Arch Rock symbolizes the beauty of Cabo San Lucas. Cortez Sea is home to hundreds of fish species, whales, dolphins, sea turtles, and sea lions. It's ideal for fishing, diving, whale watching, water skiing & more! Cabo San Lucas is one of the most popular international vacation destinations in Mexico. It’s known for beautiful beaches, luxury hotels, excellent restaurants, bars, cafes, nightlife, shopping for jewelry, art work, and hand made products.
Things to see & do with step-by-step walking tour maps, photos, and descriptions of BEACHES: Medano, Lover’s, Divorce, and Cannery PLUS, shops, bars, and restaurants e.g. Cabo Wabo. Walking route to Cabo San Lucas church and museum. Tours to Arch Rock by walking, kayak, paddle board, boat, etc. Sites to swim with the dolphins. Travel options to The Glass Factory and Los Cabos San Jose del Cabo Historic District with maps of shops, restaurants and art galleries. Where to book private tours. How to minimize loss when exchanging currency: US Dollars to Mexican Pesos.

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Tom Sheridan
Compelling Reasons to Cruise to, Visit, Tour, & Vacation in Cabo San Lucas

An ideal winter vacation destination!

Cabo San Lucas is a subtropical desert with 300-350 days of sunshine and warm, dry air. It’s an “ideal” winter destination for those living in cold, wet, or snowy areas.

Location, Location, Location!

“A Baja Paradise” on Mexico’s Baja California Sur Coast.

The Gulf of California, also known as the Sea of Cortez, is a 700-mile narrow sea between Baja and mainland Mexico. It’s home to over 800 species of fish, 2000 invertebrates, whales, dolphins, sea turtles, and sea lions. This area has 256,000 hectares of mangroves, 600,000 hectares of wetlands, and 70 percent of the Mexican fisheries. It’s one of the best sport fishing sites and most productive ocean regions in the world. Hence, Mission Blue has named it as a Hope Spot.

Source: National Geographic

Cabo San Lucas is at the southern tip of land as shown on the map at right. Cabo has miles of clean, sandy beaches, with clear water, colorful fish, and an almost endless list of outdoor activities including swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, kayaking, boogie boards, hobbie cat sailing, parasailing, stand up paddle boards, jet skiing, sport fishing, and more.

Photo at left: 2018 price list in $ USD for top activities from a tour company http://www.picachoadventures.com/

There are an incredible number of things to see and do. Because Cabo San Lucas is a popular destination, it can be very crowded. Plan and book your tours early, especially tours that need reservations such as whale watching, sailing, sport fishing, swimming with the dolphins, etc.

If you are staying overnight, book your hotel long in advance and make dinner reservations early.

Many tours only take a few hours so you can plan multiple activities during the day.

Cabo is a playground for the rich and famous. The marina is a clean, beautiful area with million dollar yachts and a gazillion fishing boats, surrounded by shops, bars, restaurants, souvenir stands, a pool to swim with the dolphins, a few shopping centers, an upscale luxury boutique mall, and more!

It’s easy to walk around and explore the marina. You can’t get lost. There are several tourist stands with free maps and people to help you find all the sites. You’ll need to walk outside the marina to explore the famous restaurants such as Cabo Wabo, the historic mission church, museums, and Hotel California. Popular tourist sites outside the city are The Glass Factory and the historic city and tourist areas in San José del Cabo which is a 40 minute ride from Cabo San Lucas.
Medano Beach (Playa Médano) is 2.5 miles long. It’s free to access and always open. It’s clean with beautiful sand and clear water. There are many places to eat, drink, play volleyball etc. In addition to sunbathing and swimming, it’s a popular place for Kayaking, Boogie Boards, Hobbie Cat Sailing, Parasailing, Stand up Paddle Boards, and Jet Skiing. It’s often crowded and there are many street vendor/salesmen on the beach. One of the best and cheapest ways to get from the marina to the beaches is a Water Taxi. Many types of small boats, including glass bottom boats, serve as taxis. Hail a water taxi by waving your hand as you would for a road taxi in a city. Negotiate the price before you get in the boat. San Lucas bay is usually calm, so water taxi rides are comfortable.
**Sunset Monalisa Restaurant**  [https://www.sunsetmonalisa.com/the-restaurant/](https://www.sunsetmonalisa.com/the-restaurant/)
México 1 1, Misiones del, 23455 Cabo San Lucas, Baja California Sur, Mexico

