

# THE JEWEL OF LOS CABOS

*Less than a year after opening, Grand Velas Los Cabos won the AAA Five-Diamond Award, bringing the notion of an all-inclusive vacation destination to a whole new level of luxury. BY MELISSA LARSEN*

**F**ound along the luxury corridor between Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo, and just 35 minutes from Los Cabos International Airport, Grand Velas Los Cabos is found where the magic of the desert meets the mystery of the ocean. With ultra-luxe suites, an endless array of renowned dining experiences, a spa that is an utter pampering palace, modern Kids' and Teens' Clubs, and much more, the all-inclusive resort provides guests enough luxury and entertainment that they don't need to step foot off property if they choose not to.

Starting with its good looks, Grand Velas Los Cabos features a unique half-moon design and its tiered architecture allows guests eye-popping ocean views. The sparkling three-tier infinity pools are perfectly nestled within the curved design and are ready to be enjoyed with a cocktail in hand. The gallery of contemporary art and original sculpture and art pieces only enhance the beauty of the resort—and bring the incredible local arts and culture to guests.

When it comes to checking in, there is plenty to check out as all 304 of the ocean-view suites are brimming with desirable features that make each feel like a home away from home (a super-deluxe home, at that). With more than 1,180 square feet of space, each suite features private terraces and a luxe bathroom with interior Jacuzzis and separate walk-in rain showers. The mini bars offer fine wines and

artisanal tequila, though juices, beer, snacks and more are at the ready, too. Craving even more extravagance? Two-floor wellness suites with spa amenities as well as suites with private immersion pools—overlooking the sea, of course—are available.

Even the process of checking in is something to behold. Instead of walking up to a reception desk, guests are guided to the grand balcony just outside the lobby and greeted with cold towels, a frosty drink and—in a true testament to the luxury and relaxation that awaits you—a mini massage to help you unwind from your travels while being checked in. Best of all, you can see and hear the ocean during this process, a constant reminder of the dreamy destination that surrounds.

Did that mini massage at check-in have you jonesing for more? SE Spa at Grand Velas Los Cabos is the finest you'll find. The Aroma Vela massage and Noni exfoliation are standout treatments, while the seven-step Water Journey marks the perfect opportunity to relax and refresh in a way you definitely have never experienced before. Spa-goers enjoy a water ceremony composed of seven experiences (including an ice room, a sensory shower, a sauna, a steam with chromotherapy and more) to eliminate unwanted tension and anxiety because stress isn't welcome in paradise. This can't-miss hydrotherapy experience not only treats the body but indulges the senses with alternating temperatures, varying pressure, aromatherapy and visual



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stimuli. The whole family can get in on the pampering action thanks to kid- and teen-inspired treatments, a barber shop for men and more. For an extra wave of wellness, stop by the outdoor yoga terrace for a dose of true Zen.

High-end dining is a hallmark at Grand Velas Los Cabos as the luxury destination is home to a total of seven dining venues—five of them being gourmet dining restaurants. Get dolled up for a royal spread at Cocina de Autor, by Michelin-starred chef Sidney Schutte, which focuses on creative eight- to 10-course tasting menus whereas Velas 10 dishes up hearty plates of Tomahawk beef and only the freshest seafood. For a more casual repast, Cabrilla offers poolside ceviche while diners can dig into a culinary journey through authentic Mexican cuisine with a contemporary twist at Frida. Italian, French, buffet dining and more is available to hungry guests, too.

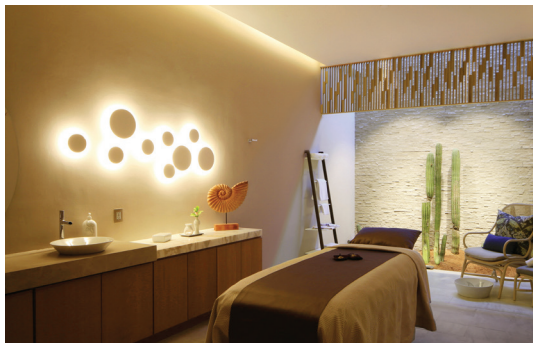
To wash down that deliciousness, the resort has an extensive beverage program and many wine-based features inspired by its proximity to Mexico's wine region. Spirits aficionados will appreciate

the on-site mezcal and tequila tasting room where they can sample the finest artisanal spirits. Or head to Sky Bar or Cocina de Autor Bar for inventive and delicious cocktails featuring fresh local ingredients.

Even the littlest guests of Grand Velas Los Cabos have plenty to look forward to. For the ultimate fun in the sun, there is a splash pool and covered play structure for pint-size guests, who will also adore the decked-out Kids' Club. The teen set can enjoy time in their own on-site club with the latest video games, lounge areas, pool tables, foosball, air hockey, a dance floor, karaoke and a bar serving non-alcoholic drinks. The staff even devises fun-filled activities programs for guests of all ages.

The quality of service at Grand Velas Los Cabos is simply on another level, thanks to a 24-hour personal concierge and 24-hour in-suite service, so every guest need is met. As it continues to ring in the accolades and acknowledgments, it is clear that Grand Velas Los Cabos is changing the face of the all-inclusive concept, meeting guests' five-star expectations—and then some. \*

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