



QUIVIRA, LOS CABOS, MEXICO

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Los Cabos, Mexico has grown to become one of the most popular destinations south of the border. With easy air access from most of the U.S., the area is convenient as well as opulent in its resources. The Quivira community and resort, situated on 1,850 acres at the tip of the Baja Peninsula along the Pacific Ocean, offers the full range of accommodations, everything from hotels to condos to resort homes. During 2020 these offerings will expand.

Quivira takes its name from an ancient legend about seven cities of gold. The story is inspired by the historic event in which Mérida, Spain, was conquered by the Moors in 1150 A.D. It tells the tale of seven bishops who fled with sacred religious relics, hoping to protect them from the invading Moors. According to legend, each of the seven bishops founded cities in lands far away. One of the cities was called “Quivira,” and it was said that the streets there were paved with gold. Such was the promise that ushered in the Golden Age of Exploration when explorers like Coronado, Pizarro and Cortes crossed uncharted waters to discover the new world.



The streets may not be paved with gold at Quivira, but the property does provide a golden opportunity to play a remarkable Jack Nicklaus golf course design, which opened in 2014. The course has been voted one of the “World’s 100 Greatest Golf Courses” by Golf Digest. When asked to predict how Quivira will impact his legacy, Nicklaus says, “I think some people will say it’s the most spectacular and best golf course they have ever seen, and others will say, ‘You have to be kidding’.”

The course begins with several holes over fairly calm terrain just above the level of the shore. There is plenty of landing room even for errant drives, but there are also generous sand waste areas not too far off the fairways on most holes. Then the cart path begins to climb to reach the astonishing experience of the signature cliff-top par-4 5th and the par-4 6th holes. These are truly cliff-hangers, with dazzling views, but both requiring well-executed tee shots. Neither is a long hole, but leaving the fairway will make an approach shot to the green difficult (“You have to be kidding.”). Other than those two holes, which provide such a spectacular viewing and playing experience that their uniqueness justifies their difficulty, the rest of the course has ample fairways and more vistas, just not from a cliffside vantage. The Ocean is more in the distance. An example is the double-dog-leg 12th hole,





portfolio, which includes projects such as Desert Highlands, Desert Mountain, Las Campanas, Loch Lomond Golf Club and more.

Inspiration for the new residential community name comes from El Faro Viejo, the Old Lighthouse erected in 1905 that sits centrally within the gates of Old Lighthouse Club. It's the region's oldest standing structure, overlooking miles of pristine beaches and rolling hills. Residents will be provided a fascinating glimpse into the storied past of El Faro Viejo. The destination's rich history is enjoying an exceptional present day, ushering in a new era of hospitality.

"For extraordinary panoramic ocean views at true Land's End, no other resort development in Cabo has what we have at Old Lighthouse Club," said managing director Taber Anderson. "The views from these homesites are breathtaking and this community will become the crown jewel of Quivira: dramatic cliffs, awe-inspiring rock formations, glowing sunsets and endless, warm, sandy beaches provide an enviable perspective of the tip of Baja. Old Lighthouse Club provides residents a vibrant gathering place, and a unique destination for outdoor pursuits and cultural exploration."

Although developer Lyle Anderson established a reputation as one of the world's best golf community developers, his expertise is actually centered around homebuilding. "More than once I encountered a successful couple determined to build their dream home. Hiring an architect, interior designer, and construction crew is a skill set most do not have. Typically, it takes longer and is costlier than originally planned," said Anderson. "The majority of our homes at Quivira will be turnkey product that will be built with the highest standard of materials and finishes. Buyers will be able to customize certain options, but our new formula greatly shortens the move-in process and provides much greater price certainty."

a par 5, where the golfer is always hitting toward the Ocean as the fairway meanders down the side of a ridge. Nicklaus was allowed a generous amount of land to create his routing, thus the drive between holes is a little longer than most courses, but the end result is a course where every hole is different and memorable. The course deserves its high ranking.

Quivira has always had multiple offerings for accommodations. In late 2019 an announcement was made

about the release of initial homesites at Old Lighthouse Club, the newest full ownership residential offering within the master-planned community. Old Lighthouse Club is located amidst the routing of the Jack Nicklaus course, high above the Pacific Ocean. With this project, Landowner and Developer Ernesto Coppel and Managing Director Taber Anderson have formed a partnership with Developer Lyle Anderson, who will build upon the success of his impressive residential



Amenity highlights include the Nicklaus course, and homeowner access to the restaurants and resort facilities within Quivira’s resort hotels including The After, a cutting-edge modern sports bar, and The Market, offering on-the-go favorites and full-service dining from early morning to late night. The Quivira resort community also offers numerous nature and mountain bike trails, and a dog park.

Offsite, homeowners can enjoy outfitted expeditions from horseback riding and deep-sea fishing to ATV rides and ziplining. Eclectic restaurants, vibrant nightlife and charming shops dot nearby downtown Cabo San Lucas, offering plenty of amusement in every direction. The quaint town of San Jose del Cabo with its

distinctive architecture and thriving art scene is just 35 minutes away. Quivira also has easy access to the charming artistic town of Todos Santos, a 60-minute drive north of the development.

Construction has also begun on Phase I of the Quivira Beach Club, which will be available to all homeowners by November 2020. It will house a pool, changing rooms, and restaurant facilities on the beach while serving as a community gathering spot. Homeowners also have access to Q Life programming – experiences to help every owner live better and to connect friends and neighbors, providing a true sense of place within Quivira. Spa services, organic gardening, a wine club, cooking classes, yoga,

world-class rooster fishing from the beach front, art expositions, painting and sculpture classes, and an open-air cinema are just a sampling of Q Life offerings.

The San Jose del Cabo International Airport (SJD) is located approximately 25 miles from Quivira in the town of San Jose del Cabo and direct flights are available from more than 30 major U.S. cities. Quivira Golf course rates range from US\$275 to US\$380 depending on time of day, and high-quality Taylor-made club rentals are available.

Visit quiviraloscabos.com/golf for complete details. For more information on Old Lighthouse Club and Quivira Los Cabos, please visit www.quiviraolc.com.