

# PORTS

## LOS ANGELES (LONG BEACH), CA



Long Beach is home to the Queen Mary, an aquarium that houses more than 11,000 animals and express boats to whisk away you to Catalina Island. This port sits 25 miles south of Los Angeles, where there's no shortage of attractions. Visit the TCL Chinese Theatre, find your favorite star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, ride the Ferris wheel at Santa Monica Pier and take in the views from the Griffith Observatory. Film aficionados will enjoy touring Paramount Pictures, the studio that produced the "The Godfather" trilogy, while culture lovers can explore the Getty Center, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the Walt Disney Concert Hall, designed by Frank Gehry. Bask in the California sun at Zuma Beach in Malibu or partake in family fun at Universal Studios Hollywood and Disneyland in nearby Anaheim.

**Language:** English

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## PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO



Since this port was discovered as a prime vacation spot in the 1960s, it has become home to luxury resorts and beautiful villas. But the city's tranquil past is still evident in its charming courtyards, cobblestone streets and markets. The most popular excursions visit Gringo Gulch, the town square and unique cathedral. There's always shopping and horseback riding or relaxing on the beach.

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## MAZATLÁN, MEXICO



Mazatlán is the sportfishing capital of the world. As the ship pulls into harbor, passengers will catch sight of the El Faro lighthouse, the second-tallest lighthouse in the world. The most popular excursions are city tours that visit the main square, the historic district and the beaches, and an all-day tour to the Sierra Madre mountains to see the villages of Concordia and Copala.

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## LA PAZ, MEXICO



Located on a large bay on the Sea of Cortez, La Paz is a favorite beach area for both Mexican and foreign visitors. Shops are concentrated in a five-block area around the Malecon, La Paz's seaside walkway. You will find a good selection of Mexican folk art, including wooden masks and lacquered boxes from Guerrero and black pottery from Oaxaca. Look for local artisans in their studios tucked away off the side streets, where you can purchase ceramics or woven wall hangings.

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## CABO SAN LUCAS



Cabo San Lucas' breadth and beauty is epitomized by El Arco, a rising rock archway at the confluence of the Pacific Ocean and Sea of Cortez. A glass-bottom boat ride to this landmark, which sails past a sea lion colony, is just one of the excursions offered in this port, located at the southern tip of Mexico's Baja Peninsula. Kayak along Pelican Rock, discover marine life while snorkeling Chileno Bay, explore the Sierra de la Laguna Mountains on a hike or drive an all-terrain vehicle over shorefront dunes. An all-inclusive day pass allows you to enjoy a resort's pools and other amenities, while a trip to Lover's Beach will work wonders for your tan. From December to April, board a whale-watching cruise to see the numerous species that migrate to Cabo's welcoming waters.

Small-ship cruises depart from Cabo San Lucas and sail through the Sea of Cortez.

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