**Carved into a cliff overlooking the Bay of Cabo San Lucas with the best view of the famous Arch at Land’s End, Sunset Monalisa consistently presents a new experience to those seeking excellence in food and service. Located at the tip end of the Baja Peninsula of Mexico, Sunset Monalisa has long been an icon and has been recently classified as “One of the top 5 coolest restaurants in the world” by the Tribune International.**

It’s a 13-minute, 7.5 Km (4.7 mi) ride from the Tour Bus Parking Lot at the marina to the Sunset Monalisa. We visited in the morning before the restaurant was open. We picked up a complimentary drink at the bar and walked around the patio to enjoy the incredible views (photo above). This photo shows arch rock on the left of the cruise ships and Medano Beach on the right. You’ll need a long telephoto lens to zoom in because you’re several miles from Arch Rock. While we were on the patio, a speed boat pulled a a parasailor past us (photo above right).

**Lands End and Arch Rock (El Arco) - the most popular tourist site in Cabo San Lucas.**

You have several options to see this area. You could walk from the ship’s tender dock south and go east along the beach. The best views for photos are from the water. There are many water craft options including Kayaks, Stand-up Paddle Boards, and boats that range from small to large.

If you’re on small tour boat, you’ll have to sit, and there’s always someone beside or in front of you restricting your views. It can be unsafe to stand up on a small boat. I believe the best boat for taking photos is a large, stable, 2-deck boat with no visual obstructions and enough room so you can stand up, walk around, and take photos of Arch Rock from both the lower and upper decks.
We sailed on the “Ideal Boat” to take photos = Cabo Escape. It’s a large, very stable, 2-deck boat with no visual obstructions. You can sit if you prefer. I opted to walk both decks to take photos from different vantage points. The captain stopped the boat at key areas and slowly turned it around so that everyone on the boat could see and photograph the scenery. Also, the boat has all the right creature comforts including beer, soda, snacks, and clean restrooms.

Arch Rock (El Arco)

Close Up of Arch Rock (looking west)
Just north of the Arch, **Lover’s Beach** (Playa del Amore) cuts through the rocks (photo below). You can walk west to Divorce Beach on the Pacific Ocean. Lover’s Beach waters are generally calm. Divorce Beach often has waves and rip tides that can make it dangerous for swimming.
You can walk to these beaches from the Cruise Ship Tender Dock in the Marina. Many people take some kind of water craft for good views from the water, and photos of the rock formations. There’s a trail over Mount Solmar. It takes about half an hour to walk to the top where you’ll have great views of the area. Unlike the sandy beaches where you can be barefoot, the hiking trail has hard rocks. Wear appropriate footwear. Also note that walking over the rocks can be dangerous for people who are not accomplished hikers.

Cannery Beach (Playa Empacadora) is popular for snorkeling and swimming. It’s a short walk from the Cruise Ship Tender Dock to Cannery Beach; see the map on page 25 of this guide. You can get a round trip, glass bottom boat tour from the marina to Land’s End area for ~ $ 25 USD/person. There are water taxis from the marina to Lover’s Beach for ~ $ 10 USD to spend time swimming, relaxing, and exploring. Taxi prices are negotiable. Agree on a price before you get into the water taxi.
CURRENCY: Use of Mexican Pesos, US Dollars, Debit, and Credit Cards in Mexico

Mexican currency is the Peso $ MXN. US Dollars are accepted everywhere in tourist areas. When you make a cash purchase in US Dollars, your change will be in Peso coins.

Before you visit Mexico, check the official exchange rate at https://money.cnn.com/data/currencies/
The exchange rate changes over time, the numbers below are for February 7, 2019. Write down two sets of numbers and carry them with you so you can convert Pesos to USD and vice-versa.

