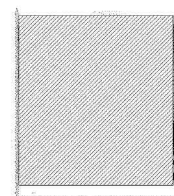


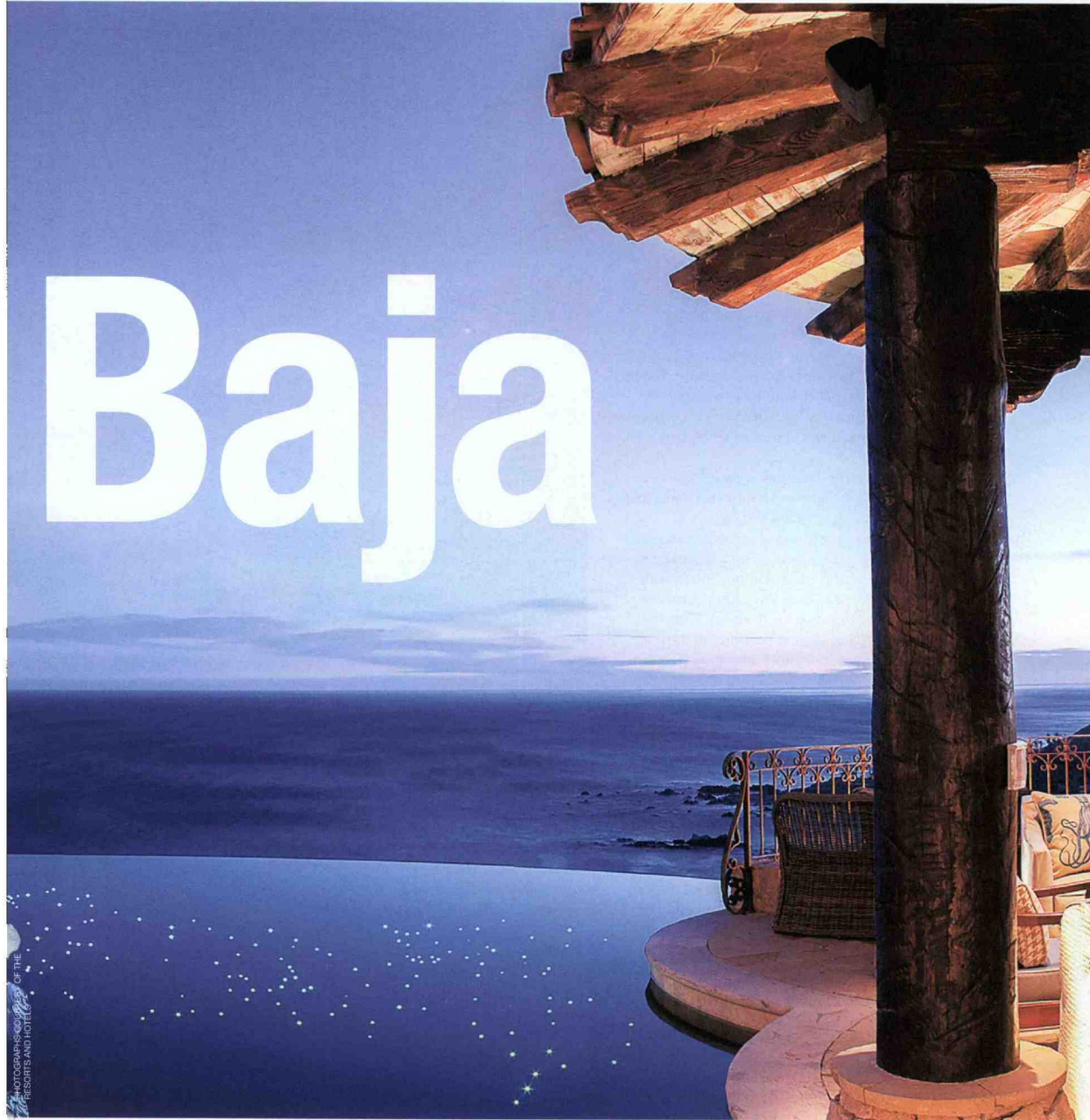
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LOS CABOS, MEXICO

The Best of

These luxury villas, resorts and residential developments in Los Cabos, Mexico are a big reason why the tip of the Baja Peninsula is this winter's hottest destination.

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Grand Velas Los Cabos

Grand Velas Los Cabos is one of the newer entrants to the Mexican peninsula's resort scene. An oasis in the middle of the contrasting landscapes of beaches, boulders, and desert, Grand Velas removes any stigma attached to the phrase "all-inclusive." As we found out during a recent stay, the experience starts upon arrival. With an awe-inspiring entryway and soaring ceilings, jaw-dropping views of the Sea of Cortez, and an eclectic collection of curated art and furniture, no expense was spared in Grand Velas Los Cabos' architectural and interior design.

