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Flash and fun find a spot on the beach in sunny Los Cabos

Combine Arizona's weather, California's cool, a sparkling blue sea and just a splash of the French Riviera's elegance...and viola! You have today's Los Cabos, where big game fishing shares the stage with Hollywood celebrities such as Jessica Simpson, Eva Longoria, and many others.

Los Cabos dishes endless daytime fun, with new discoveries every visit, such as the recently opened Cabo Dolphins experience, where the whole family can jump in the wa-



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ter with Dali, Toulouse, Monet and Renoir, four of the seven Pacific bottlenose mammals found at the center.

Chefs throughout Los Cabos have discovered the rewards of this ingredient-rich area where the Pacific Ocean meets the Sea of Cortez. Anyone interested in discovering the destination's excellence in gastronomy will find it at the 2006 Culinary Festival of Los Cabos, held this coming December 1-9.

"The 2005 festival was such a huge success that we had to do it again," says Ella Messerli, Vice President of Operations for the Los Cabos Tourism Board and general manager at Marquis Los Cabos.

One menu that draws rave reviews year-round is found at Marquis Los Cabos in Canto del Mar, which recently won the prestigious International Star Diamond Award. This hotel is also known for its 15,000-square-foot, ocean view Spa Marquis, a full service spa and fitness center with 10 treatment rooms. Spa Marquis specializes in use of indigenous ingredients such as cactus oils, agave, sea salt and sea weed from the Sea of Cortez, which are incorporated into their face and body treatments.

Those divorces who wish to have a home of their own in Los Cabos have many excellent choices these days, from palatial ocean view residences in private gated communities to luxury fractional units in which they are one of several owners.

One of the very best options is Oasis Palmilla, an ocean view community situated on the Mountain Golf Course with-



in the Palmilla community. Offering home sites of approximately one acre—Oasis is a sister property to the highly regarded Villas Del Mar development.

Residents at Oasis Palmilla will be able to take advantage of the same management services and amenities as their neighbors at Villas Del Mar, including a private beach club, a 24-hour on-call butler and personal chef services, and all the dining, golf and spa amenities of the One&Only Palmilla.

"Cabo is going to continue to boom," says Ron Hatfield, the developer of Villas Del Mar and Oasis Palmilla—two fine communities of Del Mar Development—whose visionary thinking has pushed real estate in Cabo to new levels of luxury. "There's no end in sight."

Another of Los Cabos' most sought-after residential developments is Querencia, a highly private master planned community on 1,880 acres with commanding desert and ocean views. An immaculate 18-hole Tom Fazio golf course anchors the recreational amenities, and a brand new 45,000-square-foot golf clubhouse, dining facilities and a spa are also now available for residents. Opening this December are several new pools, a yoga center and a kids club. A second golf course is planned.

Querencia's mission is to offer a country club caliber of living where a close community spirit is

complimented by top-notch amenities and suburb service. Turnkey real estate opportunities include 24 Club Villas (4,000 square feet), each with its own infinity pool; Las Cabanas condominiums adjacent to the Club Village; and estate home sites.

A preferred beachfront option in the heart of San Jose del Cabo is Las Man anitas, where the third and final phase of development, consisting of 26 one- and two-bedroom and penthouse condominiums will be ready by



July 2007. These full-ownership residences are priced between \$495,000 and \$1+ million.

Las Man anitas residents enjoy the quieter charms of San Jose del Cabo, a town that retains its true Mexican flavor, while also

sporting a new 500-slip marina, a new Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course and an excellent selection of international restaurants.

Fishing always has been and continues to be one of the most popular activities in Los Cabos, and while most of the region's hotels and attractions are between San Jose del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas, a quick drive up the eastern edge of the peninsula to the East Cape lands one in a fisherman's paradise. Relatively undeveloped and rustic, the East Cape is populated with fishing lodges, dive shops and camping sites.

There is no better fishing base in the East Cape than Hotel Buena Vista. A delightful throwback to an earlier era in Baja, guests here find inviting hammocks swaying between rustling palm trees and unpretentious rooms thankfully devoid of televisions and telephones.

"The East Cape is known for being what Cabo San Lucas was 25 years ago," says Hotel Buena Vista's Axel Valdez. "Guests enjoy snorkeling, scuba diving or just paddling around with the kids at the surf line. And of course many of our guests come back year after year for the incredible fishing that the area is known for."