ... and is often caught by the chef himself. Do not miss the Sashimi Salad, the Tuna Tostada (Yellowfin tuna belly from the Pacific Ocean served on a rice cracker tostada with sliced avocado and Habanero-red onion sauce) or the Clear Lobster Roll (tempura lobster wrapped in soy bean paper with mixed greens, avocado and cilantro sprouts). The daily specials that take advantage of local flavors such as peppers, mangoes and cilantro are also a must; you won't find dishes like these outside of Cabo.



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Las Ventanas al Paraíso, A Rosewood Resort

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Luxury Villa Rentals

## SLEEP

**One&Only Palmilla** Set alongside one of the few swimmable beaches in the region, the glamorous One&Only Palmilla (KM 7.5 Carretera Transpeninsular, San Jose Del Cabo, 1.800.637.2226) offers the gracious style of Old World Mexico, with its red-tiled roofs, whitewashed walls and exquisite fountains, with all the expected amenities of a luxurious spa resort. After a day of sunshine and a round of golf at the 27-hole Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course, be sure to enjoy acclaimed chef Charlie Trotter's innovative spa cuisine at C, a restaurant by Charlie Trotter. (\$450+)

**Las Ventanas al Paraíso, A Rosewood Resort** Your heart's desire—whether an invigorating swim in the stunning drop-edge pool, a challenging round of golf or a pampering spa treatment—is within reach at the acclaimed Las Ventanas al Paraíso (KM 19.5 Carretera Transpeninsular, Cabo San Lucas, 1.888.767.3966). Highly acclaimed, this desert resort captivates its guests with expansive suites, a world-class spa, inspired cuisine and an intoxicating ambiance. (\$650+)

**Luxury Villa Rentals** Consider renting a luxury villa for your stay in Cabo. Enjoy the seclusion of your own private home-away-from-home in a two- to nine-bedroom villa available for rent from Earth, Sea, & Sky Vacations ([www.cabo.com](http://www.cabo.com), 1.800.745.2226). At Villa Las Flores (a seven-bedroom, 12,000-plus-square-foot estate in the gated Pedregal community), your family and friends will enjoy a breathtaking view of the Pacific Ocean from your own private deck and infinity pool and Jacuzzi. Available amenities include maid service, personal chefs and spa treatments. (\$500+)

## NIGHTLIFE IN CABO: SPRING BREAK YEAR-ROUND

When the sun goes down, the town of Cabo San Lucas comes to life with its famous (or is it *infamous*!?) night-clubs.

**Cabo Wabo** One of the top places to party in Mexico, Sammy Hagar's Cabo Wabo Cantina is the only place in Cabo to hear live music. With a slogan such as "Where the land ends and the party begins," you know that there will always be lots of cerveza and tequila at this hopping club.

**El Squid Roe** Three stories of pulsating energy, El Squid Roe is a nightclub, dance hall and restaurant not to be missed on your night out in Cabo. Get into the groove on the open-air dance floor as partying onlookers watch from all three floors.



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Dorado caught on a fly rod.

Photo courtesy of Baja Anglers.

## TO DO

**Fish** The Baja Peninsula is a sports fishing paradise. If deep-sea fishing is what you desire, you might be likely to catch striped, black or blue marlin, wahoo, tuna, sailfish or dorado. Several world-record fish have been caught in these waters. Charter a deep-sea fishing expedition for billfish through Pisces Fleet Sportfishing (*Cabo Maritime Center Marina 8-6, Suite D-1, 619.819.7983*). Baja Anglers (*Marina 8-6 Darsena, 619.270.1124*) offers the fly-fishing aficionado the chance to hook many of these same billfish as well as the exotic roosterfish.

**Golf** Golf is one of the most popular sports in the area. The state-of-the-art courses offer breathtaking views of the Sea of Cortez and surrounding mountains. Near Las Ventanas al Paraíso resort is the magnificent Robert Trent Jones II championship golf course, Cabo Real (*877.795.8727*). Laid out through canyons, rock outcroppings, lakes and waterfalls with holes routed through changes in elevation, the Desert Course at Cabo Del Sol (*011 52 (624) 145 8200*) is Tom Weiskopf's first design in all of Latin America. Two Jack Nicklaus-designed courses, the Ocean Course at Cabo Del Sol (*011 52 (624) 145 8200*) and Palmilla Golf Club (*011 52 (624) 144 5250*), give golfers spectacular views of the Sea of Cortez from nearly every hole. All tee-time reservations should be made as far in advance as possible to assure availability.

**Relax** The best thing to do in Cabo is just relax and enjoy the outstanding weather and scenery. Enjoy the stunning views on the beach or leisurely float on a raft at the pool. Treat yourself to a pampering treatment at one of the many world-class spas. If you need a little more adventure, take a water taxi to Lover's Beach, stroll down the marina and see the beautiful sailing vessels and yachts from around the world or explore the "old town" streets. ●

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