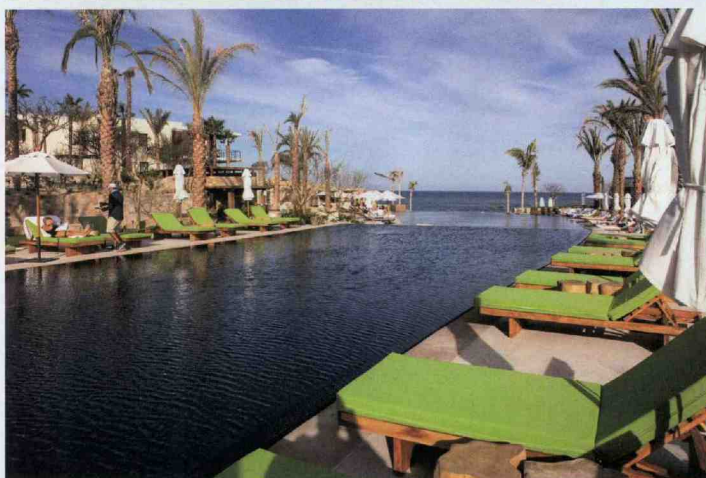
And then there's the food. With five fine-dining restaurants, be ready to embark on an inspired culinary adventure—without ever leaving the property. Nothing could prepare us for the resort's *Cocina de Autor*, which offers what's called a "sensorial dining experience." Instead of menu choices, this "gastro-journey" consists of a multicourse tasting menu showcasing the Baja region's cuisine.

Another crown jewel of the resort is the 35,000-square-foot spa. Signature treatments make use of Mexico's native blue agave plant and include a seven-step water journey featuring a eucalyptus-scented steam room and multi-sensory pool. Outside the spa is the resort's centerpiece: three tiered infinity pools with a five-foot difference between each level. Ample rows of loungers ensure that every space is front row with unobstructed views of the sea and horizon. On the pool deck, three pergolas provide shaded relaxation. And one of our favorite perks: the pools are kept at different temperatures to suit guests' preferences of warm to cold. It was very hard to leave. loscabos.grandvelas.com

Chileno Bay Resort & Residences

Another recent entrant to the Baja luxury scene is Chileno Bay Resort & Residences, an Auberge Resort that's bringing modern luxury to Los Cabos. The property is set on a protected cove, on what many refer to as the "best beach in Cabo," and is being constructed in phases. When complete, the resort will include 60 guest rooms and 32 villas with two, three, four, or six bedrooms. We stayed in an expansive ocean- and pool-view room and were well taken care of—our butler offered a full orientation to our suite's features and amenities and prepared a welcome cocktail with mescal.

All rooms are well-appointed and outfitted with electric blinds, private terraces, and, our favorite features, pedestal bathtubs and outdoor garden showers. The property is anchored by its spectacular zero-edge, three-tiered pool, which developers and owners Mark Cooley and Edward Hooten of SV-RED Management say



was designed to be a bold centerpiece of the resort. The pool's upper section near the wellness building is family-friendly; the middle and lower oceanfront tiers have cabanas with curtained privacy.

Of special note is The Auberge Spa at Chileno Bay, home to a salt inhalation room, the only one of its kind in Mexico. It may seem as if we only fixate on spas, but with facilities like these, we would be remiss not to share the experience. Beginning in a refreshing mist alcove and ending in the serene reflexology pool, the full spa journey at Chileno Bay includes moments in the aromatherapy steam room, ice fountain, and salt inhalation room, which all serve to benefit the mind and body. chilenobayresidences.com

Cuvée in Los Cabos

Cuvée is a Colorado-based company with a reputation in Los Cabos for not only featuring ultra-exclusive properties, but also for delivering exceptional personal service to ensure guests' needs are always met. After visiting several properties and experiencing a "Cuvée welcome"

Top to bottom, Grand Velas Los Cabos, Chileno Bay Resort & Residences.

Opposite page, top to bottom, Brisas Del Mar Beach Oasis, Cuvée Seaside Casita, and Casa Cuvée

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firsthand, we can say their reputation is well earned. Local destination managers Michelle and Esteban Pelaez do more than just take care of everything. They make you feel at home in these unique vacation properties that are out of this world.

Brisas Del Mar Beach Oasis

This large property in Palmilla has pools, putting greens, direct beach access, a spa, world-class golf, and plenty of room to party. If you're a celebrity—or if you want to just live like one while in Los Cabos—this is the place for you.

