

ESPERANZA
AN AUBERGE RESORT

- OPENING DATE:** February 2002
- ADDRESS:** Esperanza Resort
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- ARCHITECTS:** Backen/Gillam Architects, in association with
Mario Maldonado of GV Arquitectos
- INTERIOR DESIGNERS:** Wilson Associates, Dallas, Texas
- DESCRIPTION:** Esperanza encompasses a 57-room resort, 60 privately owned villas and 36 private residences situated in an incomparable natural setting on Baja's Sea of Cortez. All of the hotel's spacious rooms open to reveal sweeping ocean views. The resort also features a world-class oceanfront restaurant, full-service spa, four swimming pools and private beach as well as access to championship golf and recreational activities nearby. The resort is a member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux collection.
- LOCATION:** Esperanza is located on the Baja Peninsula, four miles outside of the town of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The oceanfront hotel is perched on the bluffs of Punta Ballena ("Whale Point") overlooking two private coves on the majestic Sea of Cortez. The resort is situated a short 10-minute drive from Cabo San Lucas and 30 minutes from the historic colonial town of San Jose del Cabo and San Jose del Cabo International Airport, which services many major U.S. cities.
- ACCOMMODATIONS:** The hotel has 57 casitas and suites, 60 privately owned villas and 36 private residences providing residential accommodations for families and groups. Accommodations range from one to four bedrooms and from 925 to 4,000 square feet. Interiors showcase a regional seaside design with original art; handcrafted furnishings; large private terraces with infinity edge hot tubs; and spacious bathrooms with deep soaking tubs and showers built for two. In-room amenities include flat-screen televisions; complimentary high-speed wireless Internet access;

iPod docking stations; all-natural rubber Harmony™ yoga mats, and Esperanza's signature in-room bath amenities made with natural essential oils, organic vegetable oils and pure fruit ingredients.

RESORT AMENITIES:

Poolside guests are offered the following complimentary amenities:

- Frozen popsicles
- Snow cones
- Refreshing misters
- Fruit skewers
- Aloe cubes
- Hand and foot massages

Fully-loaded iPods are available for complimentary use, with an option to purchase.

Guests are offered complimentary breakfast daily at El Restaurante and personal concierge services.

Complimentary yoga classes are offered daily in the resort's 1,000 square-foot yoga studio. All rooms feature complimentary in-room yoga mats and fitness DVDs.

Custom pet beds with Rivolta Carmignani Italian linen sheets and pet room service menu.

RESORT DINING:

Outstanding cuisine is served in four beautiful settings and available for private in-room dining.

El Restaurante: Carved into the bluffs overlooking the Sea of Cortez, The Restaurant at Esperanza features yet casual dining. The menu features sun-filled Mediterranean-influenced cuisine created by Executive Chef Gonzalo Cerda, incorporating local resources and regional flavors. Dishes are complemented by an extensive wine list. El Restaurante serves breakfast and dinner daily.

La Palapa: The private palapa grill located at the residence club offers casual outdoor dining with amazing views, exhibition kitchen and swim up bar. La Palapa is open for lunch daily and dinner on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

La Terraza Americana: The casual restaurant serves American style cuisine in a casual outdoor setting and is open for lunch daily.

The Lounge Bar & Humidor: The Lounge Bar offers live music six days per week with a casual dinner menu daily. Enjoy a unique cocktail menu, extensive tequila selection and cigar menu.

RESORT EVENTS

Argentinean “Asado” at the Beach: Each Wednesday, guests can enjoy an original “Asado” (Argentinean BBQ) on the beach as Executive Chef Gonzalo Cerda prepares traditional recipes from his childhood. A bonfire, tiki torches and millions of stars illuminate this festive evening event.

Mexicanisimo: Every Thursday, guest can attend an authentic fiesta on our oceanfront patio, highlighting foods from various regions of Mexico. Live music and a dazzling fireworks display add to the festivities, and an outdoor marketplace is available selling souvenirs, jewelry and other crafts from local vendors.

The Blue Agave Society: Learn all about Tequila and experience the flavors of white, semi-aged and aged Tequilas while being initiated into the Blue Agave Society, an exclusive club created by the resort’s master tequilero. The tasting is offered every Tuesday and Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Mexican Wine Journey: Learn about the many grape varieties grown in Mexico and the rich history of how the Mexican winemaking, while also enjoying bright Baja cuisine specially prepared to accentuate the flavors of the wines. This unique experience takes place every Friday at 5:00 p.m.

A Night to Remember: Guests can enjoy a private beachfront dinner for two to celebrate that special occasion, allowing our staff to prepare an unforgettable evening customized to their tastes.

BOUTIQUES:

Two separate retail boutiques are located at the hotel. The hotel boutique carries unique items from local artisans, as well as a collection of resort apparel and Esperanza’s own unique line of private-label goods. The spa offers fitness products and accessories. An art gallery displays contemporary works by Mexican artists available for purchase.

