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EL CID RESORTS UPDATES



El Cid Resorts Mazatlan is a spectacular self-contained complex consisting of four hotels in the Northwest of Mexico. Well known for offering a signature brand of hospitality coupled with welcoming services and comfort, it provides discerning travelers and vacationing families with an authentic local experience.

El Cid Resorts is progressive in incorporating new services, renovating facilities and updating its standards to ensure the guest's experience is highly memorable.

Continued improvements define their commitment to quality with recent renovations including rooms, central air conditioning system, elevators, public areas flooring, main lobby and pool at El Cid Castilla Beach; rooms, handicap access and garden redesign at El Cid Granada & Country Club; Beach Club and Suites at El Cid Mariana Beach; Lobby Bar and customer service area at El Cid El Moro Beach; and tennis courts at the club house. Some of the newly added features to services include prestigious amenity brands in bathrooms, nightly turn-down service, and upgraded restaurant menus.

Exquisite Argentinean grilled meat selections are the dinner specialty at their traditional restaurant, El Patio. El Patio also serves a relaxing al fresco breakfast that, along with the Sushi Bar at the Club House, is the newest culinary addition to their all-inclusive plan. Nonstop entertainment and a festive atmosphere await guests at El Cid Castilla Beach with the opening of the famous and original Senor Frog's Restaurant & Bar, scheduled for summer 2008.

El Cid Resorts and Mazatlan are hosts of well recognized and established events including the Film Festival (January), the Tom Garcia Golf Tournament (March), the Canadian PGA Tour (April), The Pacific Triathlon and Air Festival (April), The Sail Fish Tournament (May), the Mazatlan Cultural Festival (October-November), the El Cid Amateur Golf Tournament (November), the Marina El Cid Billfish Classic (November), the Mazatlan Fashion Show (November), and the Festival of the Arts of Sinaloa (November-December), among others.

In 2007 El Cid once again surpassed the satisfaction indexes of their services, in both in-house surveys and in the main traveler opinion forums on the Internet.

El Cid Resorts, www.elcid.com

XEL-HA RECEIVES ESR ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

In a ceremony led by the Federal Government's Economy Secretary, Eduardo Sojo Garza-Aldape, the Mexican Centre for Philanthropy (CEMEFI), and the Alliance of Enterprises for Social Responsibility, for the seventh year running, Xel-Ha, the water theme park in the Riviera Maya, was acknowledged as a Socially Responsible Enterprise 2008, thanks to the consistency it has shown in its social development programs, for the benefit of its workers and the communities.

This award has a special relevance to Xel-Ha, being the only enterprise in all the state of Quintana Roo to receive this award every year since 2002. In all of Mexico, only eight companies have received this merit during seven consecutive years.

As a Socially Responsible Enterprise, Xel-Ha firmly embraces its conviction to aid in the construction of schooling facilities, sport centers, recreational parks and gardens. As part of this effort, it has constantly contributed with financial, material, and human resources. Social Responsibility efforts include health education programs, caring for the environment, and cultural events.

This year's acknowledgement was received on behalf of Xel-Ha by David Eduardo Iturbe Vargas, Xel-Ha's PR manager, in an event held in the Banamex Centre in Mexico City.

In addition, to this acknowledgement, Xel-Ha received praise from a Disney executive. For Ronald Hood, Operation Manager of "Typhoon Lagoon" one of the most important aquatic parks in Florida, the service quality offered in Xel-Ha was "an impressive experience" to the point in which he claimed "a trip to Mexico would simply be incomplete without visiting this Natural Wonder." Mr. Hood continued with the praise adding: "The guest service was outstanding...the park was very clean...your food and beverage operation was also very impressive."

Xel-Ha, www.xelha.com.mx

ADVENTURES IN TRAVEL



Adventures in Travel recently invited 10 agents to participate in a Fam Trip to Baja California Sur/ La Paz, Mexico. Fam Trip La Paz 2008 was coordinated by Ecobajatours, ALMA Airlines and the Asociacion de Emprpesas Hoteleras Y Turisticas De La Paz.

Adventures in Travel, 760-940-2700

TESORO RESORTS APPOINTS ENRIQUE AGUIRRE DIRECTOR OF SALES

Tesoro Resorts has announced the appointment of Enrique Aguirre to the position of Director of Sales. At Tesoro Resorts Manzanillo, Aguirre will supervise the strategy, management and goals of the sales department.