Seaside La Casita

Carved into a cliff and located within the gated resort community of Villas Del Mar, Seaside La Casita enjoys a panoramic view of the Sea of Cortez and the privacy that many high-net-worth guests appreciate. But those who get a peek behind its traditional Spanish-style walls are treated to innumerable amenities, luscious accommodations, and a pool (see page 64-65) that is simply spectacular.

Casa Cuvée

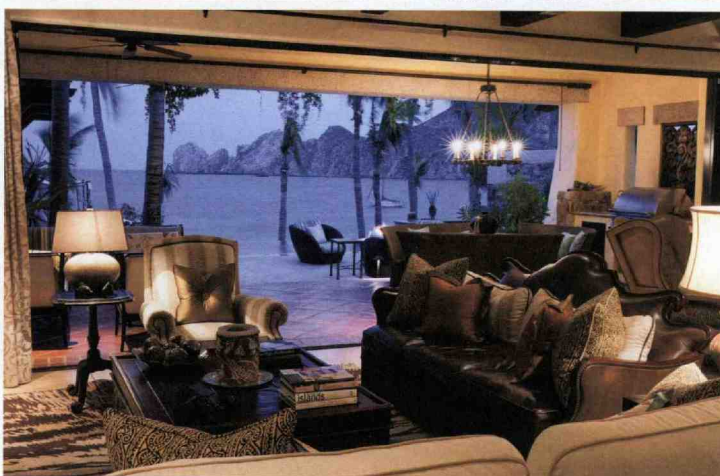
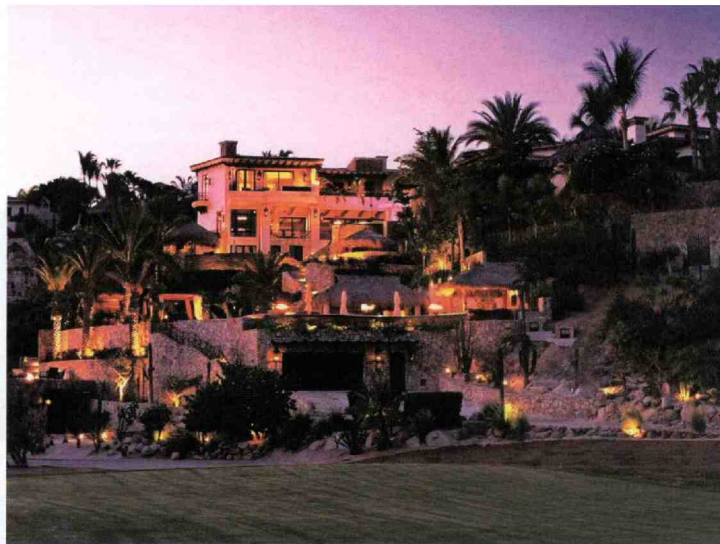
This is the place for those wanting to be close to the party pulse of Cabo but still enjoy the luxury and privacy of Cuvée properties. It has direct access to Cabo's highly sought-after Médano Beach, a view of Cabo's famous arch, and exclusive access to the Hacienda Beach Club's amenities, including spa, fitness center, and fine restaurants. cuvée.com/destination/mexico/los-cabos

Villas del Mar

After speaking with Villas del Mar co-founder Ron Hatfield in one of his homes that has everything—pool, panoramic view of the Sea of Cortez, and easy access to the best that Cabo has to offer—it's easy to see why Villas del Mar has such a stellar reputation for ocean-front luxury. But what really impressed us was his description of the warmth and sincerity of the Villas del Mar community. Plenty of resorts deliver "luxury," but only a special few can really make you feel like family. villasdelmar.com

Quivira Los Cabos

Quivira Los Cabos is an master-planned residential resort community that encompasses 1,850 acres with *three miles* of pristine beaches. And in addition to a full range of full and fractional ownership opportunities, it also boasts the Jack Nicklaus-designed Quivira Golf Club and homeowner access to the restaurants and resort facilities of Cabo's Pueblo Bonito resorts. quiviraloscabos.com



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Querencia

Querencia is a private golf club and residential community that delivers the custom Cabo luxury that only private ownership can provide. Its large, well-appointed single-family homes and condos are set on over 1,800 acres and surrounded by ecological reserves and a pro-level golf course. Here, Cabo's stunning landscape is the star of the show. Meanwhile, the 58,000-square-foot Q Club is equipped with multiple dining venues, an elegant wine cellar, infinity pool, hot tub, lap pool and waterfall, and spa and fitness center. loscabosquerencia.com

