

DESTINATION GUIDE

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NEED GRAD WEEK ON-SITE ASSISTANCE?

Do not hesitate to reach out to Grad Week Staff, we are here to help! If you have an issue or situation during your trip, you must contact on-site staff so we can assist you while at the destination. Do not hesitate to **call or text**. If you cannot contact us yourself, have a friend call or text.

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NEED TO CALL HOME?

Upon arriving we strongly encourage that you take a minute to call home. We often get calls from parents saying they have not heard from their son or daughter. To avoid unnecessary calls and worrying, take a few minutes to call or message your parent(s) to let them know you made it to Cabo safely. The easiest way to call home is to use the pay phones in the lobby. This will help you avoid costly hotel surcharges the hotel will charge when you call from your room. Simply dial the number listed on the payphone and a U.S. operator will place a collect call. Please note that calling the U.S. from another country can be expensive and we recommend that you keep your call brief to avoid large phone charges. ***Please Note:** If using your cell phone to call home, typical rates are \$2.00 per minute. Please keep calls brief! In addition, those with Data Plans, you can incur enormous cell phone bills by leaving your Data Connection on while in Mexico; to avoid this, we recommend keeping your phone in airplane mode.

NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION?

Grad Week staff members are not doctors and thus will not make any judgment calls on whether or not medical attention is necessary for any reason. This decision is entirely up to the traveler and his or her parents. If you are in doubt as to whether medical attention is needed, we strongly recommend you contact your parent(s) and/or guardian(s) and ask for advice. If you are in need of medical attention and it is a non-emergency, you can locate a Grad Week Staff member for directions to the nearest medical facility. If you cannot find a Grad Week Staff member, simply go to your hotel's front desk for assistance or call the number above. **If it is an emergency, dial 066 and have your friend notify a Grad Week Staff Member.**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- **On-site 24-Hour GradWeek Staff Number: PROVIDED UPON ARRIVAL ONLY**
- If you have an medical emergency, **dial 066** (Mexico's version of 911)
- American Consulate: +52 (664) 748-0129 or +52 (624) 143-3566
From US: 1 (844) 528-6611
- AMC Walk-in Clinic/Urgent Care: +52 (624) 143-5911
- Hospiten (Hospital) Cabo San Lucas: +52 (624) 145-6000
- Police Department: +52 (624) 143-3977

*If calling any Mexico number from the United States, remember you must dial 011-52 first.

HELPFUL SAFETY & TRAVEL TIPS

- **Tourist Visa Card** – On your flight into Mexico you are required to fill out a Tourist Visa Card and present it to a Mexican immigration official. The official will return a portion of the card to you. **DO NOT LOSE THIS CARD!** Make sure you store it in a safe place along with your passport. You will be required to present this card before leaving the country. Replacement cards can cost \$50.00 U.S. dollars or more.
- **The Laws of Mexico** – In general, all laws that apply in the United States also apply in Mexico. DRUG POSSESSION AND USE IS ILLEGAL. Do not buy, sell, or use drugs anywhere. You will be kicked out of your hotel and will most likely end up in jail; all at your own expense. The difference is in Mexico you will be tried as an adult regardless of your age and unlike the U.S., in Mexico, you are essentially treated as "Guilty Until Proven Innocent." Use common sense and treat others with respect and you shouldn't have any trouble. **PLEASE NOTE:** Using, possessing, buying, and/or selling drugs, fighting, urinating in public, vandalism, theft, and climbing hotel balconies are ways tourists often find themselves in a Mexican jail. If you taunt or harass a law enforcement officer, you will be arrested. Also, do not walk on the beach or swim in the ocean at night. GradWeek travelers may be required to provide identification to enter certain nightclubs and restaurants.
- **Hydration – DRINK PLENTY OF WATER!!** – After many hours of travel, combined with laying in the sun and lack of sleep, it's critical that you stay hydrated. Be sure to drink lots of water during your trip. You'll feel better, be less susceptible to illness, and have an overall better experience!
- **The Buddy System** – We highly recommend the buddy system. Please stay in groups, especially when going back to your hotel at night. Always remember that there is safety in numbers! If you leave the hotel or an event, also tell a friend where you are going and when you plan to return.