Aguirre brings with him more than 15 years of key management experience in the hospitality and travel industries. After holding several positions at Club Maeva in Manzanillo, he worked as General Manager and Sales Manager of Club Maeva in Tampico, Mexico, where he exceeded sales goals multiple years in a row. Playing an important role in the tourism community, Aguirre served as adviser to the Hidalgo Convention and Visitors Bureau and a board member for the Hidalgo Hotel Association. Aguirre plans to utilize the key industry relationships he's fostered to enhance opportunities at Tesoro Manzanillo. **Tesoro Resorts, 866-99-tesoro, www.tesororesorts.com**

AMRESORTS ANNOUNCES AGGRESSIVE EXPANSION PLAN

AMResorts, provider of sales, marketing and brand management services for Secrets, Dreams and Sunscape Resorts & Spas, has announced an aggressive expansion plan to develop a total of 17 new resorts in Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Aruba. Within the next 24 months, AMResorts will grow from nine to 26 resorts, bringing its Unlimited-Luxury concept to new Caribbean and Mexican regions. By 2010, the company's portfolio will boast more than 10,000 guest rooms and suites in more than 10 resort destinations.

The expansion plans call for AMResorts to broaden its presence in Mexico with new properties in some of the country's emerging and most popular vacation regions including Huatulco, Nuevo Vallarta, Punta de Mita, Nayarit, and La Paz. In addition, new Secrets and Dreams Resorts & Spas are planned for La Romana and Punta Cana, Dominican Republic; Montego Bay, Jamaica; and Aruba.

By year-end 2008, AMResorts will inaugurate a total of four new Unlimited-Luxury properties under its brands Secrets Resorts & Spas and Dreams Resorts & Spas.

In addition, over the next two years, AMResorts is also investing in existing properties to provide more upscale dining options, upgraded amenities, unrivaled spa facilities and more.

AMResorts also is reaffirming its commitment to the travel agent community through innovative promotions, special events and contests. A newly enhanced Master Agent Education Program, now available by visiting the brands dedicated travel agent websites, SecretsAgents.com, DreamsAgents.com and SunscapeAgents.com, invites registered members to learn more about the company's brands and resorts by participating in seven comprehensive online seminars. In return, graduates receive official Master Agent status earning them elite recognition, as well as a host of exclusive offers and rewards.

AMResorts, www.amresorts.com

ME CABO REDEFINES THE BAJA EXPERIENCE

ME Cabo is redefining Cabo as a destination with its style, sophistication and sensuality. Under the new brand, Sol Melia also brings its signature YHI Spa brand to Cabo San Lucas. ME Cabo is part of a select group of seductive, urban and resort destination hotels under the ME by Melia umbrella that combine an intimate style of warmth and Latin flair while delivering experiences that are an extension of guests' individual life-rhythms. Guests enjoy a balanced stay, where a busy day is complemented by ME by Melia's signature YHI Spa. Inspired by ancient healing traditions, the spa includes world-class Fitness, Hydrotherapy and Relaxation Centers.

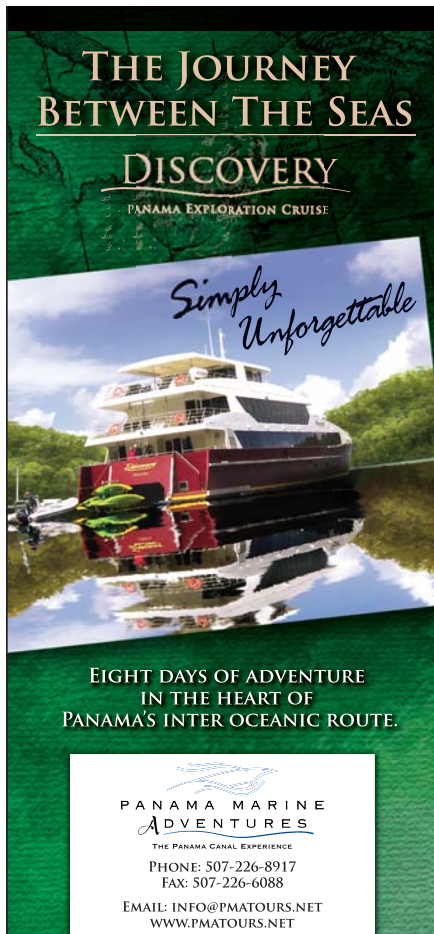
"ME Cabo is one of our most exciting projects to date. The overwhelmingly positive response from hotel guests and residents alike who have enjoyed our world-class spa, cuisine, nightlife and ambiance is all of the reassurance I need to know that Cabo was the right market for the second ME by Melia hotel in Mexico," says Guy Hensley, Senior Vice President Operations Premium Portfolio Sol Melia Hotels and Resorts.

