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*Looking for a spot for your next girls' golf getaway? How does this sound...sun-drenched fairways, sparkling beaches with miles of white sand, resorts that help you feel like your best self, and a warm local vibe that welcomes you at every turn? If this has you reaching for your passport, you'll want to set your sights on Mexico, where world-class golf meets pristine beaches, mountains, jungles, and quiet luxury. Ready to go? While the options are many, we'll do you a favor and give you a taste of three of our favorite Mexican golf destinations: the Mayakoba, Punta Mita, and Costa Palmas.*



EL CAMALEON GOLF COURSE

## FAIRMONT

### MAYAKOBA

If you're looking for a golf trip with quiet luxury and eco-chic sophistication, pay attention to the Fairmont Mayakoba, a secluded escape nestled in a 240-acre gated Riviera Maya enclave amid tranquil waters, a sugar sand beach, jungle, and lagoons. It's the perfect example of elevated sustainable travel. The Fairmont Mayakoba is one of those places you'll talk about long after your trip. The resort has been carefully designed to align with the natural beauty of the landscape, and the number of wellness and lifestyle experiences available will truly blow you away. In addition, the destination also boasts three more luxury hotels—Rosewood, Bayan Tree and Andaz.

**BUT BEFORE WE GET TOO COMFY, WE MUST FIRST PLAY GOLF. RIGHT?**

El Camaleón Golf Course will top your list of memorable golf courses. The legendary Aussie, Greg Norman, designed the 18-hole, par-72 standout that will keep you on your toes, with a layout that winds through mangroves, jungle, canals, and along the oceanfront, and features unique hazards like natural sinkholes (cenotes) and sand jungle. Pre-round advice? Warm up at the driving range or short game facility, or maybe even take a lesson or two at the world-renowned Jim McLean Golf School.

The extra practice will come in handy for the course's two signature holes. The first is #7, a par-five with a large sinkhole in the middle of the fairway that's aptly called the "Devil's Mouth". The second and equally notable par-three #15 is more scenic than tricky, playing directly along the Caribbean

Sea for water views and cooling breezes.

It's easy to see why El Camaleón attracts golfers from around the world and is a favorite among the pros and a popular competition venue hosting the PGA TOUR, LPGA Tour and LIV Golf events.

### RESTORE AT THE FAIRMONT MAYAKOBA

After a full day of golf, enjoy the Fairmont Mayakoba's lush surroundings, elegant accommodations, wellness & fitness options galore, and diverse dining. Willow Stream Spa offers local therapies, hydrotherapy, and open-air treatment cabanas. The resort has other wellness offerings such as yoga, mineral pools, and steam rooms, plus multiple luxury pools. Looking for more action? No problem, there are tennis & paddle courts, beach club, boat tours, and biking. And don't miss El Pueblito, the on-property village modeled after historical colonial plazas in Mexico, featuring restaurants, art exhibitions, craft

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markets, live music, and cultural activities, as well as multiple dining options.

Fairmont Fun Fact: The resort has been called “The Venice of the Caribbean” as it offers a complimentary boat ride from the lobby to your room, using the resort’s network of freshwater canals, allowing boat travel across the resort. Plus, this intricate system isn’t just a unique amenity; it’s designed to protect local ecosystems using ancient Mayan techniques.

### GETTING THERE

The Mayakoba is a 40-minute drive from Cancun International Airport and just 10–15 minutes from the vibrant town of Playa del Carmen.



## FOUR SEASONS PUNTA MITA

Luxury. Views. Incredible golf and the holiday you’ve been craving await you at the Four Seasons Punta Mita. Tucked away on a private peninsula of Mexico’s rising Riviera Nayarit, this expansive 1,500-acre resort boasts dramatic Pacific Ocean views and nearly 10 miles of pristine beaches, set against lush tropical flora. Punta Mita also has a St. Regis in addition to a Montage and Pendry that are currently under development.

Sound like paradise? Wait until you experience the property’s two Jack Nicklaus Signature courses, Pacifico and Bahia.

