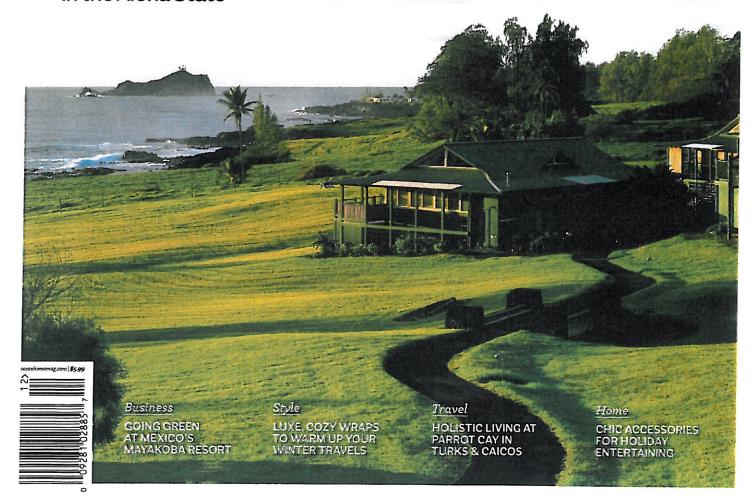
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Heavenly Hawaii

Old Favorites, New Hotspots & Hidden Gems In the Aloha State



## Heavenly Hana

Located at the end of the famous Road to Hana and set amid the picturesque oceanfront community of Heavenly Hana on Maui's secluded eastern shore. Travaasa Hana, formerly known as Hotel Hana-Maui. opened in mid-2011. The second property of new





experiential hotel brand Travaasa Destinations features 70 cottages and suites, a spa, locally sourced dining, and extensive cultural programming. Accommodations at Travaasa Hana consist of 47 plantationstyle Sea Ranch Cottages and 23 low-rise bungalow Garden View Suites. All guest rooms feature organic linens and pampering amenities. Guests can choose from an allinclusive program, which includes meals, daily spa credit, and limitless activities, or an á la carte stay. travaasa.com.

## Modern Mexico

Villas de Mexico—where the desert meets the sea.

HOMEX, the largest builder of homes in Mexico, recently finished the first residences at its new Villas de Mexico at Loreto Baja. This vacation home community, whose villas, townhomes. and condominiums are built with modern Spanish Colonial architecture, is just 10 miles from the fishing town of Loreto Baia California, Mexico. The property

includes the Inn at Loreto Bay resort and golf club and sits on a 25-mile-wide crescent bay

protected by a circle of islands.

Among the finished homes at Villas de Mexico Loreto Baja is La Lobera, a two-story, 2,284-square-foot villa that features a living and dining area, a family room, a utility room and garage, three bedrooms, three and a half bathrooms, a patio with a builtin barbecue, and two terraces, one a spacious rooftop space with a pergola. More La Lobera villas are under construction and are available at prices ranging from \$500,000 to \$900,000. The development will also



include condominiums and townhouses.

Villas de Mexico Loreto Baja owners have full access to the golf course and tennis courts at the Inn at Loreto Bay, as well as a business center and a private beach club. Offshore, the warm, clear waters are home to so many species of marine life that the Mexican government designated this part of the Sea of Cortez as a protected marine preserve, and the UN named it a World Heritage Site. The calm waters make it ideal for kayaking, whale watching, scuba diving, snorkeling, and stand-up paddle boarding. lasvillasdemexico.com/loreto.

## **ECO-LUXE**

Earlier this year, Sandos Caracol Eco-Resort and Spa in Mexico's Riviera Maya introduced 99 ecological rooms that feature both sleek, modern designs and ecologically conscious elements, combined with a stunning beachfront view. Designed to reduce carbon emissions by 70 percent, the rooms contribute to the care and preservation of the environment through distinct functions, including low-energy air-conditioning systems, solar water heating systems, water recycling systems, internal LED lighting, and furniture made of wood from certified forests. Each ecological room boasts an elegant king-size bed and spacious bedroom and living areas with private balconies facing the ocean. The all-inclusive resort offers environmentally focused activities, including natural Mayan spa treatments, opportunities to swim in cenotes, eco-tours of the property, and a NASA-developed interactive program, "Climate Change—the Magic Planet." sandos.com.



SLEEP TIGHT: Sandos Caracol Eco-Resort and Spa.