- **Taxis** – Getting around is typically done by Taxi (Uber and Lyft do not operate in Mexico) so plan to have cash on hand for this and traveling in groups is the safest and most economical way to go. The taxi's run all day and night. They will cost anywhere from \$4-\$35 per person depending on where you want to go. You can take up to 4 people in a standard taxicab. We strongly recommend that no one rides alone, especially at night!
- **Cabo Public Transit System** – Runs passenger buses 24 hours a day during the summer months. The bus route covers the entire length of the Hotel Zone and costs only 11 pesos per person. The public buses are the easiest and least expensive way to get where you need to go in Cabo. However, it should be noted that you can walk anywhere in the downtown area as it's all in close proximity to the hotel.
- **Money** – The current currency exchange rate in Mexico is about 17 Pesos to 1 U.S. dollar. However, exchange rates change daily. If you're looking for the best rate, you will want to exchange your money at one of the exchange booths located throughout downtown Cabo. If you're looking for convenience, most hotels will exchange money at the front desk.
- **Hotel Safe Deposit Box** – We strongly recommend that you put all of your valuables in your safe deposit box upon check-in. THIS INCLUDES PASSPORT, CELL PHONES, GO PROS, MONEY, ETC!!! If a box is not provided to you in your room, you can get one at the front desk. ***Report any missing/stolen items IMMEDIATELY to the HOTEL!** DO NOT leave your valuables out when you are not in the room; always put them away!
- **Wristband** – You should have received your GradWeek wristband at your on-site Welcome Orientation. All registered travelers receive a GW wristband. Do not lose your wristband and make sure to wear it at all times.
- **Mopeds and Motorized Water Sports** – We strongly recommend NOT renting Mopeds, Jet-skis or other motorized water sport equipment. Mopeds are not allowed on the hotel property and cannot be parked in the parking garage or lot. Moped collisions are a common occurrence and you are responsible for any damages. All equipment is owned locally and any damage to the equipment will be your responsibility. Be careful! Many students have been charged for damage they may not have done. Check the equipment for damage and report it before using.
- **Ocean** – The Ocean has a strong undertow! During the day, please check to see if your hotel has warning flags in front of the beach area. Most hotels will post these flags to let you know the current ocean conditions. Please do not go in the ocean at night regardless of the posted flags. It is extremely dangerous at night!
- **Balconies** – Do not sit on the ledge of your balcony or try and jump balconies from one room to another. Do not set anything on the railing, it is very easy to fall off your balconies and can cause life threatening injuries! Fatalities have occurred from this in the past!
- **Crossing the Street** – While it may seem simple enough, this is one of the most dangerous activities in Cabo. Always look both ways and take it seriously. Cars and buses drive very fast down the roads and often do not yield to pedestrians. Unlike the U.S., pedestrians do not have the right of way in Mexico. Use extreme caution when crossing the road and only cross in designated crosswalks.
- **Hotel Room Damage** – You and your roommates are all responsible for paying any and all damage to your room. This also includes any extensive cleaning due to stains, smoking, liquid spills, etc. Take care of your room!!! Upon arriving to your room make sure you and your roommates take 5 minutes to check your room and report any damages to the room, if any, so that you are not charged for it when you check out. Please walk down to the Front Desk and report any damages immediately. Do not let strangers into your room. Keep your doors locked at all times, including any balcony sliders.
- **Checkout** – Airport buses leave on-time so don't be late or you can get left behind! The night before departure travelers will need to pack their bags, and MUST clean up their room by picking up all trash (very important); garbage bags are available from the GradWeek Staff or the hotel Front Desk. On the day of your departure, proceed to Front Desk to settle any incidental balances on your room. **You must be in the lobby 3 hours prior to your scheduled flight departure time. *Buses will leave without you!!** If your flight is not until late afternoon or evening, hotel checkout is at 11:00AM and you can check your bags at the bell desk. We suggest some last minute shopping.
- **Money Wire Services** – If you run out of money and need money sent from home, GradWeek has a service that is easy and will save you time. Simply call home and have your parents email our Corporate Office at info@istours.com to request a Wire Transfer Form or they can download it from the GradWeek website (from the RESOURCES page at www.gradweek.com). Our office will process their credit card for up to \$300 and GradWeek will pay you on-site. Please see a staff member for all money wire pick-ups. Money wires are distributed Monday-Friday at 7:00 PM (Cabo time). You will need to bring photo ID to the GradWeek 24-hour room to receive your money.

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COVID-19 SAFETY REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2023! While COVID is slowly becoming a thing of the past, we still recommend exercising caution during your trip. We want you to have the best week of your life but more importantly, we want you to still be safe! Here's what you need to remember to have a happy and healthy grad trip:

- Wash your hands OFTEN, for at least 20 seconds! When soap and water aren't available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Masks are recommended and may be required in some establishments.
- Cover coughs and sneezes! If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow and immediately wash your hands.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- If you have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and inform a Grad Week staff member IMMEDIATELY!
- Regularly clean hard surfaces. This means allowing housekeeping to clean your room DAILY!
- Drink only from your OWN cup. Do NOT share drinks!!
- Relax, be safe, and get ready for the best week of your life!

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Tours and events may only be redeemed with an Action Pac Wristband and the appropriate ticket. You must bring your appropriate ticket to each event to be admitted. Events are subject to change without notice. Please check in your hotel lobby every night for any event changes. Action Pacs are non-refundable and non-transferable.

You will not be reimbursed for any unused portion of the purchased package. You are responsible for your actions on any given tour or event. It is your decision and choice to participate or not to participate in any given tour or event you have purchased. Activities are not mandatory; they are voluntary. Your decision to participate is not actionable against Grad Week. Your actions while on the tour or event are not actionable against Grad Week.

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CABO SAN LUCAS - AREA MAP

