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TOP SUITES

PACIFIC MEXICO'S BEST SUITES

Mexico's Pacific coastline, from the craggy cliffs of Los Cabos to the beaches of Acapulco, is the perfect blend of wild adventure and pinch-yourself luxury. Hideaway resorts hug the rugged land, honoring the environment that keeps them. To each noteworthy resort along this golden coast, a villa or suite that simply sweeps up the beauty and treasure of this land can make it all yours, for as long as you like.

BY LARK ELLEN GOULD

LAND'S END / CABO SAN LUCAS



MASTER BEDROOM / THE PENTHOUSE



LIVING AREA / THE PENTHOUSE



MASTER SUITE / IMPERIAL GRAND VELAS SPA SUITE

ESPERANZA, AN AUBERGE RESORT

THE PENTHOUSE

Key selling points | This new one-bedroom penthouse, accessed by private elevator, features a spacious living room and two outdoor terraces, complete with private hot tub.

Standout service | If a guest is particularly interested in a painting on display in the resort, staff will have it hung in their room so they can enjoy it during their stay.

Style | Warm seaside estate vibe, by Jim Rimelspach, lead designer at Wilson Associates, 2008

Special amenities | Pratesi linens, oversized soaking tub, state-of-the-art entertainment system with plasma TVs

Square footage | 2,000

Number of rooms in suite | One

Number of bathrooms | Two

Number of rooms in hotel | 57, including 10 suites and the Penthouse

Who's slept here? | Lauren Conrad, Debra Messing, Chelsea Handler, Leonardo DiCaprio

Nightly rate | \$2,500

Location | Carretera Transpeninsular km 7, Manzana 10, Punta Ballena, Cabo San Lucas

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PUERTO VALLARTA AND RIVIERA NAYARIT

GRAND VELAS

IMPERIAL GRAND VELAS SPA SUITE

Key selling points | This suite features a master bedroom with king bed, plasma TV, walk-in closet and an interior bathroom with wall-to-wall marble, steam room, interior chromotherapy Jacuzzi and Aquatower shower with six jets.

Standout service | After a spa treatment, a bride-to-be found an engagement ring in her cup of tea, planted by the staff at her fiancé's request.

Style | Bali meets Pacific Mexico, by Elias+Elias of Guadalajara, Mexico, 2006

Special amenities | Goose down comforters and pillows, 42-inch LCD flatscreen with digital cable, Nespresso coffee maker, Gilchrist & Soames and Bulgari toiletries, DVD/CD/MP3 player

Square footage | 5,059

Number of rooms in suite | Five

Number of bathrooms | Two and one half-bath

Number of rooms in hotel | 267 suites

Who's slept here? | International TV stars and sports pros

Nightly rate | \$10,000

Location | Av. Cocoteros, 98 Sur, Nuevo Vallarta, Riviera Nayarit

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