

CABO  
DESTINATION GUIDE

## SJD ACTION PAC '24

## NEED GRADWEEK ON-SITE ASSISTANCE?

Do not hesitate to reach-out to GradWeek Staff, we are here to help! **If you have an issue or a 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 (via WhatsApp)**. If you cannot contact us yourself, have a friend call or text. GradWeek staff are available to help you on-site 24/7. We have staff housed at every student hotel and staff are present at all GradWeek-sponsored events.

**ON-SITE 24-HOUR GRADWEEK STAFF NUMBER: PROVIDED UPON ARRIVAL IN CABO**

## 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. Don't forget to provide them with your room number at the hotel. The time zone in Cabo is GMT. **\*Please Note:** Calling the U.S. from another country can be expensive and we recommend that you keep your call brief to avoid large phone charges. If using your cell phone to call home, typical rates are \$2.00 per minute. 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?

GradWeek 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 GradWeek Staff member for directions to the nearest medical facility. If you cannot find a GradWeek Staff member, simply go to your hotel's front desk for assistance or call the number above. **If it is an emergency, dial 911 and have your friend notify a GradWeek Staff Member. Please Note:** If you need medical care, you will be required to pay for any hospital services upfront, you must keep all of your medical receipts and file a claim with the insurance company upon your return home for reimbursement.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- **On-site 24-Hour GradWeek Staff Number: PROVIDED UPON ARRIVAL IN CABO**
- If you have a medical emergency, **dial 911** (also used in Mexico)
- American Consulate: +52 (624) 143-3566 or +52 (664) 748-0129  
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
- Tourist Police: +52 (624) 143-3977 | Local Police: +52 (624) 143-3300

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

## HELPFUL SAFETY &amp; 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 \$60.00 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 you have an overall better experience!

- **The Buddy System** – We highly recommend the buddy system. Please stay out 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 are illegal to 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 taxis run all day and night. They will cost anywhere from \$5-\$45 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 20-40 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 most hotels.
- **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/Room Damage** – **You and your roommates are all responsible for paying for 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 damage 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 damage immediately. Do not let strangers into your room. Keep your doors locked at all times, including any balcony slider doors. Also, please respect your roommates' space.
- **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, CELLPHONES, 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!
- **Checkout/Departure Home** – **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 night before your departure, proceed to Front Desk to settle any incidental balances on your room, such as phone charges, room service, and pay preview movies the night before to avoid long lines at checkout. **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.
- **Motorized Water Sports and Mopeds** – We strongly recommend NOT renting mopeds, Jet-skis, or other motorized water sport equipment. Moped collisions are a common occurrence, and you are responsible for any damage. 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 sit anything on the railing, it is very easy to fall off your balconies and can cause life threatening injuries!
- **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.
- **Money Wire Services** – If you run out of money and need money sent from home, GradWeek has a service that can help with that. Simply call home and have your parents **download** the Wire Transfer Form from [www.gradweek.com](http://www.gradweek.com) (under the **RESOURCES** page). 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.



## ACTION PAC EVENT DESCRIPTIONS & MORE

### • GRADWEEK CLUB PASS:

The GradWeek takes you to the hottest club venues in Cabo. Dress for our 3 theme parties – Barbie (dress in pink), Neon Night (dress in neon colors), and the Stop Light Party (wear green for single, red for taken, and yellow for undecided).

- **El Squid Roe:** Easily the most recognizable night spot in Cabo for 35+ years! Choose from 3 levels as you and other Grads from all over the West Coast celebrate the Class of 2024!
- **La Vaquita:** GradWeek takes over La Vaquita for a great night at one of the coolest night venues in Cabo!
- **Senor Frog's:** Without question, one of Mexico's most well-known restaurants/club chains! Senor Frog's welcomes GradWeek to their brand-new location!

### • BAJA SUNSET PARTY CRUISE:

Let the good times roll! This is where GradWeek memories are made! Noted by Grads every year as one of the best nights in Cabo, you'll board a double-decker boat for a night of limbo contests, dancing, and great views of Cabo San Lucas. This cruise sells out every week!

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#### READ THE FINE PRINT!

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 GradWeek. Your actions while on the tour or event are not actionable against GradWeek.

**ALL EVENTS & PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## CABO SAN LUCAS - AREA MAP

