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# The Resort at Pedregal

Los Cabos, Baja California, Mexico [View on a map](#)



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8/10

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" Water views, irresistible pools, organic spa treatments, daily guacamole and Coronas, and a program of bucket-list adventures are just a handful of the highlights at The Resort at Pedregal, an escape at the very tip of Mexico's Baja California that's all accessible luxury and personalised service. "

## 8/10 Location

You'll get the feeling you're somewhere special as soon as you enter Mexico's only privately owned tunnel, a 900-ft-long, chandelier-dotted portal to paradise that delivers you straight to the doorstep of The Resort at Pedregal. That dramatic entrance merely sets the stage for the striking Sea of Cortez meets Pacific Ocean views that will become ever present. You might feel a world away, but you're still within walking distance of downtown Cabo San Lucas. The only potential downside to the location is that the beach isn't swimmable due to strong currents – if you want to splash in the waves, you can find the closest spot about five minutes' away by car.

## 8/10 Style & character

A walkway dotted with water features leads you to the unique pergola-covered outdoor lobby, which frames the ocean horizon. Carved into the side of a mountain, the adobe accommodations feel like a natural part of the scenery. An impressive infinity-edge pool with swim-up bar sits at the middle of the property, and from there, a network of pathways fans out, taking you past cacti, potted plants, and signature heart-shaped glass ornaments hanging on the trees.



## 9/10 Service & facilities

To say that high-quality service is a focal point here is an understatement – if you're used to doing things for yourself, it might seem a bit overbearing at times to have waiters offer to carry your plate from the breakfast buffet to your table. But you have to appreciate how the staff personalises the experience, learning your name and likes and dislikes. Don't drink the beer they leave every afternoon? They'll notice and leave you a different beverage.

The fitness centre has a strong slate of equipment, including rooms dedicated to yoga and CrossFit-style workouts. Even more impressive is the domed spa, Luna y Mar, which provides services related to the phases of the moon. There's a cinnamon tea/sauna/steam room/ice room/whirlpool routine that you're welcome to do before or after your treatment, which always comes with a foot-bathing ritual first.

It would certainly be understandable if you want to stay on the property as long as possible, but when you're ready to explore, the hotel's Baja Luxploration program is a great way to do it. Offerings include swimming with whale sharks, hiking in an oasis in the desert, and standup paddleboarding to El Arco, all catered with beautiful meals.

- ✓ Bar
- ✓ Fitness centre
- ✓ Laundry
- ✓ Restaurant
- ✓ Sauna
- ✓ Tennis court
- ✓ Beach
- ✓ Kids' club
- ✓ Pool
- ✓ Room service
- ✓ Steam room/hammam
- ✓ Wi-Fi

## 9/10 Rooms

Where will your eye go first in your spacious room? It might be to your private terrace, where you won't be able to tear your gaze away from the azure water, or perhaps the private plunge pool that calls for you to come in for a quick dip. The grand fireplace is noteworthy, as are the luxe beds topped with embroidered accent pillows, and the fitting welcome amenity, a hand-painted ceramic bottle of Tequila Clase Azul Reposado. In the

generously sized bathrooms, the rainfall shower, separate bathtub with a view, marble floors and countertops, and mood-setting chandeliers make for yet another place you won't mind spending time.

## **8**/<sub>10</sub> **Food & drink**

It's tough for anything to compete with the views at oceanfront El Farallón, but the fresh seafood certainly puts up a good fight, with catches of the day that might include sea bass, red snapper, and amberjack. Don't miss the chocolate clams, exclusive to Baja Mexico. The attached Champagne Terrace is worth a visit, with taste-bud-pleasing salt and mole pairings. The resort's signature restaurant, Don Manuel's, serves a rotating selection of traditional Mexican dishes and is modelled after a hacienda. By morning, it's a dreamy buffet with all the pastries, charcuterie, cheese, and fruit you could want; by night, when the lights are glowing and the band is playing; the atmosphere is quite romantic.

## **7**/<sub>10</sub> **Value for money**

Double rooms from \$675 (£511). While The Resort at Pedregal was not built for the budget-minded – r – that doesn't mean there isn't good value. The mini-refrigerators come stocked with soda, water, and juice that's replenished daily; Wi-Fi is included; and there's always a little surprise waiting for you after turndown each night.

### **Access for guests with disabilities?**

All of the rooms are accessible by lift.

### **Family Friendly?**

Yes. The Tortuguitas Kids Club (for ages four and up) offers a variety of activities, from movie screenings and scavenger hunts to Spanish lessons and cooking classes. There are also nanny services and a pool dedicated to families.

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