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BAJA CALIFORNIA
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2018 TRAVEL AWARDS

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+ SUMMER'S MOST
IRRESISTIBLE DESSERTS



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Destination on the Rise

Costa Palmas, East Cape, Baja California Sur, Mexico

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The hype about Costa Palmas seems inevitable, given its location within an hour of Los Cabos International Airport and opposite the party-ready [Cabo San Lucas](#) corridor. The 1,000-acre compound on the East Cape of Baja, with its two-mile sweep of shore bordering the calm and swimmable Sea of Cortez, was nothing but a stretch of white sand when L.A. real estate firm Irongate purchased it in 2014. But now all eyes are on Costa Palmas, site of a soon-to-open Four Seasons Resort and Residences and an outpost of the ultra-exclusive Aman Resorts. Four modernist cabanas by New York architects Guerin Glass—open to prospective buyers of the multimillion-dollar residences—sit by the water, flanking an open-air beach club and an adventure center with kite surfing, kayaks, and ATVs. Behind the dunes, a bleached-wood boardwalk traverses a natural lagoon to a restaurant and bar run by Argentine chef Gonzalo Cerda. Life continues largely as usual in the nearby towns of La Ribera and Santiago: - Anglers pull their boats ashore full of snapper and dorado; the Rancho Ecológico Sol de Mayo charges a modest entrance fee to access waterfall hikes and rocky plunge pools (the 30-foot cliff jump is not for the faint of heart). A lush organic farm strung with fairy lights hosts gatherings as well as multicourse cookouts. Already there are gossip--column mentions of Costa Palmas (Gwyneth Paltrow's [bachelorette party!](#)), and private jets are poised on the horizon. Go see the East Cape before the boldface names descend. This is the travel world's next big thing. [costapalmas.com](#).

