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Between devastating storms and travel advisories, Cabo San Lucas—the sparkling jewel at the tip of Mexico's Baja Peninsula—has taken its share of hits the past few years. But things are looking sunnier, especially for golfers, at this sun-soaked stop that has been a favorite of Hollywood stars and is one of Mexico's top tourist destinations. If you haven't checked out the offerings in a while, you'll find much has changed.

The roster of golf course architects who have designed courses in Cabo is a Who's Who of sought-after designers, including Jack Nicklaus, Greg Norman, and Tiger Woods. And the number of courses is growing. In 2018, Fred Couples and Todd Eckenrode teamed up to create Twin Dolphin, and Nicklaus added an additional nine at Puerto Los Cabos, which now offers 27 holes (18 by Nicklaus; nine by Norman).

At Rancho San Lucas, Norman debuted his first branded real estate development in Mexico, which includes his 7,260-yard layout, opened late last year, paralleling the

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sea. At Diamante, already home to a Davis Love III design and Woods's first course design (plus a short course by Tiger), plans for another course designed by Woods were recently announced.

Also expected to open late last year on the East Cape of Los Cabos was Costa Palmas, designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. This course's debut comes on the heels of the recently opened, 118-guest-room and 23-suite Four Seasons Resort Los Cabos at Costa Palmas. The Costa Palmas Golf Club—featuring a six-hole, par-three short course and one-acre practice green, professional instruction, and caddie program—will be offered as an exclusive amenity to Four Seasons Residence owners and resort guests.

While not new construction, the Cabo San Lucas Country Club underwent a major renovation under the direction of Mexican course architect Agustín Pizá. Part of Los Cabos's original golf boom in 1994, the country club also has plans to add a short course.