



# Dazzling TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

With so many options for travel, it seems as though nothing is really off the beaten path anymore. However, while some regions of the world that are high on many travelers' lists of places to visit, and even considered somewhat tourist attractions, there still remain "off the beaten track" luxury resort destinations (advantageously concealed) that offer private excursions and unique experiences. Journey with us on the coming pages as we take you from the biblical Holy Land of Israel to the southern Pacific beaches of Mexico highlighting a few exclusive and dazzling destinations.





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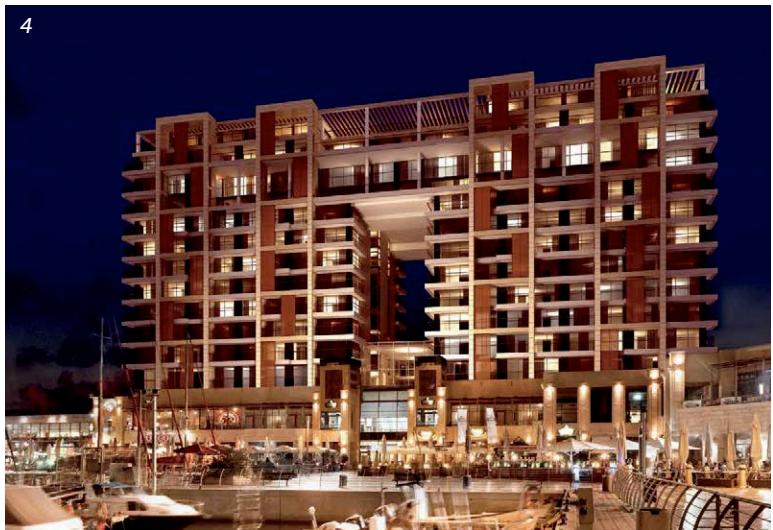
## *Under The Moonlight*

Israel's Holy Land offers biblical ruins, crusader fortresses, WWII memorials and multicultural cities bustling with artists and musicians rocking to the rhythm of a modern Israel. And although it has its history of turmoil, this significant region of the world's painful romanticism simply takes one's breath away. Individuals and families visiting from afar come to learn more about a time never to be forgotten, and many describe the experience as life changing. No matter what faith you choose to embrace, there is no doubt about the historical significance of this region. The Holy Land is sacred to many ancient religions, but if Israel has a civic religion, it is the remembrance of a tragedy of great proportions, the Holocaust. The city of Tel Aviv is the cosmopolitan heart of Israel and although once considered a suburb of the much older city of Jaffa, it has outgrown its suburb status and offers elements of exciting diversity — one being a waterfront hub consisting of trendy cafes and fun-loving people all gathered to try and extinguish memories of mayhem.





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One of the best ways to spend time in Israel is to stay at The Ritz-Carlton, Herzliya. Herzliya is located about 15 miles north of Tel Aviv. This hotel is located in the marina, and the beautiful white sand beaches are but a stone's throw from the hotel lobby.

Upon arriving at the hotel you are received by the doorman who unloads your luggage and escorts you to the front desk where you are greeted by a most gracious staff. Each guest is offered a glass of chilled "Cava" (a local sparkling wine) to kick-off the exciting adventure.

The rooms are impressive, offering a multi-level suite with an upper level for the bedroom and a beautiful bathroom with views of the marina and beaches. The lower level includes a small kitchenette, a living room and an oversized outside balcony large enough to invite some friends for cocktails at sunset.

Included in your room stay is breakfast at the Herbert Samuel restaurant on the lobby level — one of the only fine dining kosher restaurants in the Tel Aviv/Herzliya area. The breakfast is ornately decorated, and the chef makes eggs to order that are delivered to your table. The bountiful selection is overwhelming and of the high standards for which The Ritz-Carlton is known.