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Knowing the exchange rate is important. If you don’t know it, you are at the mercy of some merchants who will tell you the price in Pesos and US Dollars using an incorrect exchange rate that is profitable for them.

We went to a jewelry store to buy a silver necklace. The manager quoted prices in Pesos and “equivalent” prices in USD. We knew the official currency exchange rate, so it was obvious the jeweler was using an incorrect price when converting Pesos to US Dollars. The official rate was 19.12. The jeweler was using an exchange rate of 22 on credit card purchases giving him an 11.5% profit advantage and 11.5% loss for us.

Here’s the calculation for a necklace priced at $ 300 US Dollars:

• Using the official 19.12 exchange rate, it would be a $ 5,736 MXN Peso charge on our credit card.
• Using the jeweler’s 22 exchange rate, it would be a $ 6,600 MXN Peso Charge on our credit card.

We asked the manager to charge our credit card using the official exchange rate. He said credit card machines in all the jewelry stores were pre-programmed, and could not be changed from, the exchange rate of 22. We “started over” and re-negotiated a lower Peso charge on our credit card to avoid the “hidden” fee of 11.5% due to the merchant’s intentional use of an incorrect exchange rate on credit card purchases.

The official exchange rate is useful in negotiating: e.g. a taxi driver quotes 70 Pesos. Calculate (70/100 Pesos) X ($ 5.22 US dollars) = $ 3.65 US dollars if the taxi driver uses the “Official” currency exchange rate. You could offer $ 4 USD for the taxi ride. Many people pay $ 6 USD for the 70 Peso cab ride.

How to MINIMIZE Financial Loss in Currency Exchanges.

When possible, pay in cash using Mexican Pesos. If you need Peso cash, exchange money using a US Bank Debit Card to get Peso dollars at a good exchange rate from a “real” bank ATM in Mexico.

The “worst” places to exchange money are in hotels, on cruise ships, at ATM machines that are not Bank ATM's, and non-bank money exchange services in Airports, shopping malls, etc.

Choose and use a US Credit Card that has favorable exchange rate policies for foreign transactions and uses the “official exchange rate for Pesos to US Dollars” with no additional fees.

Watch for Sea Lions begging for fish on boats returning to the marina

Whenever you’re on the ship’s tender or in the marina area, watch for sport fishing boats returning from sea. If you’re lucky, you’ll see Pancho, a 700 lb sea lion climbing onto the back of a boat to beg for food (fish).

I saw Pancho from the ship’s tender, but could not get a photo. The photo at right shows Pancho begging for bait fish at the back of the boat. Note that Pancho has his flipper on the back of the boat to help support him as he looks into the bait tank.

This photo is from a video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iNhmu7cL0tc

I highly recommend watching this video and doing a Google search for “YouTube Video sea lion on fishing boat” to see other incredible videos of sea lions on fishing boats. It’s an amazing sight.
The marina is a clean, colorful, photogenic area to explore on foot. There are many pubs, cafes, shops, and places to stop along the route. The government tourist information office is in the Marina just north of Cabo Dolphins. There are booths along the walkway with people selling all kinds of excursions and tours. I’ve shown the locations of water taxis and glass bottom boats using the red letter W on this map. Exits from the marina area are shown by the letter E on the map. Some of the most popular sites outside of the marina are shown as S1, S2, S3.

We spent most of the day walking around the Marina, stopping at some shops, and taking photos. This is a beautiful area. I’ve included photos on the next few pages showing points of interest. My photos are numbered as 1, 2, 3, etc. on the map above.
1) The Cruise Port
Your cruise ship will tender you ashore using the ship’s tenders and/or boats from the marina. The terminal is open with a shade cover to protect you from the sun. The terminal has some seats so you can relax if you have to wait for a tender. Our boat tour on Cabo Express to Arch Rock departed from the terminal next to our tender boat dock. There are several boats that dock at the terminal to load/unload passengers.

2) Downtown Exit to City
Across the walkway from the Cruise Port, you’ll see a sign “Downtown Exit”. This not the only exit from the marina, but it’s the closest exit from the Port Terminal and it’s the route to walk to the ship’s tour bus parking lot. You walk past several shops and pharmacies and bear right to the ship’s tour bus parking lot. There are many stands with people selling tours.