THE SPA AT ESPERANZA:

The award-winning Spa at Esperanza incorporates the elements of water, light, desert and sea. The spa offers a wide variety of pampering, restorative and wellness treatments and fitness conditioning.

Spa hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily.

Spa facilities include:

- A variety of unique therapeutic massage and revitalizing treatments
- In-room and cabana beach massage
- Steam cave
- Soaking tubs
- Outdoor showers

- Movement studio (yoga and Pilates)
- VIP couples treatment room
- Freestanding hairstyling, manicure and pedicure studio
- Sunning garden
- Complimentary aguas frescas beverages
- A full-service fitness facility with state-of-the-art equipment, including cardiovascular machines, elliptical cross-trainers, stationary bikes, free weights and more. Fitness specialists are available for personal training and private consultation.

LA GALERIA

La Galeria is the first open-air gallery in Cabo San Lucas, featuring 36 works of the most important Mexican and Latin American sculptors and more than 60 paintings works of five of the best new contemporary painters in México. Local gallery tours and art classes are also available through the concierge.

RESIDENCE CLUB

The Residence Club is an exclusive ownership opportunity available at Esperanza, featuring 60 two, three and four-bedroom fully equipped luxury villas with all privileges of the resort. Membership is customized to the residency desires of each individual, from one-eighth to one-fourth villa ownership.

Villa units are offered from 2,400 to 4,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor living space. Designed by the award-winning team of Backen and Gillam Architects, the villas cleverly incorporate the environment and take advantage of the magnificent ocean views. Each villa has its own private courtyard entrance and master suites that include bathrooms featuring double vanities and spa tubs. Ground-floor villas have private plunge pools.

The villas feature casually elegant handcrafted furniture, original artwork and all the luxuries of home. Members need only bring clothing and perhaps a set of golf clubs to make their stay perfect.

AUBERGE PRIVATE RESIDENCES AT ESPERANZA:

The Auberge Private Residences at Esperanza are a collection of 36 three and four-bedroom homes offering between 3,000 and 4,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor living space.

Available for private ownership or for guests, amenities include an exclusive Owner's Club, lushly landscaped with terraced seating, several pools and poolside service from Esperanza, private golf cart per home and a membership to the Punta Ballena Beach Club, with private cabanas, beach access, restaurant and ocean side pool.

EVENT FACILITIES:

For private dinners, executive meetings and weddings, Esperanza offers more than 2,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor space.

RESORT PROGRAMS:

Spanish Lessons: Complimentary Spanish lessons are available every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Residence Club.

Salsa Lessons: Complimentary Salsa lessons available twice weekly.

San Jose Art Gallery Tours: Esperanza offers guided art tours through San Jose's art district, which features a variety of art galleries and art craft stores.

Painting Lessons: Join a local artist and professor for a two hour session to learn painting techniques that can easily integrate with your own artistic style.

Shoppers' Guide: The resort's expert shopping assistant is available to guide guests through the region's top boutiques on a journey to find Mexico's finest art, décor, antiques, silver, jewelry, crafts and other unique findings.

GOLF:

Los Cabos has four championship-level courses nearby that are accessible for guests to enjoy. Tee times will be arranged through the resort's concierge staff. Greens fees range from \$175 to \$250 for 18 holes at the following courses:

Cabo Del Sol – An 18-hole Jack Nicklaus-designed ocean course, open for outside play, and a Tom Weiskopf-designed 18-hole desert course.

Palmilla – A 27-hole Jack Nicklaus designed course, open for outside play.

Cabo Real – An 18-hole, Robert Trent Jones-designed course, open for outside play.

Cabo San Lucas Country Club – Roy Dye designed 18-hole course.

SPORT FISHING:

Los Cabos is one of the world's great sport fishing destinations, famous for its concentrations of swordfish and sailfish, and is known as "The Marlin Capital of the World." Esperanza's concierge can arrange group excursions on private charters.

HORSEBACK RIDING:

Scenic horseback riding is available nearby. Riding trails traverse Baja's desert setting and the beaches of Los Cabos.

AREA ACTIVITIES:

- Historic San Jose del Cabo
- Snorkeling
- El Arco (Land's End)
- Sailing
- Golfing
- Diving
- Scenic Beaches
- Todos Santos
- Whale Watching
- Bay Cruises
- Shopping
- Cabo San Lucas

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- Surfing
- Deep Sea Fishing
- Kayaking
- Tennis

DISTANCE FROM AIRPORTS:

San Jose del Cabo 30 minutes
La Paz 2½ hours

CLIMATE:

Southern Baja, a subtropical desert, assures 350 sunny days with a warm year-round climate, low humidity and cool breezes. Average daily temperatures are in the mid-70s, with summer averaging mid 80s and 90s. Light sweaters and jackets are recommended in the evening.

CURRENCY:

Pesos are the currency in Mexico; however, most restaurants, taxis and shops accept U.S. dollars and major credit cards. Hotels and banks will change currency at the established daily rate of exchange.

ABOUT AUBERGE RESORTS:

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