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Mexico's Peaceful Paradise

The capital of **Baja California Sur** is La Paz, a place whose name means "the peace" and whose residents are called *paceños*, or "peaceful ones." As the nickname suggests, the folks who live on the southern half of the Baja Peninsula are relaxed, with easy smiles and a welcoming energy.

Baja California Sur's bounty of cultural attractions and natural wonders strike the

perfect balance between serenity and adventure. Among the five municipalities there are world-class resorts, golf courses, spas, historic mission towns, and opportunities for exciting eco-adventures.

Sitting at the tip of the peninsula, **Los Cabos** encompasses two charismatic and diverse towns of San José del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas. This vibrant vacation destination is best known for its top-notch golf, wonderful fishing,

indulgent spas, and sumptuous cuisine. Its reputation for private relaxing escapes has made Los Cabos a magnet for Hollywood's elite.

Nestled on the peninsula's southeast coast, about 98 miles north of Cabo San Lucas, La Paz is a picturesque city that abounds with a wealth of activities and scenic attractions. Here romantics get away from it all, fishermen reel in their next big catch, and outdoor enthusiasts find exhilarating adventures.



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Just 130 miles away and north and west of La Paz, the **Comondú** region is a desert oasis of unparalleled natural treasures. Comondú is ideal for travelers looking to vacation in environmentally and socially conscious surroundings. Outdoor activities abound, such as hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, whale watching, and more.

Farther north from La Paz along the eastern coast, is **Loreto**, a charming historic town. Considered to be the first settlement on the Baja California Sur Peninsula, Loreto celebrated its 300th anniversary in 1997. In 1697, a Jesuit missionary, carrying a statue of the Virgin of Loreto, christened the small port and declared it the area's capital. Today, you can still view the statue at the Mission of Our Lady of Loreto. Discover Loreto's vibrant old town square, colorful markets, fascinating Mission Museum, and welcoming hotels and restaurants.

Continue north about 75 miles from Loreto to **Mulegé**, a quaint town surrounded by rich natural beauty. This traditional Mexican village has become a haven for eco-travelers looking to explore lush vegetation and exotic wildlife. A short drive south of Mulegé, Bahía de la Concepción (Conception Bay) boasts spectacular ocean views.

To plan your trip to Baja California Sur, go to www.mybajasur.com or call **877-MY-BAJA-SUR**.

Winter Migration

Consider it only natural that winter's snowdrifts and freezing wind will have you charting your escape route south. Each year in

early autumn, one of nature's most fascinating signs of seasonal change occurs. Hundreds of whales from the frigid waters of the Arctic begin their southbound migration to the warm waters surrounding the Baja California Sur Peninsula. From late December to late March, there is no better place to view this spectacular event than Los Cabos.

While these magnificent creatures travel an incredible 12,000 miles, at an average speed of only four miles per hour, your journey to warmer weather will be much faster. Getting to Los Cabos takes less than six hours from most East Coast cities, such as New York, and is under three hours from many Midwest and West Coast cities, including Chicago and Los Angeles.

Arriving in late December to breed, the whales remain until late March before making the return trip north to the Arctic. The primary breeding areas are the Magdalena, Vizcaíno and Reforma bays, and the Ojo de Libre, Guerrero Negro, and San Ignacio lagoons. Along the peaceful shores, female whales give birth and nurse their young calves, teaching them to swim and prepare for the long journey back north.

The whales' six-month, round-trip sojourn is the longest trip made by any mammal. Of the world's 11 whales species, eight venture to the waters off Los Cabos. The colossal gray whales are the real crowd-pleasers, but the smaller minke are the most commonly seen. Whales often come close to the shore, where they can be seen from the area's beaches and



**In Mulegé, Mexico, discover
an ecotourism hot spot**

overlooks. Some hotels and cafés have prime spots on patios for whale watching, but for the best view, take a boat to the surrounding bays.

One of the best spots to visit is **Magdalena Bay**, which has some of the area's most prolific breeding waters. The easiest way to reach "Mag Bay" is a 75-minute flight from Los Cabos. From there, small boats called pangas

take whale watchers out to get a closer look. The gentle giants often swim up alongside the boats—sometimes even close enough for people to pet them. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience you won't have at your local aquarium. Read more about this natural phenomenon and Los Cabos' beach resorts, golf, and world-class restaurants at www.visitloscabos.travel or call **866-LOS-CABOS**.

