

# Best Hotels

## WATER SPORTS

### BAJA EXPEDITIONS

LA PAZ

Take a quick nonstop flight from Tijuana to La Paz, and you'll be rewarded with clear waters and awe-inspiring aquatic adventures along the Sea of Cortez. The highly reputable Baja Expeditions has been a pioneer in La Paz's ecotourism industry, with a long history of conservation efforts. Their activities range from swimming with whale sharks and whale watching excursions to 10-day kayaking trips. [bajaex.com](http://bajaex.com)

## EXTREME ADVENTURE

### DESERT NEST ZIP LINE

ENSENADA

Wine tasting isn't the only way to get a buzz in Baja. The new Desert Nest Zip Line, established by luxe glamping resort CuatroCuatros, takes thrill-seekers soaring above Ensenada on five consecutive lines—including the longest one in Baja California at 3,280 feet—with speeds up to 40 miles per hour. Feeling extra adventurous? Take flight on their monthly full-moon zips. [desertnest.net](http://desertnest.net)

## BIKE RACE

### ROSARITO-ENSENADA RIDE

ROSARITO TO ENSENADA

The 50-mile fun ride, which debuted in 1979, takes cyclists along the Pacific coast at Rosarito Beach through the countryside in Ensenada. Many participants don costumes—the wackier the better—and most any type of wheel is kosher, from beach cruisers to tandems and in-line skates. Riders should bring pesos to buy fruit or water along the way, but the finish line at the Ensenada waterfront promises food, drinks, and live music. [rosaritoensenada.com](http://rosaritoensenada.com)



RANCHO LA PUERTA

THE CAPE



FINCA LA DIVINA



## WELLNESS RETREAT

### RANCHO LA PUERTA

TECATE

Recently deemed a *Pueblo Mágico*—cities with added historical, folkloric, or ecological significance as determined by Mexico's federal secretary of tourism—Tecate is home to this spa resort, which unveiled three super-private villas last month. Each includes a master suite and a patio with mountain views and an outdoor shower, as well as a warm saltwater pool. When you're not living la vida villa, try their wellness classes, which range from cooking to crystal bowl sound healing and reiki energy sessions. [rancholapuerta.com](http://rancholapuerta.com)

## HOTEL FOR GROWN-UPS

### THE CAPE

CABO SAN LUCAS

The Thompson brand brings a dose of urbanity to Cabo with The Cape, whose sleek exterior, open-air lobby, and infinity pool right on the beach feel like a playground for adults (though families with kids are welcome, too). They also have a restaurant helmed by famed Mexico City chef Enrique Olvera, a beer garden pergola, and an ocean view with every room. It's also just a 10-minute drive to the more party-party downtown area. [thompsonhotels.com](http://thompsonhotels.com)

## CHEF CROSSOVER

### FINCA LA DIVINA

VALLE DE GUADALUPE

As if Javier Plascencia needed more to do—he's the chef-owner behind Bracero and Misión 19 among other eateries—he opened his first B&B last winter. The four-room La Divina, which is more home than hotel, is just a few miles from his Finca Altozano restaurant and includes splashes of color in each room, a pool, a huge common space, and the now-famous hand-emblazoned plates seen at Bracero. They'll add six rooms by the end of 2017. [fincaladivina.com](http://fincaladivina.com)

## BUDGET-FRIENDLY

### SURF CASITAS

TODOS SANTOS

A slightly more rustic option that's just a one-hour drive from Cabo, each of the five affordable beachfront casitas have a palm-thatched roof, local artwork, mosquito nets, and a mix of private and shared bathrooms. What Surf Casitas may lack in luxury it more than makes up for with a secluded tropical location. Plus, there are hammocks, and the waves are suited for intermediate to advanced surfers. [surfcasitas.com](http://surfcasitas.com)

## WINERY ADDITION

### CLOS DE TRES CANTOS

VALLE DE GUADALUPE

The monastery-inspired property, which is decked out in stone, glass, and wood structures made of recycled materials, added two guest rooms this summer. With a glass of their tempranillo-petite sirah blend called Nada in hand, check out the underground cellar, illuminated by colorful wine bottles and outfitted with a secret wall. *Carretera Ensenada-Tecate km 81, Rancho Santa Lucia, San Antonio de Las Minas*

## QUADRUPLE THREAT B&B

### LA VILLA DEL VALLE

VALLE DE GUADALUPE

Talk about a one-stop shop. The Tuscan-style inn, founded by Brits Eileen and Phil Gregory, includes six rooms overlooking lavender fields, a bocce court, fruit orchards, yoga classes, a library, and more. There's also Vena Cava Winery, with its unique architecture made of recycled fishing boat hulls; Troika food truck for a quick gourmet lunch; and the award-winning Corazón de Tierra restaurant, which earned a spot on San Pellegrino's prestigious World's Best Restaurants list in 2014. [lavilladelvalle.com](http://lavilladelvalle.com)