3) Cabo Outlet and Marina Mercado Arts & Crafts Market
Turn left in front of the Downtown Exit sign, and walk along the marina, to explore the Cabo Outlet and Marina Mercado. When you are done exploring this area, backtrack to the Downtown Exit sign and continue walking to the Marina. You’ll see Senor Frogs on you left. Turn left and walk along the marina.
4) Senor Frogs
HELLO FROGGIES If you've ever been to a Señor Frog's, anywhere around the world, you already know that we're a place where people of all backgrounds hang together, dance, sing and basically act the way they want without worrying about silly rules and regulations. Our philosophy is simple: have fun, let yourself go and unleash your fiesta!!

5) Office Buildings for Cabo Tour Companies
Most of the buildings shown near number 5 on the map are offices for local tour companies. There are many, many tour companies.

6) Surf Boards in a Circle
Entrance to Cabo Dolphins
The surf boards are at an exit from the Marina to the city.

7) Cabo Dolphins Center (a.k.a. Cabo Adventures) is in the Marina.
NOTE: This center is for people staying at local hotels; it’s not available to cruise ship passengers. For a similar, much less expensive and very fun dolphin swim, book a tour to San Jose del Cabo Dolphin Center (a.k.a. Dolphin Discovery Los Cabos). It’s a 40 minute, 36 Km (22 mile) ride from Cabo San Lucas.

What’s the difference between swimming with the Dolphins at the Cabo Dolphin Center vs. San Jose del Cabo Dolphin Center?

- **Travel Time:** The Cabo Dolphin center is in the marina. The San Jose del Cabo Dolphin Center is a 40 minute bus ride each way.
- **Cost:** Bus transportation is included in the San Jose del Cabo Dolphin Center tour and it’s a lower cost fee to swim with the dolphins in San Jose del Cabo.
- **Difference in the Dolphin Centers?** I am not an expert and have not swummed with dolphins in Mexico, but if you visit the websites, read the descriptions, and check the photos/videos, you’ll see a difference in the dolphin centers. The center at the marina in Cabo San Lucas is a large, concrete swimming pool, 40 feet deep. The center in San Jose del Cabo is in a natural, harbor area where the dolphin center is connected to the sea.

Check this website for the dolphin centers [https://www.cabosanlucastours.net/Dolphin-Swim-Adventure.htm](https://www.cabosanlucastours.net/Dolphin-Swim-Adventure.htm)
8) When you’re walking around the marina keep an eye out for sea lions and birds. We spotted a sea lion swimming and diving while two storks watched and flew around the area.

9) CAPTA Tourist Assistance Center

CAPTA is the Center of Attention and Protection for Tourists. There are two Centers in Mexico. One is in Mexico City, the other is in Cabo San Lucas. 

The Tourist Assistance Center is the government agency with all the free information, maps fliers, and advice you need to help plan your time in Cabo San Lucas. It’s your best source of information and help on any issue or problem.

Cabo San Lucas is very important as a major tourist site. Hence, the national, state, and municipal authorities are committed to doing everything they can to ensure a pleasant and safe visit for tourists.

The goal is to help you enjoy your visit to make sure you come back. This Center is your best source of information on things to see and do, where to stay while in Cabo, tour options, etc. In addition to tourist information, the centre is a one-stop shop to provide help and information on health emergencies, consular services, security issues, etc.

10) Captain Tony’s Restaurant

Captain Tony’s is a Mexican restaurant with a little bit of everything. It’s open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Breakfast has burritos, omelets, egg platters, tacos, wraps and Mexican chilaquiles. Lunch and dinner menus include Mexican specialties like chili-rubbed flank steak, beef fajitas and chicken enchiladas, and dishes with more international flavor such as the coconut shrimp, house-made lasagna, BBQ ribs and personal pizzas made to order.

