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Los Cabos :: Where is Everybody?

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EDGE correspondent Richard Frisbie just returned from losing his virginity in Los Cabos, Mexico. What? Virginity-losing? Well, metaphorically anyways, after years of pining for a trip, he seized the swine flu moment for his first time in Los Cabos, Mexico that saw a few other firsts as well...



Where is everybody?

One person's misfortune is another's opportunity. Someone mentions that pigs have the flu and no one buys any pork. I'll be grilling pork all summer because of that lunacy. Then someone sneezes and an entire country is boycotted. They might as well close Manhattan! I'm all alone on miles of pristine Mexican beach wondering "Where Is Everybody?" Now is the time to travel to Mexico!

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Los Cabos, Mexico - Baja California Sur

Cabos has been on my mind since I read John Steinbeck's "Log of the Sea of Cortez" and Edward Abbey's "Baja!". Whale-watching, kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, hiking rugged islands floating in vast blue waters surrounded by miles of beautiful beaches - Baja! Somehow I knew I'd get there, I just didn't know when. Then - Voila! Opportunity knocks! The cheapest airfare coupled with a smorgasbord of specials and discounts from the best hotels means I couldn't afford to stay home! Can you?

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Las Ventanas al Paraíso

Las Ventanas al Paraíso is an exclusive hotel stunning in its beauty. They offer free upgrades as available and a fabulous spa experience. The big feature for me was a cooking class with Chef Fabrice Guisset at a station on the edge of his walled herb garden. Fresh heirloom tomato salad, red snapper baked in a hoja santa leaf, and a delicious selection of desserts were all carefully prepared in front of us, with the chef darting into the herb garden whenever he needed fresh ingredients. Talk about clean, fresh food! The chef and I really hit it off, he's a sweetheart of a guy. When I left he gave me his recipes and the Ventanas' signature red glass heart. It's hanging in my window at home. Each day when the morning sun fills the heart with light I think I'm back

at his table in Cabos again.

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The [Marquis Los Cabos Hotel](#) shows it has its heart in the right place by donating 5% of the hotel's annual revenue for the staff's health care and education in its Marquis University. It helps, on average, twenty employees a year obtain primary schooling and bachelor degrees. Plus, the hotel is beautiful. One of their deals is an upgrade to an ocean view or oceanfront *casita* with a private plunge pool. That's how I found myself in a second story suite bigger than my home, with two oceanfront decks and a spiral

staircase to my rooftop banquette with a plunge pool! It was heaven! The rhythm of the waves lulled me to sleep each night and awakened me every morning. I swore I would never leave the room, but I did!

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