Super Resorts

The holidays are here and during the next few weeks, you'll be busy shopping in the cold for last-minute gifts, preparing for guests, and traveling to visit friends and family. After all the rushing around, you deserve a break, so why not plan a family vacation or a romantic getaway? Instead of wasting hours browsing for the right gift, surprise loved ones with a present that's always perfect: a Super-Inclusive Breezes vacation.

Breezes Resorts are located throughout the Caribbean, the Bahamas, and Brazil. They offer wonderfully appointed accommodations, all land and water sports, gourmet restaurants, and unlimited premium brand cocktails—all for a reasonable Super-Inclusive price (no tipping allowed). At Breezes, you'll find the right atmosphere and all the elements for a festive reunion at a great value.

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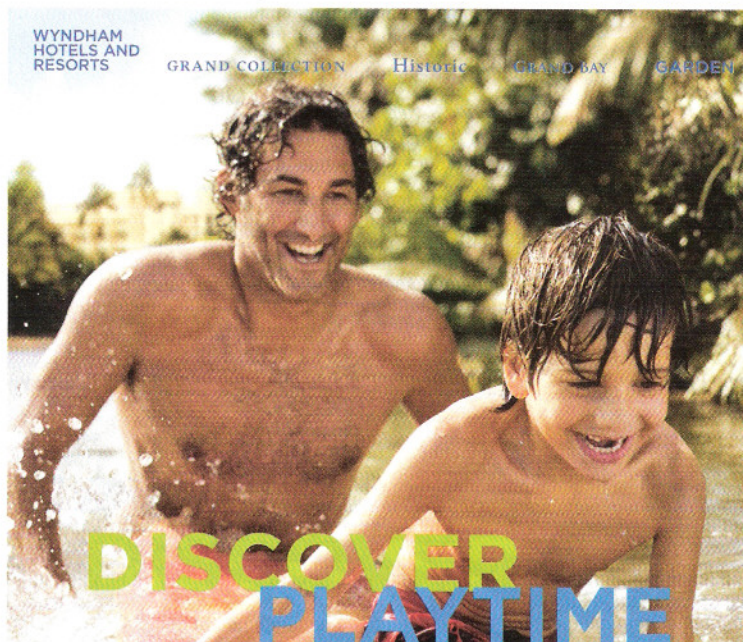
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Breezes Runaway Bay, which appeals to sports enthusiasts and beach burns alike. For a romantic treat, take a horse-and-carriage ride through the resort's lush gardens or indulge yourself with revitalizing treatments at the revamped Blue Mahoe Spa.

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Discover why Nassau remains a must-go-to warm-weather destination on world-renowned Cable Beach. Known as the first and only Super-Inclusive resort in Nassau, **Breezes Bahamas** is packed with action, energy, and romance. The resort's moderate price tag is one of the Bahamas' best-kept secrets. Plan a thrilling getaway—windsurfing,



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Explore one of the southern Caribbean's most distinctive islands at **Breezes Curaçao**. Experience Curaçao's unique Dutch history paired with the adventures of a Breeze's vacation. Located near the island's pastel-colored capital, Willemstad, Breezes Curaçao is a great base for families who want to explore on and off the property with daily children's programs and nearby sightseeing.

Sample the Caribbean's Latin side at **Breezes Puerto Plata** in the Dominican Republic. Surrounded by more than 60 acres of lush tropical gardens, it has the largest landscaped swimming pool in the island's north coast. Located on El Canal Beach, the resort is an affordable option for a getaway with your old college buddies or an industry conference. In Brazil, **Breezes Costa do Sauípe** is the newest and most complete tourism, leisure, and entertainment resort in South America. Spread out over five miles of virgin tropical beach, it offers a matchless all-inclusive experience.

Break free from the cold and enjoy the playful side of paradise with Breezes. Go to www.breezes.com or call 800-GO-SUPER.

Great Gifts

If you wrote down your holiday wish list, would it read: "get some downtime, eat without dieting, spend time with my family, go to fun holiday parties, and receive great gifts?" At **Viva Wyndham All-Inclusive Resorts** in the Bahamas, Mexico, and the

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Instead of shoveling snow until your fingers are numb, head to Viva Wyndham Resorts to warm up your spirits. Spend a lazy afternoon swaying in a hammock by the beach or dance to live reggae every night. Trade family snowball fights for sports outings and exciting kids' clubs. Thaw out with an action-packed adventure, a relaxed beach holiday, or a bit of both. How you spend your Viva Wyndham Resort holiday is completely up to you.

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