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Mexico's 10 Best Seaside Hideaways

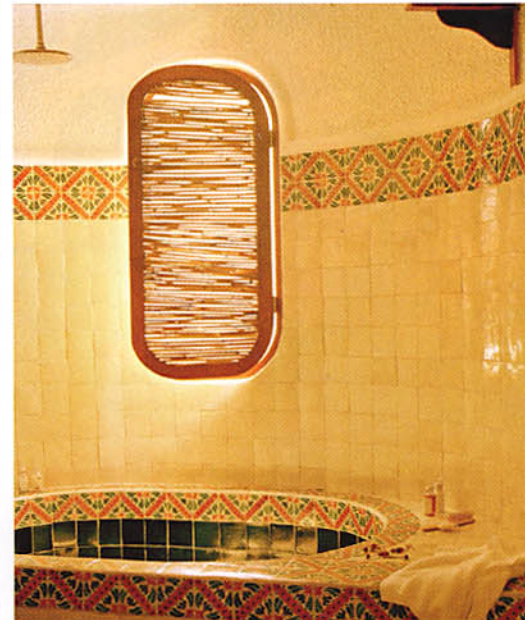
From the aquamarine waters of the Mayan Riviera to the secluded beaches of Costa Alegre, sun, sand, and serenity are just a short flight away



THIS COULD BE YOUR TABLE!

At Maroma Resort & Spa, head to the observation tower for margaritas and guacamole, or a private dinner.

Opposite, clockwise from top left: room #19, midmorning snacks, entrance to the main restaurant, the Kinan spa's courtyard, a private villa pool, a tub with handpainted tile, the resort's private beach, one of many Mayan motifs. Center: pathway to observation tower



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LAS ALAMANDAS

Costa Alegre

This Pacific Coast retreat offers escape in high L.A. style. Jennifer Aniston and Francis Ford Coppola are among many Hollywood A-listers who sneak off to this resort with its own airstrip and a mile-long private beach.

SECLUSION FACTOR: Having just 14 suites on 1,500 acres guarantees a crowd-free vacation. Have the staff saddle up a horse for a mile-long sunset gallop on the beach.

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL:

Two villas, Casa del Domo and Casa Isabel, recently underwent extensive renovations, adding luxuries like private pools and double showers with an ocean view.

COST: from \$488 per night; 011/52/322/285-5500 or lasalamandas.com

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ESPERANZA

Cabo San Lucas
(Baja Peninsula)

A quiet getaway in the middle of Cabo, Esperanza mixes privacy with resort amenities, including a full spa and gourmet on-site restaurants. The 57 casitas bring the outdoors in with sliding glass doors that transform terraces into part of the living areas.

SECLUSION FACTOR:

Spa suites, Palapa Casitas, have thatched roofs and private infinity-edge hot tubs.

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL:

Sip through a tequila tasting class and learn the nuances of agave. The resort stocks more than 100 varieties.

COST: from \$675 per night; 866/311-2226 or esperanzaresort.com

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TODOS SANTOS INN

Todos Santos
(Baja Peninsula)

You don't have to venture far to escape Cabo's bustle. This restored hacienda once belonged to a sugar baron. Now it's part of the historic district in a charming colonial town. There's ample browsing in antiques and crafts galleries, and the beach is just minutes away.

SECLUSION FACTOR:

Once inside the brick-and-adobe interior, you're transported to old Mexico. Each of the antique beds is swathed in mosquito netting, bringing a dreamy ambience.

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL:

Take a painting class and capture Baja's warm light on canvas.

COST: from \$125 per night; 011/52/612/145-0040 or www.todossantosinn.com

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AGUA AZUL LA VILLA

Huatulco

Always wished you had friends to host you in their private Mexican villa? Now you do. Canadians Brooke and Rick Gazer's quiet B&B has just six bedrooms and sweeping Pacific views. You'll find restaurants and diversion nearby in the still unspoiled town of Huatulco. Or just stay here and enjoy the beach.

SECLUSION FACTOR:

Within an upscale residential neighborhood, Agua Azul la Villa is close to town—but not too close.

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL:

See Huatulco's nine bays from the sea on the *Luna Azul*, a 44-foot sailboat offering private tours.

COST: from \$119 per night; 011/52/958/581-0265 or bbaguaazul.com