The Herbert Samuel restaurant is the only star-rated kosher restaurant in the area. The executive chef of the hotel, Eli Pinsler, is reputed throughout the area along with chef de cuisine Mor Cohen. This team of culinarians sets the stage for the high-quality, delicious kosher cuisine that is accompanied by excellent service. The meal starts with an eggplant mousse topped with pickled onions followed by four additional courses and a selection of mouthwatering desserts.

Needless to say, this culinary team has set the bar high for chefs to try and catch up. Chef Pinsler is a top quality chef and runs his kitchen with excellency in mind from the plates to the service.

On the rooftop of the hotel is a full bar, swimming pool and spa providing captivating views of Herzliya. Herzliya was named after Theodor Herzl, the founder of

modern Zionism. Herzliya started as a small farming community in 1924 and now, according to the Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, residents are among the wealthiest in Israel.

The concierge can arrange for transportation and guided tours. Among other sights, the plethora of museums should definitely be explored. Although barbed wire and armed guards are the norm throughout the region, once you allow yourself to truly experience the rich culture and hallowed beauty that surrounds you, a sense of calm washes over you like a warm breeze and then the journey begins. Explore the historic towns of Bethlehem and Nazareth, tune into the rhythm of daily life in the Golan Heights, visit Bedouin communities in the Negev Desert, and experience a soul-stirring visit to a refugee camp. Israel offers unforgettable sanctified experiences and truly inimitable memories to last a lifetime. There are few things more entrancing than taking in the sights of Israel under the moonlight so, if possible, try and plan your visit around a full moon.

Upon departure, the hotel can provide you with a private car to the airport. Consider arranging for the VIP service at the airport where someone greets you curbside and takes you through the airport from check-in through immigration to your gate. You do not have to wait in line for anything and it is worth the additional cost.

The Ritz-Carlton's motto, "We are Ladies and Gentlemen serving Ladies and Gentlemen," continues to be a reflection of the gold standard that sets this luxury hospitality group apart from the rest, and the Herzliya property is no exception.



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**1** The Ritz-Carlton, Herzliya **2** Rooftop **3** Lobby **4** The Ritz-Carlton, Herzliya at night **5** Trendy café in Tel Aviv **6** Lobby terrace



## The Diamante~ Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

# *Healthy Travel at its Best*

Imagine a dreamy destination carefully designed for a luxurious experience along with the benefits of maintaining a healthy body and soul.

- ❖ A state-of-the-art fitness center and wellness spa
- ❖ A 12-acre crystal lagoon designed for paddle boarding and kayaking
- ❖ An onsite organic farm and dining options that provide fresh seafood, poultry and farm-to-table menu items
- ❖ Miles of beautiful sandy beaches, hiking trails and oceanfront property offering stellar conditions for water sports ranging from surfing and snorkeling to underwater adventures for scuba diving enthusiasts
- ❖ A professional baseball training field of dreams in development
- ❖ An Olympic-size swimming pool
- ❖ And last, but not least, a Tiger Woods professional golf course resting within a stunning 1,500-acre property like none other

Is it possible to have all of this and more just a two and a half-hour flight from the Los Angeles Airport? The answer is yes. The Diamante in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico is a premier resort and spa that will take your breath away. This luxurious jewel provides extraordinary features for family members to enjoy an active, fit and centered lifestyle.

Balance and harmony are key elements for living well, and this dynamic property offers a wide array of exciting activities, breathtaking ocean-view accommodations and healthy, fresh organic farm-to-table nourishment, carefully prepared by a top chef and culinary team.

And it is not unusual to cross paths with one of your favorite professional athletes, considering The Diamante is a draw for celebrity athletes from all over the world. From baseball hall of famers to iconic pro-golfers, athletes have quickly learned that The Diamante's unique property provides a perfect off-season training ground. Individuals looking to stay aligned with their fitness regime while enjoying the beauty, solitude and tranquil environment of this private guard-gated luxury destination have found their holy grail.

Perhaps one of the hallmarks of this extraordinary property is the Tiger Woods golf course, El Cardonal, which opened in 2014. Outstanding coastal views are abundant while taking your swing on this majestic course.