The Cultural Center, shown on the map on page 10, is a huge auditorium for performances and exhibits.
Solomon’s Landing Specialties
Breakfast includes waffles with mixed berries semi-sweet chocolate chips maple syrup and whipped cream. Lunch selections include soups, salads, seafood platters, sandwiches and burgers including a portobello burger. It’s one of the best restaurants for seafood and sushi.

Tesoro Los Cabos Hotel, Spa & Sky-pool  [https://tesororesorts.com/los-cabos/](https://tesororesorts.com/los-cabos/)

Los Cabos is the #1 luxury destination in Mexico. It’s recognized internationally for beautiful beaches, top level Spas, impressive golf courses, world-class fishing, and incredible views.

You’ll find these and other charms at Tesoro Los Cabos beginning our elegant Sky-pool lounge in the heart of the most modern district of Cabo San Lucas. It’s where the fun never ends, just a few steps from classy shops, varied nightclubs, restaurants, and all sorts of water activities to enjoy and make new memories.

The ideal combination of contemporary amenities, our privileged location and the best view of Cabo San Lucas Marina make Tesoro Los Cabos the ideal option for discerning travelers looking for a great place on a business trip, families looking to enjoy every moment of theirs, vacation, a romantic gateway for couples and those who desire a dose of adrenaline by partaking in water sports.

11) Fish Pedicure  GPS = 22°52'51.1"N 109°54'40.7"W

Cabo has several spas that offer a “Fish Pedicure.” You sit and place your bare feet in a tank filled with small fish. The fish nibble and remove dead and dying skin from your feet so that new skin will grow.

The type of fish used is the Garra rufa from Western Asia. Normally, this fish would not eat dead skin. To make the fish eat dead skin, the fish are starved so they’ll eat dead skin to stay alive. “Typical” 2018 prices were 10 minutes for $20 USD or 20 minutes for $30 USD.

See this video [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0GTe8N_9k4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0GTe8N_9k4)
12) Sights near the Lighthouse

You’ll find colorful shops selling a variety of souvenirs, clothes, alcoholic products, etc. around the lighthouse. Behind the lighthouse, you’ll see an archway in the Tesoro Los Cabos Hotel. Walk through the archway. There’s a Japanese restaurant Nick San https://nicksan.com/ on your right and Diamonds International in the white building across the street. There are several nice shops in this area around the prestigious Tesoro Hotel. Walk through the arch to the cross street, Blvd Paseo de la Marina. Turn left to walk to St Luke Church and the Natural History Museum as shown on the map on page 17.
Popular Sites in Cabo San Lucas

Eclectic Array Cabo shown as “S1” on the map on page 10

Eclectic Array is one of Los Cabos' authentic shopping destinations. Our boutique features handmade clothing, shoes and dog collars that support artisans throughout Mexico. Our goods are unique, one-of-a-kind pieces that you won't find anywhere else. Address: Marina Blvd Plaza de la Danza Local 8, Cabo San Lucas 23450, MX

Eclectic Array’s Mission is to embrace incredibly talented artisans across various regions of Mexico who make beautiful, unique, handmade products and to use our store to showcase the products and offer them to consumers, connecting artisans with consumers and transforming lives across Mexico.

See the website for photos, descriptions, and pricing for the handmade products. https://eclecticarray.com/

The Caboholics Store shown as “S2” on the map on page 10

The Caboholic Store is the a place all Caboholics visit during their vacation in Cabo. The store offers T-shirts, mugs, jackets, and other gifts. Address: Boulevard Paseo de la Marina | Plaza Nautica, Local, Cabo San Lucas 23410 For a definition of “Caboholic”, see the website http://www.caboholics.com/caboholic-store.html

Casanova Fine Jewelry & Accessories Shown as “S3” on the map on page 10

This is consistently rated as a very popular jewelry store in Cabo San Lucas.

