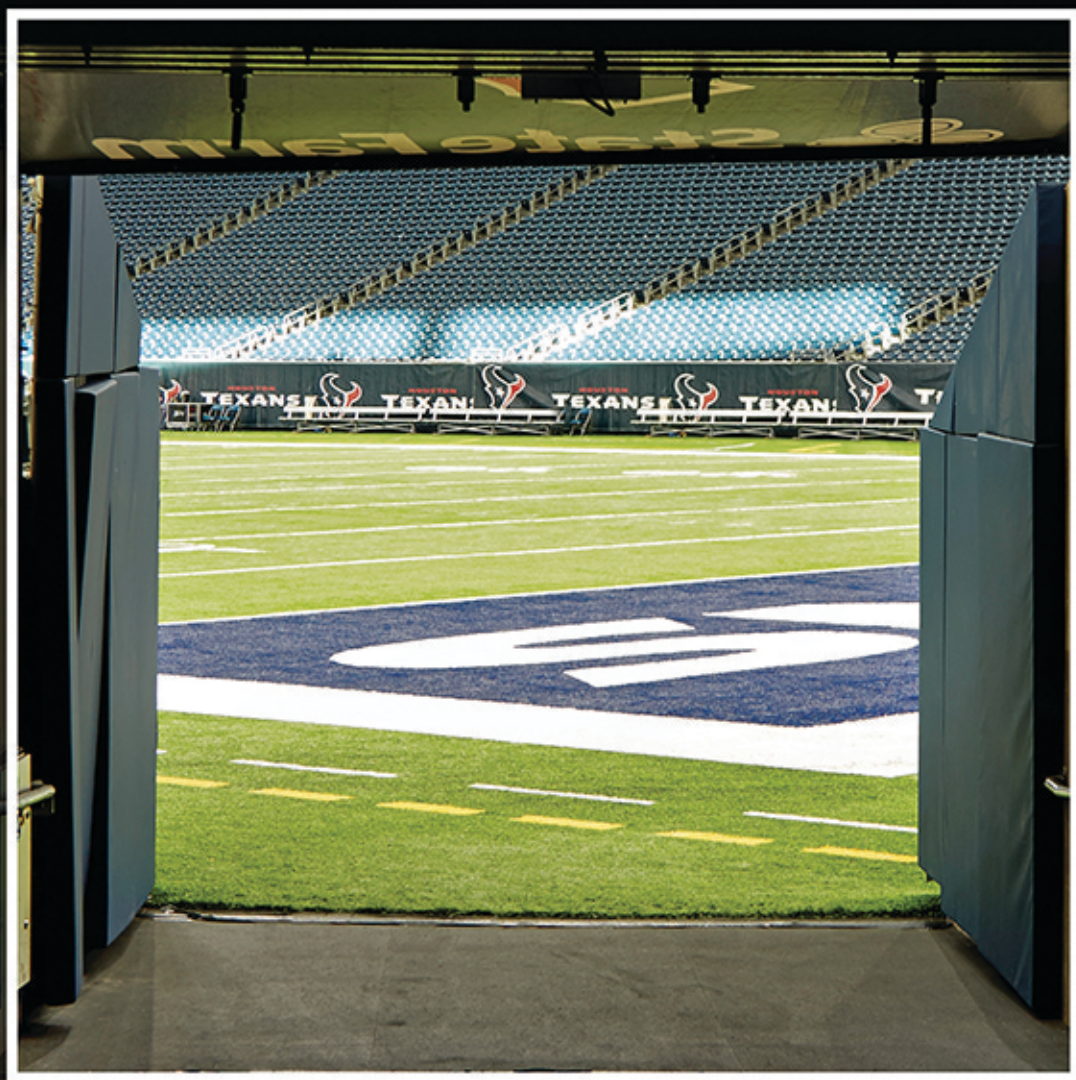


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Grand Velas

A GRAND GETAWAY

GRAND VELAS LOS CABOS

It's safe to say that the brand spanning new (as in not even open to public, as I sit and write this piece on the balcony of my ocean-view suite overlooking a gorgeous sunrise on the beach) **Grand Velas Los Cabos** is grand and takes all-inclusive beyond compare. From its massive entry as guests approach, the **300+** room property stands majestic, overlooking its perfect piece of the Pacific. Dark and light wood interchange at the mouth of its entry in clean modern lines into a lobby that previews the chic interior design which awaits. Sprinkled throughout, as in all the Velas properties, is a collection of art featuring renowned work by **ALEJANDRO COLUNGA**, **AMADOR MONTES** and **SERGIO BUSTAMANTE**.



Frida

Attention to detail is key at Grand Velas. This is the fifth in the family-owned hotel group's foray into all-inclusive luxury resorts. And the Velas brothers are not messing around in this Cabo property. The property was completed in record time, an unheard of nine months. **Five different interior designers worked to complete all of the spaces, giving each one its own personality, and with a staff ratio of 3 to 1 no request goes by unheard.**

The quality of design, restaurants and amenities is sublime, especially for an all-inclusive (**rates start at \$750 per person**). The culinary program is robust, offering something for everyone. For the foodie, indulge at **Cocina de Autor** with two star Michelin Chef **SIDNEY SCHUTTE** at the helm. For Mexican cuisine lovers, there's **Frida**, the über-chic fine Mexican dining option. For the Francophile, there's the French-driven **Piaf**, and **Lucca** satisfies the traditional Italian craving. **Azul**, located beach

side, serves unforgettable breakfasts by morning and fresh ceviches perfect for poolside lounging or after a walk along their scenic stretch of beach. **Velas 10** will offer seafood and steaks while **Cabrilla** focuses on seafood. Oh, and there's also 24-hour, in-suite dining which is by no means overlooked. It's safe to say you will not go hungry.

The 304 suites all have ocean views thanks to the crescent shape of the resort. All are over 1,180sf, modern and clean in design. Spacious bathrooms with double sinks ensure no fighting over space; a walk-in shower, Jacuzzi and designated vanity space round out the space. Suites feature separate living areas with handsomely appointed sectional sofas. **ALONSO**, our personal butler, met all our needs daily, from tracking down the charger I forgot in our car to fulfilling my husband's request of fresh milk for his coffee in the morning.

The property's Spa merges classic Ayurveda practices with Mexican culture. The "**Spa Atelier**" creates unique experiences through workshops – from learning your Doshia in Ayurveda to practices in meditation like mandala making. Sixteen treatment rooms with a designated hydrotherapy facility of dry saunas, cold plunge pools, vitality pools, whirlpools, herbal steam rooms with color therapy, clay and ice rooms and experience showers are part of a spa experience. There are yoga classes and a complete fitness center.

But it doesn't stop here. Six two-level Wellness Suites take the concept to another level. Double height ocean-view suites come with fitness equipment like a recline bike, spa concierge, Vitamin C Sprinklers, crudité minibar, aromatherapy kits, in-suite massage and exclusive use of fitness amenities including a juice bar.

If you can believe, there's still so much more the property offers (like 16,370sf of flexible convention center space). Yet somehow the space is very relaxing if that's what you're looking for. But it's also fun with the super-sexy **Koi bar**, if that's more your vibe. **And the two experiences perform the perfect salsa dance without ever stepping on each other's toes.**

Grand Velas Los Cabos is 35 minutes away from the airport and opens to the public December 20. For more information, visit www.loscabos.grandvelas.com.



Suite



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