

Cabo San Lucas

Los Cabos · Mexico

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Cabo San Lucas is a resort town at the southern tip of the Baja California peninsula, where the Pacific meets the Gulf of California. Desert, rock cliffs and sea meet here. It is known for its marina, sport fishing, beach clubs and nightlife, and for the rock arch at Land's End.

It suits a beach trip of three to six nights. The town is lively and busy. For a quieter stay, many visitors choose San José del Cabo, a short drive east.

When to visit

November to May is dry and sunny, with warm days and cool evenings. Humpback and grey whales visit from December to April, and boat tours are popular.

Summer is very hot and humid. September and October bring the highest storm and hurricane risk. October also hosts big fishing tournaments.

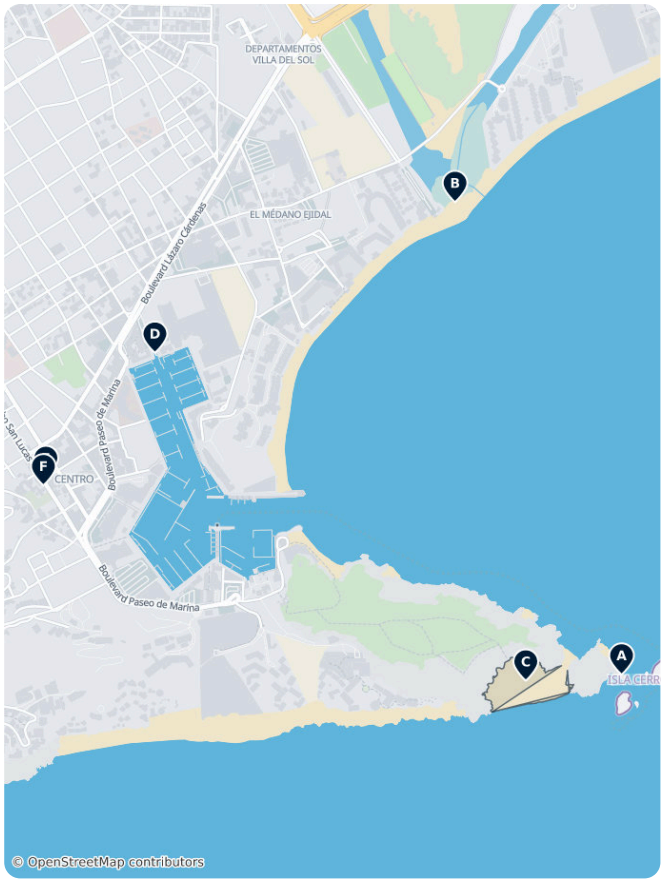
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	● Great Great for watersports	25° / 28°	18° / 15°	☀ 22 sunny days · Calm winds
February	● Great Great for watersports	25° / 28°	18° / 15°	☀ 22 sunny days · Calm winds
March	● Great Great for the beach	26° / 28°	19° / 16°	☀ 26 sunny days · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
April	● Great Great for the beach	27° / 29°	20° / 18°	☀ 26 sunny days · UV 10 (Very high)
May	● Great Great for the beach	28° / 30°	21° / 19°	☀ 28 sunny days · Humid air · UV 11 (Extreme)
June	● Great Great for the beach	29° / 31°	23° / 21°	☀ 27 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · UV 11 (Extreme)
July	● Great Great for watersports	31° / 33°	26° / 24°	☀ 22 sunny days · Oppressive humidity · UV 10 (Very high)
August	● Great Great for watersports	31° / 33° Feels like 35°	27° / 26°	Oppressive humidity · UV 10 (Very high)
September	● Great Great for watersports	31° / 33° Feels like 34°	27° / 25°	Oppressive humidity · UV 9 (Very high)
October	● Great Great for the beach	30° / 33°	25° / 23°	☀ 25 sunny days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds
November	● Great Great for the beach	29° / 31°	22° / 19°	☀ 24 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds
December	● Great Great for the beach	26° / 29°	19° / 17°	☀ 22 sunny days · Calm winds

Best months: January, February, March, April, May, June, November, December

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Arch of Cabo San Lucas is the rock arch at the end of the peninsula. It is reached by a short boat ride from the marina or the beach.
- B Medano Beach is the main town beach on the calm Gulf side. It has restaurants, loungers and water sports.
- C Divorce Beach is a beach on the Pacific side near the arch. The waves are rough and swimming is unsafe.
- D Cabo San Lucas Marina is the busy harbour with yachts, restaurants and tour boats.
- E Plaza de la Ciudad, Cabo san Lucas is the small town plaza near the church, a quieter spot away from the resorts.
- F Parroquia de San Lucas is the town church, close to the plaza.