Punta Mita’s Pacifico course features panoramic seaside fairways, lush tropical landscapes and dramatic cliffside layouts.



PUNTA MITA SIGNATURE HOLE TAIL OF WHALE

It’s best known for the challenging Signature Hole #3B, a par-three called the “Tail of the Whale,” and is the world’s only natural island green. The kicker? Since the Pacific Ocean surrounds it, you can only play it at low tide.

The Bahia course is just as striking, with five oceanfront holes, including its Signature Hole—the dogleg left, par-four #17 offering breathtaking views of the Marietas Islands and sweeping coastline.



### CLAIM TO FAME—LITERALLY...

It’s not just everyday tourists & golfers that love coming to Punta Mita. It’s also attracted celebrities like Beyoncé, Leonardo DiCaprio, and Michael Jordan. Plus, the courses are off-season favorites for PGA players and regular hosts of pro-am events like “Gourmet & Golf” and celebrity tournaments.

### THE DESTINATION YOU KNOW YOU NEED...

After playing the Pacifico or Bahia, the Four Seasons Punta Mita has virtually everything you need to unplug and relax in a stunning setting on Baja’s undiscovered East Cape with 2 miles (3.2 kilometers) of pristine beaches and views of the Sea of Cortez and the Sierra de la Laguna Mountains.

Renowned for its attentive service and Mexican warmth, the ultra-luxury resort offers multiple ways to unwind and recharge, including its infinity pools and the Apuane Spa featuring massages, body rituals, and facials that utilize indigenous ingredients. In addition, find state-of-the-art fitness facilities and wellness programs (beach yoga, meditation, and fitness classes). After all of the activity, you’ll appreciate the multiple dining options throughout the property.

Four Seasons Punta Mita Fun Fact: Hospitality and service soar to new levels here, with unique touches like hourly treats, a “sunglass doctor” to clean your shades poolside, and swimming waiters who deliver drinks at the iconic Nuna infinity edge pool.

### GETTING THERE

Fly into Puerto Vallarta International Airport (PVR) and take a 45-minute transfer to the resort. Contact the resort ahead of time to arrange luxury SUV or shuttle options.

## COSTA PALMAS

Welcome to Costa Palmas, a 1500-acre beachfront resort that feels like your own private paradise, where the desert meets the sea. Your only job is to decide what to tackle first...the golf course or the miles of smooth sand beaches and beautiful swimmable waters.

Stay at the Four Seasons Resort for ultimate luxury and wellness. Pristine beachfront, palm-shaded paths surround it, and a concierge devoted to sea and land activities is there to help you make the most of your stay. Multiple pools, progressive fitness facilities, and fresh, exquisite cuisine prepared by local and international chefs sweeten the experience, where every aspect of your stay reflects the Four Seasons' commitment to redefined luxury, exceptional quality, and unparalleled service.

This incredible list of amenities leaves one question: what about the golf? The answer is found at the Costa Palmas Golf Club, an 18-hole, Robert Trent Jones II-designed course with natural wonders on every hole. You'll get your steps in here, as it's one of Mexico's few walkable 18-hole golf courses. There are many talking points at Costa Palma, starting with its Signature Hole, #14. The coastal par-five offers dramatic views of the Sea of Cortez, strategic fairway bunkering, ocean breezes, and sunset finishes. It's a gorgeous challenge you won't want to miss.



*Costa Palmas Fun Fact: Hole #13 has a hidden taco stand called "Lucha Libre"—where else but Mexico can you grab a beer and a taco mid-round.*



In addition, if you want to shake things up, ask about Costa Palma's innovative course options. Why play 9 or 18 holes when you can play 7, 14, or a full 18-hole loop? And be sure to hit the six-hole three-par short course, one-acre practice green, and pro shop with premium activewear for athletic wear that works on and off the course.

The bottom line? A stay at the Costa Palmas Resort and Four Seasons Hotel is a winning combination for luxury, world-class golf, and a beautiful escape.