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It isn't often that one finds a luxury travel destination with so many amenities and unique features in one place. Living healthier, happier lives has become a mantra for people of all ages with the knowledge that we can, in fact, live longer maintaining stronger, healthier bodies and a more centered being by embracing a robust lifestyle, enjoying healthy environments and educating ourselves on all that is available to us. The Diamante has made great efforts to provide life-enhancing features that support living better.

Imagine starting your morning off with an organic breakfast at one of the most beautiful places in the world followed by a visit to a well-executed fitness compound including an Olympic-size swimming pool. Or possibly a yoga class or serene paddleboard or kayak experience on a private 12-acre glassy turquoise lagoon appeals to the senses? Surfing, snorkeling or jet skiing in the ocean blue waters are just a few additional activities available to The Diamante guests. Adventure seekers enjoy scuba diving and parasailing off the coastline or family-fun swimming with dolphins at a nearby dolphin adventure park. Guests can receive a concierge experience custom-made to suit their aspirations.

And for those of you looking for a time of tranquility, rejuvenation of mind, body and spirit can be found through The Diamante's deluxe spa, a sunset walk on the beach, a hike through the six miles of nature trails, or simply reclining in a shallow pool adjacent to a lovely manmade beach snuggled up to the exclusive lagoon with a bar and grill conveniently at your beck and call.

The Spa At Diamante provides members and guests a comprehensive menu of treatments using the finest, most effective spa products available on the market with plants and other materials native to the region. Finding your sweet spot for total relaxation is easily achievable.

Accommodations range from stunning beach estates with acres of private warm, sandy beaches to large beautifully designed casitas with private pools, golf villas and crystal lagoon-front residences with

private docks or secluded boutique quarters and more, all complete with full kitchens and impeccable decor.

And let's not forget dining options. Chef Israel and his culinary team will provide for an unforgettable evening overlooking the Dunes Golf Course and the Pacific Ocean at Izzy's Restaurant, a crown jewel when it comes to culinary experiences. Izzy's menu includes Sonora Beef from Rancho 17 produced directly from The Diamante's organic garden and fresh seafood from the Baja waters.

Additional dining options include the restaurant La Palapa (another culinary delight), The Sports Bar & Grill and catering options such as a private chef preparing a decadent feast or an intimate meal with wine pairings or tequila tastings, all within the comfort of your residence.

Finally, The Market at the Dunes is open 24-hours a day, offering on-site bakery items, grab-and-go food and beverages, a tasty small bites menu, and full coffee/barista options along with smoothies, wine and gourmet cheeses — pick up in your golf cart or have delivered direct to your residence.

It's no wonder The Diamante's premier residence program took off quickly the moment they offered privately owned residences. West coast travelers enjoy the convenience of a quick flight and an easy 15-minute drive from the Cabo San Lucas International Airport located in San Jose Del Cabo.

The short travel time is also attractive to couples looking for that perfect destination to tie the knot, a place that is easily accessible to family members and friends gathering for the joyous occasion. The vast property provides for the perfect event location ranging from magnificent weddings to corporate meetings, charity golf tournaments, family reunions and more. The extraordinary size and beauty of the property creates the perfect backdrop for a honeymoon or private romantic getaway. With the help of the exquisite concierge team, there is seldom any request that is not attainable — from a sunset dinner cruise onboard a striking yacht to horseback riding on the beach to privately catered dinners for two.

The Diamante Cabo San Lucas offers something for everyone at one of the most luxurious, safe and tranquil travel destinations in the world. Live well, live healthy, take time to de-stress, and enjoy the beauty that surrounds us.

*To learn more, visit: [diamantecabosanlucas.com](http://diamantecabosanlucas.com)*

1 The Dunes at Diamante 2 Kayaks at the Crystal Lagoon 3 Golf Villa 4 View from oceanfront villa 5 Health and fitness center