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Pueblo Bonito resorts and Quivira Golf Club provide golfers with the ultimate romantic getaway • **BY JOEL BEERS**



Quivira Golf Club is carved into a site with massive sand dunes, sheer cliffs and rolling foothills.

**L**os Cabos has been known for decades as a sportsman fishing and scuba diving paradise, but around 1990 this area on the southern tip of Baja California, which includes the cities of San Jose del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas, began positioning itself as a resort getaway. Today, the corridor between the two cities is filled with high-end hotels, all-inclusive resorts and some of the best accommodations — and golf — in Mexico, if not North America.

And if you're looking for an ultimate romantic golf getaway, one that combines the natural splendor of the Pacific Ocean and the Gulf of California with world-class accommodations, amenities and golf, then look no further than Pueblo Bonito Pacifica Golf & Spa Resort. The company, celebrating its 30th

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anniversary in 2017, owns resorts in Los Cabos and Mazatlán, including the Pueblo Bonito Pacifica Golf and Spa Resort, a deluxe, adults-only all-inclusive property set on an expansive, secluded beach.

The oceanfront property includes private beach cabanas, two pools, an array of restaurants, live music at night, and the award-winning Armonia Spa. The hotel is five minutes via complimentary shuttle from the Jack Nicklaus-designed Quivira Golf Club.

For an even more luxurious stay, the resort recently opened The Towers at Pacifica, which Enrique Gandara, the vice president of sales and marketing, calls a “resort within a resort.” It features 47 club-level guest rooms and suites, including six suites with private plunge pools as well as a top-floor Presidential Suite that boasts “the finest ocean views in the entire resort,” Gandara said.

An array of luxury amenities are offered, including 24-hour butler service.

“We offer a serene retreat where



Quivira Golf Club offers stunning views of the Pacific Ocean.

love can truly be found all around, whether at the idyllic constellation pool or the upscale Quivira Clubhouse and Steakhouse, which is nestled next to the stunning golf course,” Gandara said. “Our goal is to be a carefree paradise.”

Part of that is offering daily activities ranging from beach yoga and dance lessons to wine-tasting semi-

nars and tequila tastings. But there are plenty of reasons to leave the resort as well, such as the shopping and nightlife opportunities in the party-centric Cabo San Lucas, and the more laid-back traditional Mexican vibe of San Jose del Cabo (where people fly in and out of), which is known for its art galleries and local artist handicrafts.

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## HOT LINKS

- » **TAKE A TOUR** of Quivira Golf Club.
- » **BOOK A TEE TIME** at Quivira Golf Club.
- » **FIND OUT** more about the Pueblo Bonito resorts in Los Cabos and Mazatlan.

But the main reason to leave the resort for golfers is, of course, Quivira Golf Club, which occupies an exalted landscape at true Land's End, the southernmost tip of Baja. Carved into an eye-popping site marked by massive dunes, sheer cliffs and rolling foothills, the course opened in 2014 and features more ocean-front exposure than any other course in Cabo.

"Remember those fantasy golf calendars with gravity-defying holes airbrushed onto vertical cliffs?" Gandara asks. "Quivira has a few of those. It also has twisting arroyos, acres of cactus, lots of rocks - a little bit of everything Cabo has to offer."

The course is arguably the most daring, eclectic course Nicklaus has ever built. It is an aesthetic tour de force and an unforgettable test of golf from any set of tees.

Memorable holes include the fifth, a short downhill par 4 that tees off 275 feet above the foam-

ing surf. The par-3 sixth hole is equally dramatic, with a concave green carved from the base of huge stippled dune. The par-3 13th plays over a yawning abyss to a tiny green set atop a pinnacle of fissured granite that rises 100 feet from the surf.

The course can be visually intimidating, but it looks more difficult than it plays as Nicklaus designed broad, welcoming fairways and kept the bunkers to a minimum. He also built generous bail-out areas and friendly slopes that feed the ball to safety.

If your travels take you to Mazatlán, where Pueblo Bonito Resorts also owns properties, you can visit the old town, take a boat trip to Stone Island and eat at any of the numerous restaurants, including Casa 46, located one block from the main square in downtown. Though it's located offsite from the resorts, it's part of Pueblo Bonito and it's a favorite gourmet dining option for couples.