“Come to Casanova Fine Jewelry, the number one option in Cabo San Lucas, for original, beautiful & high end jewelry designs, tailored to suit even the most sophisticated jewel buyer! We have our own jewelry factory & can make any design”. Address Blvd Paseo de la Marina Local 11, Zona Commercial Centro, Cabo San Lucas

https://casanovajewelry.mx/

This Google street level photo above shows Nick San Japanese Restaurant on the left, Casanova Fine Jewelry & Accessories in the center, and the bridge through the Tesoro Los Cabos Hotel on the right to walk to/from the Marina.
Walking Routes from the Marina to St Luke Church and the Natural History Museum

St Luke Church and the Natural History Museum are outside the marina. The best places to exit the marina are near the lighthouse shown as number 12 on the map below and from Solomon’s Landing where you walk west past the Cultural Center, and go North on Calle Cabo San Lucas.
This photo shows “El Coral” at the intersection of Calle Cabo San Lucas and Blvd Paseo de la Marina. Walk north to St Luke Church. If you are walking from Diamonds International, turn right and walk north.

This photo shows the view walking north on Calle Cabo San Lucas to the Church and Museum. Walk on the right (East) side of the street. The right (East) side of the street is next to the backyards and garages for houses. The left (west) side of the street is next to the front door entrances to houses. The entrances to the houses are high above the street so there are stairs you have to climb up and down to walk north to the Church and Museum. You’ll be exhausted from climbing up/down stairs if you walk past all the houses on the left side of the street. The simple solution is to walk on the right (East) side of the street.
Saint Luke Catholic Church is on the West (left) side of the street ~400 feet north from “El Coral”.

It’s a very attractive, historic church. It was built in 1730 by a Spanish Missionary. There’s a bilingual Mass at 7:00 pm on Saturday. Sunday masses are at 7:30 am, 12 noon, and 8 pm.

Natural History Museum is 200 feet north of St Luke Church on the right east (right) side of the street.
The address is Plaza Amelia Wilkes C. Centro, San Lucas Cabo San Lucas, B.C.S. Mexico

The museum has a wide variety of exhibits for all ages from children to seniors.
Be sure to see and photograph the huge whale skeleton outside the museum. Exhibits include fossils of birds, reptiles, mammals, and plants plus astronomy, geology, paleontology, and marine history. 
This is a must visit museum!
Hours: Tuesday to Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Admission is 15 pesos ~ one US Dollar.

Points of Interest around the Marina.
In the SOUTH Section of the Marina, all of the important points of interest are in the marina next to the water. You’ll pass numerous restaurants, shopping areas, bars, and pubs during you’re leisurely walk.
In the NORTH section of the Marina, many of the important points of interest are on the public streets outside the Marina. On the map on the next page, I show a 1200 foot long walkway next to the Marina where there is nothing to see or do because the adjacent land is undeveloped, open fields. There are several shops, bars, and restaurants and two shopping malls along the north edge of the Marina as shown on the map on the next page.

For reference, I suggest you study the map and take note of the location of Diamonds International. That’s where you want to exit the marina to visit the popular places of interest west of the marina including St Luke Church, the Natural History Museum, Cabo Wabo Cantina, The Giggling Marlin Bar, and Happy Ending Cantina.
This map shows points of interest on public streets west of the marina. Use Diamonds International at the bottom of the map as a reference point. This is where you can exit the marina to walk and explore sites along the public streets.

Note the section of the marina where I point out “Nothing to do in this area.” Don’t waste your time walking along this section of the marina because there is nothing along the waterfront except for open fields along undeveloped property. Other than the boats on the water side, there is nothing to see or do along the land side of the marina in this area.
Cabo Wabo Cantina  Cabo Wabo  http://www.cabowabocantina.com/
It was opened by Sammy Hagar of Van Halen in 1990. It’s one of the most famous and largest places with live music by musicians from around the world, dancing, and nightlife.

The Giggling Marlin Bar  https://www.gigglingmarlin.com/
After a great day of fishing, laying on the beach, after water sports, or a round of golf, the Giggling Marlin is the place people come to for fun, food and adventure.
Happy Ending Cantina = a popular restaurant bar
http://www.happyendingcantina.com/
“Cabo’s Best Bar”

El Squid Roe is a popular night club for drinking, celebrating, partying, and dancing.
See this video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOggQxPLfXc
It’s in a large building with three floor, five full bars, a clothing store, a kitchen, private VIP areas, & more. The atmosphere is similar to a house party with an MC to guide the crowd through the night and an environment that allows guests to feel free enough to dance on top of tables. Famous visitors include Beyonce, U2, Floyd Mayweather, Tupac, Emmitt Smith, Snoop Dogg, Drake, Rihanna, Jamie Foxx, Oscar De La Hoya, Alex Rodriguez, Tony Romo, 50 Cent, and many other celebrities.
This map shows the place to re-enter the north section of the marina from Paseo de la Marina.