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What to experience

- Go whale watching from December to April.
- Take a sunset cruise past the arch.
- Join a sport fishing trip for marlin, tuna or dorado.
- Snorkel at a calm bay such as Santa María or Chileno, east of town.
- Ride a quad bike or take a desert tour in the hills behind the coast.

Day trips

- A San Jose del Cabo: about 30 to 40 minutes by car or bus. A smaller town with a historic plaza, galleries and a quiet beach.
- Todos Santos: about 1 hour by car. An artists' town on the Pacific coast with old buildings and surf beaches.
- B Parque Nacional Cabo Pulmo: about 1.5 to 2 hours by car. A national park with one of the main coral reefs on this coast.
- C La Paz: about 2 hours by car. A calm bay town with sea lions and island trips.



Where to explore

- San Jose del Cabo for a quieter base with a historic centre.
- Parque Nacional Cabo Pulmo for coral reef snorkelling and diving.
- La Paz for a relaxed city on the Gulf of California.

Getting there

- **By air**: Los Cabos airport (SJD) is about 40 to 50 minutes from Cabo San Lucas by road. It has many flights from the US, Canada and Mexican cities. Book a shuttle or taxi in advance. Fares are set by zone.
- **By bus**: Coaches run from La Paz and other towns on the peninsula. The main station is on the edge of town.
- **By cruise**: Cruise ships anchor in the bay and passengers come ashore by small boat.

Getting around

- **Taxi**: Taxis are the main way to move between the marina, beaches and resorts. They have no meters. Agree the fare first.
- **Water taxis**: Small boats run from the marina and the main beach to the arch and the beaches near it.
- **Buses**: Local buses run along the highway to San José del Cabo.
- **On foot**: The marina area and the town centre are easy to walk. Resorts are farther out.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The marina and town centre are walkable. Resorts and beaches are spread out, so you need taxis.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Low

Heat and highway traffic make cycling less practical.

Food & drink

Seafood is the local speciality. Try fish tacos, ceviche and grilled lobster or the day's catch. Baja-style fish tacos use battered fish with cabbage and a creamy sauce.

Restaurants around the marina are more expensive. The streets near the main plaza and local taquerías offer better value. Many places add a service charge, so check your bill.

What to eat & drink

LUNCH

Cochinita Pibil
Slow-roasted, citrus- and achiote-marinated pork, a Yucatán specialty traditionally cooked in an underground pit.

DINNER

Mole
A complex sauce, often built from chiles, spices, and sometimes chocolate; mole poblano and Oaxaca's several moles are the best known versions.

Chiles en Nogada
A Puebla dish of stuffed poblano chiles topped with a walnut cream sauce and pomegranate seeds, in the colors of the Mexican flag.

Pozole
A hominy stew with pork or chicken, topped with shredded cabbage, radish, and chile, traditionally eaten on special occasions.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Tacos
Corn or flour tortillas filled with meat, fish, or vegetables, with endless regional and stall-to-stall variation.

Tamales
Corn dough filled with meat, cheese, or vegetables, wrapped in a corn husk or banana leaf and steamed.

Elote/Esquites · Elote / Esquites
Grilled or boiled corn on the cob (elote) or served off the cob in a cup (esquites), topped with mayonnaise, cheese, chile, and lime.

DRINKS

Mezcal
A smoky agave spirit from Oaxaca and several other states, distinct from tequila, traditionally sipped neat.

Tequila
An agave spirit from the region around the town of Tequila in Jalisco, Mexico's best-known export spirit.

Horchata
A sweet, cinnamon-spiced rice-based drink, popular as a non-alcoholic accompaniment to spicy food.

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Safety & health

Cabo San Lucas is a major tourist town and is generally safe in tourist areas. Take normal care at night.

- Swim only where lifeguards are present. Pacific-side beaches such as Divorce Beach have strong waves and currents.
- Time-share sellers are common near the marina. You are not obliged to attend a presentation.
- Use licensed taxis and agree the fare first.
- Drink bottled or purified water.
- Sun and heat are strong. Use sunscreen and drink water.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Mexico at a glance:

