



The One&Only Palmilla is not the only celebrity hotspot in Los Cabos. Stars like George Clooney are known to frequent the Sunset Monalisa restaurant where Mediterranean fine dining is served at sunset overlooking Cabo's most famous view: El Arco, a rock formation in the middle of the sea. The restaurant director here tells me the challenge is ensuring the food matches the view. I opt for a tasting menu that includes canapés, hand-made pasta with truffles, and tuna tartare – each morsel an explosion of flavour. The dinner is made complete with a dangerously delicious dessert of dark chocolate and fruit; the waiter pours rum over it, lighting it on fire to give it that finishing touch. And with that, I am sure the meal has matched the views.

On another night, I get to experience that perfect view from another angle next door at The Cape, a Thompson Hotel. On arrival, The Cape appears understated, painted black and grey – not the typical Mexican vibe. I visit the rooftop bar watching surfers catch waves along the coast, and the longer I stay, the more I realize that my first impression was wrong. This property does indeed suit the Cabo environment, almost blending completely into the

rocky coast below. In many cases, the property was even built around massive boulders (rather than removing them) as is the evident with the jagged shape of the saltwater pool that seems to run right through rock. Inside, the décor is mid-century modern chic with metallic lights, tan leather furniture and hints of sophisticated Mexican art. It's perfect.

I'm tempted to stay on the rooftop longer, but it's time for dinner at the hotel's acclaimed restaurant. At Manta, the food is not Mexican, as Chef Enrique Olvera has been known to say, but rather it is made by Mexicans. Dishes are inspired by the Pacific, a fusion of culinary techniques and ingredients from Mexico, Peru and Japan. My favourite is the octopus anticucho served with chorizo mayo and a salad of tomato, watermelon, raspberry, and hibiscus chamoy. Dinner is topped off with a classic Mexican dessert – tres leches cake.

I take my last bite, completely satisfied. It's my final dinner in Cabo, and the perfect way to end an ultra-luxe getaway. Cabo has definitely lived up to its reputation, and I'm already planning to return.