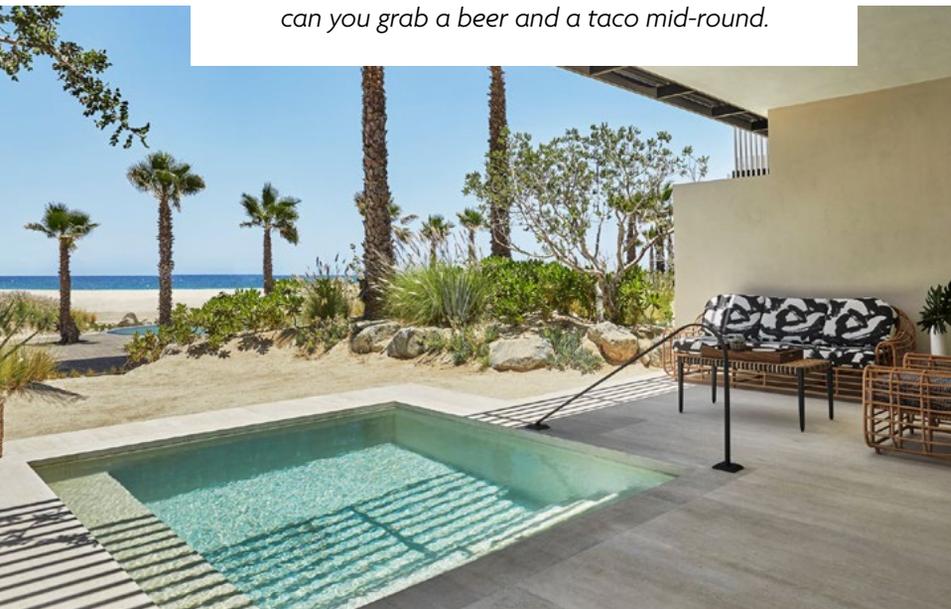
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### GETTING THERE

International flights fly directly into Los Cabos International Airport (SJD), located just 45 minutes from the property. The resort can arrange private luxury transfers, rental cars, or chauffeured SUV service upon request.

### WHY WAIT?

Now is the time to experience the beauty of Mexico and the allure of its many breathtaking golf courses. Whether you choose Riviera Maya's Mayakoba, the Punta Mita in Nayarit, or opt for a seaside adventure at Costa Palmas on Baja's East Cape, you're guaranteed a golf trip that's as luxurious as it is relaxing. Vamos!



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## BA NA HILLS GOLF CLUB

[banahillsgolf.com](http://banahillsgolf.com)

Designed by British former world number one Luke Donald (it is his first effort as an architect), Bana Hills is a more than worthy addition to a portfolio that also includes the acclaimed triumvirate of Danang Golf Club, Montgomerie Links and Laguna Lang Co.

Laid out in rolling foothills about an hour inland from the coastal city of Danang, the course features natural elevation changes, ravines, streams and mountain backdrops. It provides a welcome contrast to the other three courses—all of which are located on flatter land nearer the ocean. The front-nine at Ba Na Hills is a thrilling collection of holes laid out in traditional parkland style. It contains several highlights, not least the par-3 8th, a gem of a downhill short hole. The closing stretch of the course is, if anything, even better. Winding its way through the twists and turns of the surrounding hillside, this section offers outstanding vistas and golf in equal measure. And the short 16th with its island green is eye-catching!

**Insider tip:** You can hit it anywhere off the tee, but leave it below the hole with your approach, or pay the price!

First-class facilities at Ba Na Hills include a modern, contemporary-designed clubhouse, grass driving range and practice areas, and a well-stocked pro shop. The restaurant offers panoramic views of the golf course and serves a wide range of dishes, with the Vietnamese selections being by far the best on the menu.

### STAY: MERCURE DANANG FRENCH VILLAGE BANA HILLS

Offering 461 rooms in 9 categories: Standard, Superior, Deluxe, Duplex Suite, Executive Suite, Family Suite, Family Superior, Royal Suite and Bunks, this fab hotel has all types of travelers covered. Designed in a French colonial character with elegant interiors and majestic views, this charming hotel is touted as a very welcoming stay. ALL ACCOR members should check if they are eligible for points rewards.

