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LOS ANGELES (LONG BEACH), CA



Long Beach is home to the Queen Mary, an aquarium that houses more than 11,000 animals and express boats to whisk away you to Catalina Island. This port sits 25 miles south of Los Angeles, where there's no shortage of attractions. Visit the TCL Chinese Theatre, find your favorite star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, ride the Ferris wheel at Santa Monica Pier and take in the views from the Griffith Observatory. Film aficionados will enjoy touring Paramount Pictures, the studio that produced the "The Godfather" trilogy, while culture lovers can explore the Getty Center, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the Walt Disney Concert Hall, designed by Frank Gehry. Bask in the California sun at Zuma Beach in Malibu or partake in family fun at Universal Studios Hollywood and Disneyland in nearby Anaheim.

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CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO



Cabo San Lucas' breadth and beauty is epitomized by El Arco, a rising rock archway at the confluence of the Pacific Ocean and Sea of Cortez. A glass-bottom boat ride to this landmark, which sails past a sea lion colony, is just one of the excursions offered in this port, located at the southern tip of Mexico's Baja Peninsula. Kayak along Pelican Rock, discover marine life while snorkeling Chileno Bay, explore the Sierra de la Laguna Mountains on a hike or drive an all-terrain vehicle over shorefront dunes. An all-inclusive day pass allows you to enjoy a resort's pools and other amenities, while a trip to Lover's Beach will work wonders for your tan. From December to April, board a whale-watching cruise to see the numerous species that migrate to Cabo's welcoming waters.

Small-ship cruises depart from Cabo San Lucas and sail through the Sea of Cortez.

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ENSENADA, MEXICO



This fishing town, just south of the border on the Baja California Peninsula, has become a primary port of call for three- and four-day cruises to Mexico. Considered to be the country's wine capital, Ensenada has more than 25,000 acres of vineyards and is responsible for 90% of Mexico's wine production. Tours often set out to sample sips from the regions many wineries, and other popular excursions include horseback rides in the mountains or along the beach, deep-sea fishing, zipline adventures and trips to see La Bufadora, the world's second-largest marine geyser famed for launching streams of water nearly 100 feet into the air.

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