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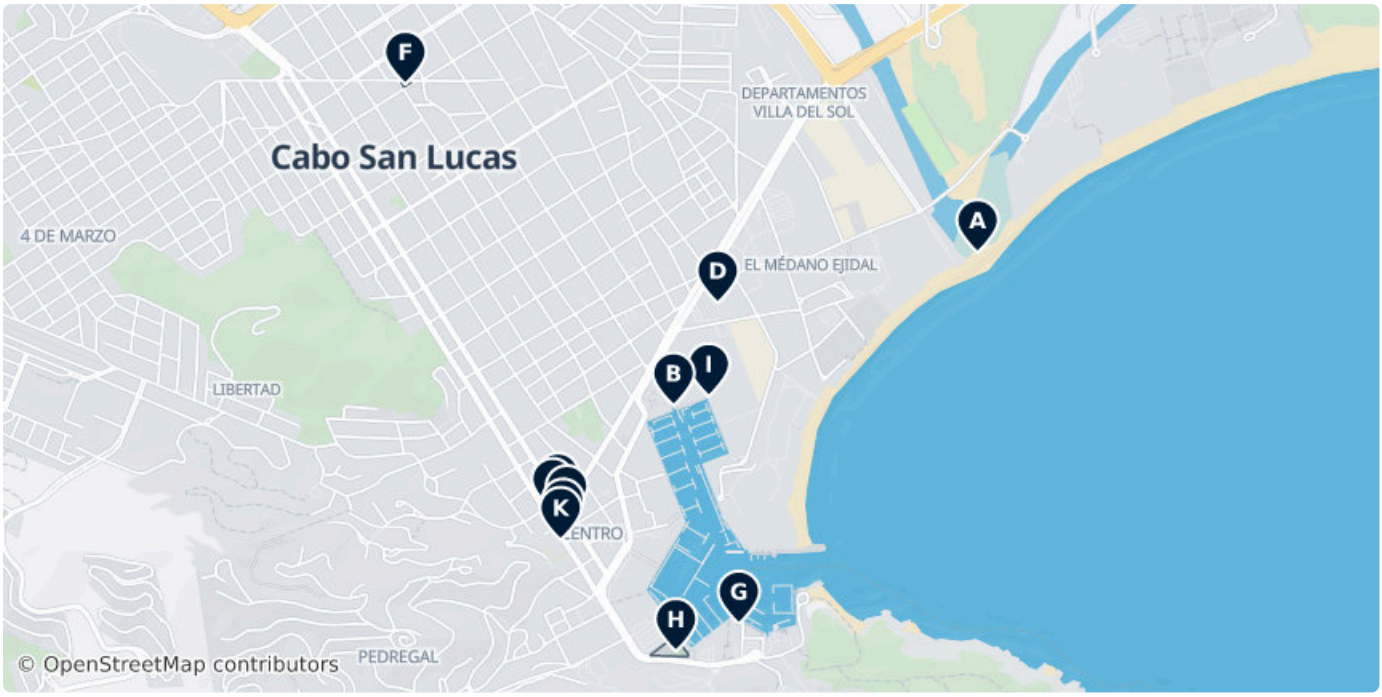
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LANGUAGES
Spanish

TAP WATER
Not safe to drink

Cabo San Lucas Highlights

From the lively marina to Médano Beach, glassblowers and waterfront landmarks, the essential sights of Mexico's Baja tip.





A Medano Beach

The town's main swimming beach, lined with beach clubs and water sports.

Mexico (22.89097, -109.90027)



B Cabo San Lucas Marina

Yacht-filled harbour and promenade, departure point for boat tours and sport fishing.

Cabo San Lucas 23450, Mexico (22.88620, -109.91057)

C Mexico 1 Origen de las Californias

Monument marking the southern end of Mexico's Highway 1.

(22.88308, -109.91448)

D Blown Glass Factory

Watch artisans blow glass from recycled material in a working studio.

Lazaro Cardenas, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico (22.88940, -109.90907)

glassfactory.com.mx, +52 624 143 0120

E Town Square, Cabo san Lucas

The town's central plaza in the heart of Cabo San Lucas.

Calle Francisco I. Madero, Cabo San Lucas 23450, Mexico (22.88227, -109.91431)

F Monumento a la madre

Monument to mothers on the town's main avenue.

Calle Melchor Ocampo, Cabo San Lucas 23468, Mexico (22.89623, -109.91965)

G Cabo Adventures

Eco-adventure outfitter offering sea and desert excursions.

Boulevard Paseo de Marina Plaza Embarcadero, 23450 Cabo San Lucas, MX (22.87940, -109.90836)

H Cabo Dolphins

Dolphin encounter attraction on the marina.

(22.87854, -109.91049)

I #CABO sign

Popular photo-stop sign on the waterfront.

(22.88650, -109.90937)

J Museum of Natural History in Cabo San Lucas

Small museum on the region's natural history.

Calle Cabo San Lucas, Cabo San Lucas 23450, Mexico (22.88292, -109.91466)

Mo–Su 10:00–19:00

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K Church of St. Luke

The town's parish church dedicated to Saint Luke.

Calle Cabo San Lucas, Cabo San Lucas 23450, Mexico (22.88201, -109.91439)

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Kilometre-zero marker of the Baja highway.

(22.88269, -109.91418)

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