



FISHING

Los Cabos, (literally, The Capes,) is known as the marlin capital of the world because there are more striped marlin caught within 20 miles of Cabo San Lucas year round than any place in the world. Catches of over 1000 pounds are not uncommon.

But marlin is not the only fish you can catch. - Dorado (mahi-mahi), yellowfin tuna and even wahoo, to name a few, are known to jump into your boat.

The deep water canyons at the mouth of Cabo San Lucas harbor and the warm waters of the Sea of

Cortez waters create favorable fishing conditions most of the year. Generally, the peak season for marlin is mid October through December, but after January varying species run well each month.

Catch and release is the name of the game with the marlin and other trophy fish, but dorado and tuna are yours to keep. There are 500 fishing boats based in Los Cabos, from the moderately priced 20 to 24 foot pangas, (big rowboats with outboard motors,) to custom fitted pangas to custom fitted state of the art luxury fishing yachts for

hire.

Charter arrangements can be made in advance through tour operators, local suppliers, hotels and fishing fleets. Making your deal the day before with a guy wandering around the marina is not recommended. Better you do business with somebody who has an office, *in their office*. Fishing charter offices can be found by strolling along the malecon. (concrete boardwalk that runs along the marina.)

You can book half day, full day or multi day fishing excursions. Expect a full day trip to cost about \$400 per boat, including tackle, bait and food. Check out the quality of the tackle before hand, the it varies widely. Half day trips in smaller boats cost between \$80 and \$120. ↘

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a box lunch is offered at many local restaurants. Ask your captain when you make your arrangements the day before. Your fishing license is usually included in your charter fee, but verify this when you make the deal.

All prices are negotiable, so talk to several companies. Be very careful when returning with your catch, as there will be guys approaching you offering to smoke your fish overnight, returning it to your hotel the next day. Do not let

your fish out of your site. Also, be very cautious about chartering a boat on the docks. It's common for men to stand by, or even on, a boat that is not theirs, and collect money for the following days' charter. When you show up the next day the real owner of the boat is not going to let you on. Make a deal inside a real office. There are many of them ringing the basin that holds the marina.

One final suggestion: Do not let your boat captain talk you into killing a fish that you would like to return to the sea alive. He may claim the poor villagers need it, but more often he sells it to local restaurants. ↘

Phone Numbers

Cabo Marina

143 1251

U.S. Consulate

143 3566

Canadian Consulate

142 4333

Humane Society

143 2726 or 143 3947

Cell 044 (624) 151 6046

Hospital

143 1594

Red Cross

143 3300

City Hall

143 2676

Feds

143 0004

Port Captain

143 0002

State Police

143 1210

Highway Patrol

143 0296

Aero Mexico

146 5097

Alaska Airlines

122 1015

America West

145 5380

American Airlines

146 5309

Continental

146 5050

Mexicana

146 5355

Aereo Calafia

143 4302

Golf Courses

Cabo Real

144 0040

Palmilla

144 5250

Cabo del Sol

145 8200

El Dorado

144 5451

San Jose Public

142 0905



Ferry Info

The ferry leaves from La Paz, about two hours north of here, and will take you to the mainland of Mexico in about 18 hours or less, depending on which type of boat you take. For schedule, price and reservations, call 612-125-3833

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