Grand Solmar

With accommodation choices ranging from 737-square-foot studios with balconies overlooking the ocean to the four-bedroom, 6,232-square-foot penthouse with private pool and adjoining hot tub, Grand Solmar in Cabo San Lucas has luxury options galore. grandsolmarresort.com

Esperanza

Esperanza is an oasis of soothing yoga, massage, and stunning natural beauty on the outskirts of Cabo San Lucas. In addition to its fitness center and spa, the resort also features Cocina del Mar restaurant, known for its large variety of fresh fish and seafood specialties. But Esperanza is probably most famous for its soft sand beach set between two large rock bluffs. esperanza.aubergeresorts.com



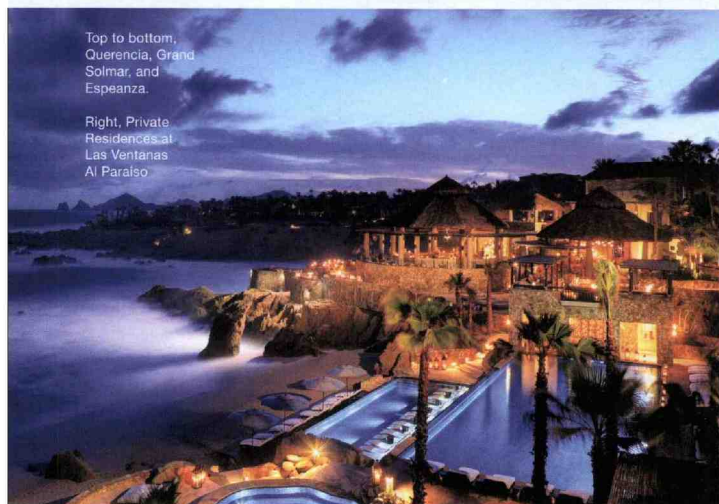
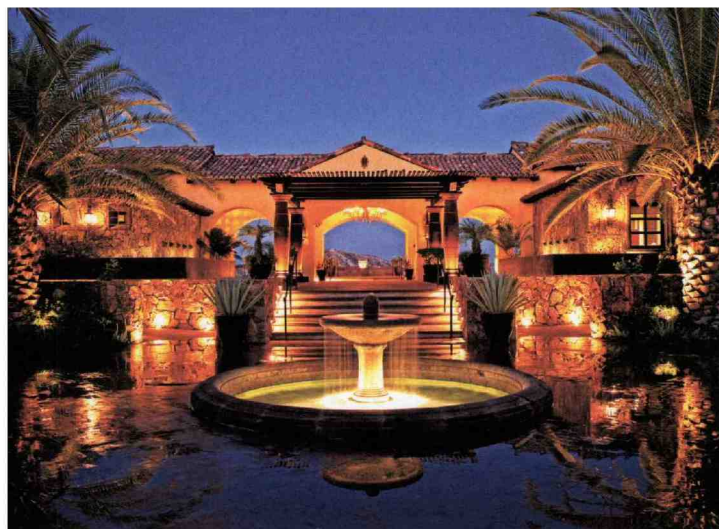
Residences at Las Ventanas al Paraíso

Showcasing the finest Mediterranean-Mexican architecture, the Residences at Las Ventanas al Paraíso span over 5,200 square feet of indoor and outdoor living space. Designed for total sanctuary, these exceptional residences seamlessly transition to beautiful outdoor terraces and take advantage of all that Las Ventanas al Paraíso guests enjoy. rosewood-hotels.com/en/las-ventanas-los-cabos/accommodation/private-residences

Above, an example of Quivira's Copala residences. Below, Villas del Mar are known for spectacular views like this.



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 Residences at
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Equity Estates

Equity Estates allows investors to enjoy the benefits of exclusive vacation properties all over the world without the hassle of full ownership. Their 7,000-square-foot property in Puerto Los Cabos is only one of 70 available homes in 30 countries. equityestatesfund.com **01H**

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Solaz Los Cabos

The new Solaz Los Cabos development will offer a sophisticated and modern take on residential and resort life in Los Cabos. And the plans look simply amazing. Watch this space. solazloscabos.com

Grand Solmar at Rancho San Lucas

Rancho San Lucas is designed to be the most spectacular Grand Solmar yet. It will deliver inspired dining, sumptuous spa services, and one-of-a-kind water features, including a lagoon. ranchosanlucas.com/grand-solmar

1 Hotel & Homes Cabo

Located on the site of the historic Hacienda Hotel in Cabo San Lucas, 1 Hotel & Homes Cabo is developing a private collection of 55 luxury 1 Homes for sale, as well as a 115-room environmentally-responsible hotel on Medano Beach. 1homescabo.com