Walk into the marina at Senor Frogs next to the Nowhere Bar. Walk east along the marina, stopping to explore the shops, bars, and restaurants. Walk to the large and impressive Puerto Paraiso Mall. It’s a gorgeous, colorful, and very clean mall inside and out.

**PUERTO PARAÍSO SHOPPING MALL**  [http://www.puertoparaiso.mx](http://www.puertoparaiso.mx)  [http://www.puertoparaiso.mx/directorio.html](http://www.puertoparaiso.mx/directorio.html)

Here’s a list of the number of stores selling different types of products:

- **Clothing** = 19
- **Accessories** = 13
- **Footwear** = 8
- **Swimsuits** = 6
- **Jewelry** = 3
- **Crafts/souvenirs** = 3
- **Art Galleries** = 2

The food court has 11 food centers and there’s a Casino, Movie Theater, and Video Game Center.
Luxury Avenue  [https://luxuryavenue.com/](https://luxuryavenue.com/)

**The ultimate luxury boutique shopping experience: fashion clothing, jewelry, watches, accessories, and more!**

This is a list of some of the name brand designer products offered at Luxury Avenue

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Mango Deck Restaurant, Bar & Beach Club on Medano Beach (See the map on page 20)


The best restaurant in Cabo San Lucas is Mango Deck. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, Mango Deck offers guests not only incredible traditional Mexican food but also a complete sports bar and beach club experience right on Medano Beach, the most swimmable beach in Cabo San Lucas.


It’s an 8 minute, 600 m (1,970 foot) walk from Luxury Avenue to Mango Deck as shown by the red dashed line on the map below. There are many bars and restaurants along the beach where you can rent a lounge chair to relax and swim. You can also rent water sports equipment.
Use Google Maps to Plan Your Walking Tour of Cabo San Lucas

Google maps are useful to determine the walking route, time, and distance between points. The maps can show travel route and time by car/taxi, public bus/train, walking, cycling, and airplane. You can use Google maps on any computer, tablet, phone, etc. You’ll need WiFi to see the maps, but you can save large sections of maps to your device for use during your travel without being connected to WiFi if your device has built-in GPS.

For more information, see [https://www.tomsportguides.com/world-gps-maps.html](https://www.tomsportguides.com/world-gps-maps.html).

1) To plan walking routes, open Google maps and enter “Cabo San Lucas Mexico Cruise Port”. This is where you exit the ship’s Tender.

Click **Directions** on the map and enter “Cabo San Lucas Mexico Playa Empacadora” as the destination, click on the Walking Man Icon, and press the enter key.

The map at right shows it’s a 6 minute walk past the famous Playa Publica (Cannery Beach) to Playa Empacadora which is an excellent beach for snorkeling.

**Two of the best beaches are only 6 minutes from the cruise ship tender dock!!!**

You can use this technique to find walking route and distance to any location.

Cabo is an excellent port for walking tours. It only takes a few seconds for Google to create the maps for your walking tour options.
Popular Sites Outside of Cabo San Lucas

The Glass Factory
GPS = 22°53'54.2"N 109°54'35.0"W

It’s a 9 minute, 3.4 km (2 mile) ride from the bus parking lot in the Cabo San Lucas Marina.

Address: General Juan Álvarez street between Captain Manuel Pineda and 7th Avenue. Col. Arenal, CP 23460 Cabo San Lucas, BCS, Mx

Hours: Monday to Friday: 9 am - 5 pm
Saturday and Sunday: 10 am - 4 pm

The Glass Factory is an opportunity to see skilled glass blowers turn molten “blobs” of glass into works of art that are functional and decorative items for your home. The glass blowers were making colorful turtles when we visited. After the demo, you’ll have time to walk through the exhibit area to admire and purchase beautiful products. The showroom has some gorgeous glass products.

