

# Luxury in Los Cabos: New Hotels Open, More on the Way

**L**os Cabos saw an 8 percent increase in air arrivals for the first half of 2018 over that same period in 2017. The uptick in visitors coincides with a number of new luxury hotel openings since the beginning of the year, with more on the way.

The newest addition to the Los Cabos accommodations scene, **Solaz, a Luxury Collection Resort**, opened this month (September). The 34-acre beachfront hotel has 128 guestrooms and suites, and 21 residences, each with a private entrance and patio or terrace, original art, and a control panel that allows guests to make dining or spa reservations. Also, Artisan Butler Service is available to book excursions and take care of a variety of guests' needs.

The resort has six restaurants and lounges helmed by executive chef Pedro Joaquin Arceyut. Guests can order freshly caught fish and seafood at Al Pairo; traditional and contemporary Baja fare and tapas at Cascabel; and a "dinner grill" at Mako, with such choices as dry-aged steaks, local live lobsters and fresh fish. La Cava serves cocktails and has a wine program with a selection of more than 2,500 vintages — many local to the region.

A series of 160-foot-long infinity pools line more than a thousand feet of white-sand beaches. The Ojo de Liebre Spa has 10 private treatment rooms and two VIP double rooms, along with a range of services such as Alo Therapy (Himalayan Salt Igloo) and Thalasso Therapy, and a full-service salon. Families staying at Solaz can take advantage of its CaboNautas Kid's Club.

Throughout the resort, guests can see original works by Mexican artist César Negrete, who traveled all around Baja California for years, studying the region's natural history



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and folklore. El Gabinete "Del Barco" is an indigenous gallery with regional artifacts; exhibits include a 43-foot-long whale skeleton suspended from the ceiling and a historical original map collection.

The highly anticipated **Montage Los Cabos** — the first international resort for the luxury hotel brand — opened in June in The Twin Dolphin community in Santa Maria Bay, part of Los Cabos' Golden Corridor. There are 122 earth-toned rooms, suites and casas — all of which are a minimum of 895 square feet and offer at least partial ocean views. The top digs are the Ocean View Casa with pool options. Casa Twin Dolphin, Casa Santa Maria and Casa Cardón are fully enclosed with sprawling courtyards, an infinity-edge pool and even a garage. Each casa has three to five bedrooms, indoor/outdoor living areas and an open kitchen space.

Guests can take advantage of a 40,000-square-foot, full-service Spa Montage, a fitness center, multiple dining venues (with a focus on the region's seafood), two pools, a children's program and more. Travelers

looking to stay in shape during their trip may be pleased to know that Montage Los Cabos maintains the brand-wide partnership with celebrity nutritionist Kelly LeVeque, who offers guests seasonal menu options.

Guests have walk-in access to the waters of Santa Maria Bay, as well as some of the region's top diving and snorkeling spots. There are tennis courts on site and an 18-hole Fred Couples Signature golf course is on the way, as well, with a debut set for fall 2018.

In May, the 194-room **Viceroy Los Cabos** debuted in San Jose del Cabo. The former Hotel Mar Adentro was transformed into a Viceroy property after undergoing renovations and enhancements. New to the resort are a beachfront pool and bar, a refreshed lobby and arrival experience, new dining venues and a fitness center curated by celebrity trainer and nutritionist Harley Pasternak.

Upon their arrival through a sculpted iron portal and an artisan wooden door, guests are greeted by the sound of water, the conceptual

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