

Cabo

NEED GRADWEEK ON-SITE ASSISTANCE?

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

ON-SITE 24-HOUR GRADWEEK STAFF NUMBER:

***Provided to travelers upon arrival at destination/hotel.**

NEED TO CALL HOME?

Upon arriving we strongly encourage that you take a minute and call home. We often get calls from parent(s) and/or guardian(s) saying they have not heard from their son or daughter. To avoid unnecessary calls and worrying, take few minutes and call or message your parent(s) and/or guardian(s) to let them know you made it to Cabo San Lucas 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 pay-phone and a U.S. operator will place a collect call. Please note that calling to the U.S. from another country can be expensive and we recommend that you keep your call brief to avoid large phone charges. Don't forget to provide parent(s) with your room number at the hotel. ***Please Note:** If you are using your cell phone to call home, typical rates are **\$3.65 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 Cabo, 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 (also used in Mexico) and have your friend notify a GradWeek Staff Member, if you are not able to.** 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 CISI insurance company upon your return home for any eligible reimbursement.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- **On-site 24-Hour GradWeek Staff Number: *Provided to travelers upon arrival.**
- Emergency Services: 911 | Cabo Tourist Police: +52 (624) 143-3977
- American Embassy: +52 (558) 526-2561 or +52 (624) 143-3566
From US: 1 (844) 528-6611
- AMC Walk-in Clinic/Urgent Care: +52 (624) 143-4911 or +52 (624) 143-5911
- Hospiten (Hospital) Cabo San Lucas: +52 (624) 145-6000
- ***If calling from the United States, remember you must dial 011-52 first.**

HELPFUL SAFETY & TRAVEL TIPS

- **Tourist Card:** On your flight into Mexico, you are required to complete a Tourist Card ('Forma Migratoria Multiple,' or FMM) and present it to a Mexican immigration official (digitally or physically—your airline will advise you for your specific flight). The official will return a portion of the card to you. **DO NOT LOSE THIS CARD!** Store it in a safe place along with your passport. You will be required to present it before leaving the country. Replacement cards can cost \$60.00 USD or more and may delay your departure.
- **The Laws of Mexico / Drugs and Alcohol:** In general, many laws that apply in the United States also apply in Mexico. The legal drinking age in Mexico is 18 years of age. **UNDERAGE DRINKING, DRUG POSSESSION, AND USE ARE ILLEGAL.** Just say NO! Under any circumstances, do not buy, sell, or use drugs. If you do, you may be removed from your hotel and could end up in jail—at your own expense. Smoking/Vaping in the rooms is strictly prohibited by the hotel and you will be cause for immediate eviction by the hotel; all at your own expense. In Mexico, if you are suspected of committing a crime, you may be tried as an adult regardless of your age. Unlike in the U.S., the legal system in Mexico considers you "guilty until proven innocent." Use common sense, respect others, and you should have no issues. ***Please Note:** Tourists often end up in jail for the following reasons: using, possessing, buying, or selling drugs; underage drinking; fighting; urinating in public; vandalism; theft; and climbing hotel balconies. Harassing or taunting law enforcement officers will result in arrest. Additionally, do not walk on the beach or swim in the ocean at night. GradWeek travelers may be required to present 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 will 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, make sure to tell a friend where you are going and when you plan to return.
- **Taxis:** Getting around is typically done by Taxi so plan to have cash on hand for this (Uber/Lyft is unauthorized to operate in Mexico). Traveling in groups is the safest and most economical way to go. The taxis run all day and night. They will cost anywhere from \$8-\$15 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 in a taxi or ride service, especially at night.**
- **Cabo Public Transit System:** Buses operate 24-hours a day during the summer months. The bus route covers the entire length of the Hotel Zone and typically costs between \$3-\$8 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/Currency:** The current currency exchange rate in Mexico is about 18 Pesos (MXN) 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 damages immediately. Do not let strangers into your room. Keep your doors locked at all times, including any balcony sliding doors.
- **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 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'll get left behind! **The night before departure, travelers will need to pack their bags and MUST clean up their rooms,** take out all trash (very important); garbage bags are available from GradWeek Staff or the hotel front desk and tidy up room. On the day of your departure, proceed to the Front Desk to settle any incidental balances on your room. **You must be in the lobby 3 hours before your scheduled flight departure time. *The buses will leave without you!!** If your flight is not until late afternoon or evening, **hotel checkout is at 11:00 AM.** You may store your baggage with the hotel bell desk and enjoy some last-minute shopping until it is time to depart.
- **Mopeds and Motorized Water Sports :** We strongly recommend that travelers **do not** rent mopeds, jet skis, or other motorized vehicles/water sports equipment during their stay. These rentals are locally owned, and travelers are fully responsible for any damages, accidents, injuries, or charges incurred. Many students/travelers have been charged for damages they may not have caused. Always inspect any equipment carefully before use and report any existing damage immediately. Please be aware that moped accidents are common in tourist destinations. For your safety and to help avoid unexpected charges or liability issues, we strongly discourage renting or operating these types of vehicles or equipment.
- **Ocean Safety:** 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. **DO NOT go in the ocean at night regardless of the posted flags.** It is extremely dangerous at night!
- **Balconies:** Do not try and jump balconies from one room to another. Do not sit or set anything on the railings, it is very easy to fall off from the balconies and can cause life threatening injuries to you and others!
- **Crossing the Street:** While it may seem simple, crossing the street is one of the most dangerous activities in Cabo, so please take it seriously. Cars and buses often travel at high speeds and may not yield to pedestrians. Unlike in the U.S., pedestrians do not always have the right of way in Mexico. Please use extreme caution and only cross at designated crosswalks.
- **Money Wire Services:** If you run out of money during your trip, GradWeek offers an on-site Money Wire service to help save time and hassle. Simply contact home and have your parent/guardian request a **Wire Transfer Form** by contacting the GradWeek Corporate or downloading it from the **RESOURCES** page at www.gradweek.com. GradWeek can process a credit card payment for up to \$300, and the funds will be available for on-site pick-up. Money wires are distributed Monday-Friday at 7:00 PM (Cabo time). Travelers must bring a valid photo ID and see an on-site GradWeek Staff member to receive their funds.



ACTION PAC EVENT DESCRIPTIONS & MORE

All event themes are optional and subject to change without notice.

- **GRADWEEK CLUB PASS:** GradWeek takes you to the hottest club venues in Cabo. Dress for our 3 theme parties – Double Trouble (dress like your friend), Stoplight Party (dress in green, yellow, or red), and White Out Party (dress in all white).
- **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 2026!
- **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! Señor Frog's welcomes GradWeek to their brand-new location!
- **BAJA SUNSET 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 the readerboard in your hotel lobby every night for any event changes.

Action Pacs are non-refundable and non-transferable.

You are responsible for your actions on any given tour or event. You will not be reimbursed for any unused portion of the purchased package. 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.

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