



START YOUR ENGINES

Ladies, get ready to kick up some sand while you roar or ride up and down the road less traveled with the girls. Surrounded by stoic cacti, desert wildflowers and the occasional curious critter, you can take in the lovely dry surroundings of Los Cabos on an ATV, mountain bike or dune buggy, perhaps conquering a tricky sand dune. You'll get an eyeful of the sky melting into the ocean as your adrenaline kicks up a notch. If that's not enough, you can always zip-line across scenic desert canyons to enjoy the big picture. Want a closer encounter with nature? Go horseback or even camel riding.

CATCH, RELEASE, REPEAT

Experienced or not, there is so much fun to be had while on a fishing day at sea. With approximately 80 species of game fish — from striped marlin to corvina, yellowtail snapper to yellowfin tuna, swordfish to roosterfish — chances are you'll catch something. The waters around Los Cabos are as plentiful as they are enticing, while two marinas with more than 500 fishing vessels are ready to take you on the thrill of a lifetime. Best of all, catch-and-release is widely practiced here.

GO MULTIGENERATIONAL

Nothing says "Los Cabos" like a day at sea. All members of the family will want to take in the area's rock formations, especially the iconic Arch. From sunset to sundown, the lure of Baja seems to sparkle against the deep blue waters of the Sea of Cortés. Strong winds make this area ideal for sailing with the likes of Tropicat, or for lounging in a catamaran with Sunrider Tours while you find the perfect spot to jump in to cool off.

Head north to explore La Paz, the capital of Baja California Sur, a charming town of quiet streets, great oysters and a beautiful boardwalk lined with *palapas* and inspiring sculptures. Yet another jewel in the Baja landscape is Todos Santos, a lovely oasis designated a Magical Town by the Mexico Tourism Secretariat that is replete with art galleries and historic buildings. Both are within easy driving distance of Los Cabos, with day tours also available.

BOND WITH THE BOYS

The East Cape offers plenty of "manly" outdoor fun, whether windsurfing, trekking or diving in Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park. This federally protected marine

reserve is home to a hard coral reef that provides refuge to quite a few of the hundreds of species that call these waters home, including multicolored beauties and several types of dolphin. On land, you might even spot the rare Baja blue rock lizard.

You can also step onto the many gorgeous championship golf courses in Los Cabos and get ready for a swinging good time. As one of the world's top golfing destinations, this is the place to try your luck on greens designed by Jack Nicklaus, Greg Norman, Pete Dye, Phil Mickelson, Robert Trent Jones II and Fred Couples. But even if they hadn't been created by such luminaries, they'd still be some of the most beautiful in which to play, as their views of the shimmering sea are remarkable.

COUPLE UP

Swim with giants. Whale sharks, the largest fish in the world, are also among the most gentle. During the winter season, you and your significant other have the chance to swim with them in Bahía de La Paz as they glide along placidly, with spotter planes letting your captain and guides know where to



At Hilton Los Cabos Beach & Golf Resort, you'll find some younger guests hanging out at the Cabo Kids Vacation Station decorating cookies, putting together a piñata or taking a tour of the resort. Others will be taking an hour-long Spanish class with a private tutor through Cabo Kids Escuela, while their more food-minded peers will be taking part of a Family Cooking Class, preparing a flavorful dish and taking a tour of the kitchen and the resort's herb garden. The most indulgent of the crowd, however, will be at the spa with their parents. The Cabo Kids Oasis spa program offers choices such as mother/daughter retreats or BFF packages, plus the chance to book a private spa party. Kids have their own spa treatments to choose from and can go the ice cream,

smoothie or virgin cocktail route during their pampering experience.

The older children can also participate with their parents in Hilton Los Cabos' fully accredited Turtle Protection program. From late July through November, hundreds of Olive Ridley sea turtles crawl onto shore to lay their eggs. Certified resort volunteers move the eggs to a safe corral to protect them from predators. Once they've hatched, guests can watch the staff release the babies out to sea. Not only is this a beautiful experience that families remember forever, but it also provides a valuable educational component about the importance of protecting animal life and our environment.

Options for kid-size excitement are also plentiful at One&Only Palmilla, where each youngster gets

a child-size backpack. The Teens Only Space has foosball, air hockey, billiards and other options for downtime after a day paddle boarding or kayaking along the shoreline of Pelican Beach. Want more exercise? Basketball facilities and tennis courts are also available. Younger children, meanwhile, can have their own fun at the supervised KidsOnly Club, stretching with a yoga class, learning origami, taking a cooking lesson and even swinging away at a golf clinic. And if all else fails, there's always the Agua Pool, with its own waterfall and meandering river.

And that's only the tip of the proverbial iceberg. Hotels and resorts in Baja are well versed in the fine art of family fun — at sea or on land, there's no shortage of thrills in Los Cabos.