



Welcome to Los Cabos

Los Cabos, Mexico is located at the southern tip of the Baja Peninsula in the State of Baja California Sur. It is a municipality that includes the laid back, colonial San José del Cabo and the vibrant, fun-filled Cabo San Lucas. San José del Cabo is just seven miles south of Los Cabos International Airport; Cabo San Lucas is approximately 20 miles southwest of the airport. Los Cabos is accessible by air from most major cities in the United States and Mexico by Aeromexico, Aero California, Alaska Airlines, America West, Continental, Mexicana Airlines, and United Airlines. Flight time from Los Angeles is approximately two hours; from Chicago, approximately 5 hours.

The conference hotel is The Hilton Los Cabos Beach and Golf Resort. It is a four-diamond hotel located between the two cities and provides daily shuttle service to both. Each guestroom has a private balcony with ocean view, coffee maker, three telephones, and high-speed internet access (daily fee). For additional information, visit their website at www.hilton.com/en/hi/hotels/index.jhtml;jsessionid=ULMGNMBGN2MCSCSG6IIVMVCQKIYFC3UUC?ctyhocn=SJDLCCHH.

Traveling to Mexico:

US Citizens - You will need to obtain a Tourist Card (also called an FMT in Spanish). Your airline will provide you with one prior to landing. Upon entering Mexico, retain and safeguard the pink copy of your tourist card so you may surrender it to Mexican immigration when you depart. To get your Tourist Card you will need to present proof of citizenship. U.S. citizenship documents, such as a certified copy (not a simple photocopy) of a U.S. birth certificate, a Naturalization Certificate, a Consular Report of Birth Abroad, or a Certificate of Citizenship are acceptable. However, the U.S. Embassy recommends traveling with a valid U.S. passport to avoid delays or misunderstandings. Driver's permits, voter registration cards, affidavits and similar documents are not sufficient to prove citizenship for readmission into the United States. For more information, please visit the U. S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs website at <http://travel.state.gov/>.

Non-US Citizens - Please check with your local travel professionals regarding entry and exit requirements well in advance of your departure.

The weather in Los Cabos during the summer is arid and quite warm during the day, with abundant sunshine over 300 days of the year. Evening temperatures will be in the 70s. Average annual rainfall is 10 inches (25.4cm), with most occurring during the months of September and October. Check out the current weather at www.loscabosguide.com/weather.htm. Los Cabos is located within the Mountain Time Zone; the time changes whenever Daylight Savings Time changes. The currency is the Mexican Peso. Shops and restaurants accept dollars and credit cards - Visa and MasterCard are the most widely accepted. American Express is accepted in some stores and restaurants, but VISA and MasterCard are preferred. The Discover Card is not yet accepted. It is suggested that you ask the merchant, in advance, which credit cards are accepted. Only some banks will exchange traveler's checks; check with individual banks. Both towns have ATMs and American Express offices. Cash is dispensed in pesos. All major hotels and restaurants, including the Hilton Los Cabos, have purified water. Bottled water is available in tourist areas. Although many people drink the water directly from the tap, it is not suggested. Drinking only bottled or purified water is recommended. If there is any doubt in your mind, do not hesitate to ask for purified water "Agua Purificada" or bottled water.

Most people come to Los Cabos because it is always warm, the sea is an indescribable blue, and few places on the North American continent are more laid back. But, it is renowned for world-class sport fishing, championship golf, an impressive array of water sports, miles of beaches and desert trails to explore, and 7,000-foot mountains to climb. In addition, how about snorkeling or SCUBA diving in that magical blue water of the Sea of Cortez, spending the morning watching a pod of whales play slap the tail, sitting behind the wheel of a Baja racing style off-road vehicle and taking a test drive in the desert, cruising on a tall ship, cycling, horseback riding, touring or shopping? If you've got the energy, there's no shortage of exciting, unusual and fun activities to do in Los Cabos - enjoy the adventure!