For photos of the glass products, see this link to their catalog http://www.glassfactory.com.mx/site/en/catalog

Photo of vases from their website at left below. My photos are at right below.
San Jose del Cabo  GPS = 23°03'41.8"N 109°41'39.8"W
It’s a 40 minute, 36.1 km (22.4 mile) ride from the bus parking lot in the Cabo San Lucas Marina. Plan on spending one to two hours in San Jose. You can visit San Jose via a ship’s bus tour, renting a car, or hiring a taxi, with room for four passengers, that costs ~ $ 60 USD one way from Cabo San Lucas.

Things to see and do in San Jose del Cabo.
San Jose is an alternative vacation destination to Cabo San Lucas offering beautiful beaches, all forms of water activities including swimming, snorkeling, fishing, glass bottom boats, etc. and impressive choices of hotels, restaurants, bars, and shopping. Also, there’s a nature reserve with herons, humming birds, ibis and a site where you can swim with the dolphins.

A popular place for shopping in San Jose del Cabo is the Historic District
1. **Plaza Mijares (Town Center).**
   Visit the 300-year old Catholic Missionary Church of San Lucas, dozens of jewelry stores and other types of shops, several restaurants, and a few art galleries. When events are scheduled in Town Center, the area is lined with stalls selling a variety of products.

2. **Distrito del Arte is a few blocks north of Plaza Mijares (Town Center):**
   This is the area with cobblestone streets, historic buildings, and many art galleries offering paintings, sculpture, pottery, regional arts and crafts, and more!

How Much Time Do You Need to Tour the Historic District in San Jose del Cabo?
We were on a our ship’s 5-hour tour that began with a 1 hour boat tour around El Arco (Arch Rock). Then we drove to The Glass Factory for a half-hour visit. The next stop was a half-hour at the scenic Mona Lisa restaurant for a libation with time to relax, enjoy the spectacular views, and take photos.
Our last stop was for an hour in San Jose del Cabo to explore Plaza Mijares (Town Center). An hour was adequate to visit San Jose Church and explore jewelry stores and shops around Town Center. However, we didn’t have enough time to visit the art galleries in Distrito del Art, north of Town Center.
I believe you’ll need ~2 hours in San Jose del Cabo to visit both Plaza Mijares and Distrito del Art galleries, the shops, and have time to relax at the ice cream parlor, or stop at one of the pubs or cafes.

Map of San Jose del Cablo Plaza Mijares (Town Center)
I’ve created detailed maps for your walking tour. The tour bus drops you off at the south end the pedestrian area of Town Center. You’ll see Cabo Souvenirs at the bus stop. GPS = 23°03'41.1"N 109°41'38.9"W
Palacio Municipal (Town Hall- Photo Below Right) will be north of you on the left side of the street.
This map shows tourist sites from Plaza Mijares (Town Center) to the south.

Blvd Antonio Mijares has 13 Jewelry Stores, an Art Gallery, and a few restaurants. The jewelry is gorgeous! Note the 100 foot distance scale on the map. You'll see many taxis and vans along this street because this is the primary area for taxis, vans, and buses to drop off and pick up tourists visiting this area.
The beautiful, 300 year old San Jose Catholic Church dominates Town Center.
Map of Art Galleries in Distrito del Arte, the Old Town, Historic District of San Jose del Cabo

The art galleries are north of San Jose Catholic Church as shown on this map. The streets are flat and easy to walk. Note the 100 foot distance scale on the map. Also note the parking along Av Centenario for easy access to the art galleries if you are arriving in a rental car.
**User Feedback Is Welcome**

**Goal**

My guides are designed to help you plan a great cruise vacation by providing information such as where the ship docks, location of tourist sites, public transit, walking tour maps, things to see and do, travel issues unique to the port, etc. Knowledge of ports is important when planning self-guiding touring and booking shore excursions because you have to make many decisions and commitments long before your ship docks.

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