Standard room features include complimentary Wi-Fi Internet, state-of-the-art CD/DVD players, 26-inch interactive plasma TV's and organic, all natural products by AVEDA. Guests receive a complimentary daily newspaper, as well as access to the fitness center and an extensive DVD selection throughout their stay.

"The Level" at ME Cabo is an entire floor dedicated to meeting the discerning needs and tastes of decisive individuals who know exactly what they want. The Level features lavish Chic and Loft suites with floor-to-ceiling windows and extraordinary ocean views. "The Living Room" is a private lounge that serves as the social center of The Level. All guests of the hotel are offered preferred access to Nikki Beach, the ultimate in international nightlife scene.

ME Cabo also features a high-tech meeting facility. "The Evolution Room" offers Wi-Fi access, all state-of-the-art capabilities and a business center for corporate and meeting travelers.

ME by Melia, www.mebymeliá.com



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GRAN MELIÁ CANCUN INTRODUCES YHI SPA WELLNESS CENTER

Gran Meliá Cancun has introduced a new state-of-the-art gym to provide guests the opportunity to stay fit and holistically balanced while visiting one of the most sought-after beach destinations in the world. The Yhi Spa Wellness Center becomes a part of the resort's unique spa concept, Yhi Spa, a Leading Spa of the World.

The Yhi Spa concept is based on the four elements - earth, water, air and fire – as well as a careful orchestration of space, with open areas and the encouraged interaction with varied textures - stone, wood, glass and bamboo – that emit luxurious minimalism. The goal is to create an overall sense of serenity for guests, from the resort's Asian-inspired Eco-Spa and water ritual area, to the multi-sensory ambience of intoxicating scents and mystical sounds.

Featuring two distinct areas, the Yhi Spa Wellness Center offers a variety of fitness activities and equipment. In the movement studio guests can enjoy a peaceful yoga or Tai Chi lesson, or a spinning class. The expansive gym area includes a mixture of cardio and strength equipment.

As part of Yhi Spa's holistic approach and methods, the wellness center offers Yhi Moves featuring fitness, personal training and wellness activities specially designed to meet guests' desires for achieving the perfect wellness balance. Personal trainers assess each guest's individual needs and develop customized exercise programs best suited to them.

The wellness center becomes the third component of the Yhi Spa at Gran Meliá Cancun which also includes a water ritual center and a relaxation center. After a workout, guests can enjoy a hydrotherapy session in the water ritual center or relax with a spa treatment offered at the relaxation center.

A new member of Leading Spas of the World, Yhi Spa at Gran Meliá Cancun has achieved the industry's highest honor. Out of 104 Leading Spas, Yhi Spa is only the second in Cancun to receive the accolade, where members must pass a rigorous, anonymous inspection comprised of 200 different criteria.

Gran Meliá Cancun, www.granmeliacancun.com;
Sol Meliá, www.solmelia.com

EL DORADO SPA RESORTS & HOTELS AND AZUL HOTELS LAUNCH GI VACATION CONSULTANT PROGRAM

El Dorado Spa Resorts & Hotels and Azul Hotels, by Karisma, announced the launch of its Gourmet Inclusive (GI) Vacation Consultant Program, designed to personally educate travel professionals on the value of Gourmet Inclusive.

"The GI Vacation Consultant Program will officially certify well-experienced travel agent partners in Gourmet Inclusive offerings, allowing them to experience the exclusive concept and properties firsthand," said Mandy Chomat, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Karisma Marketing, the exclusive worldwide representative of El Dorado Spa Resorts & Hotels and Azul Hotels, by Karisma. "As we grow the Gourmet Inclusive portfolio, we are confident this program will successfully provide agents and clientele with a detailed understanding of what makes the ordinary vacation

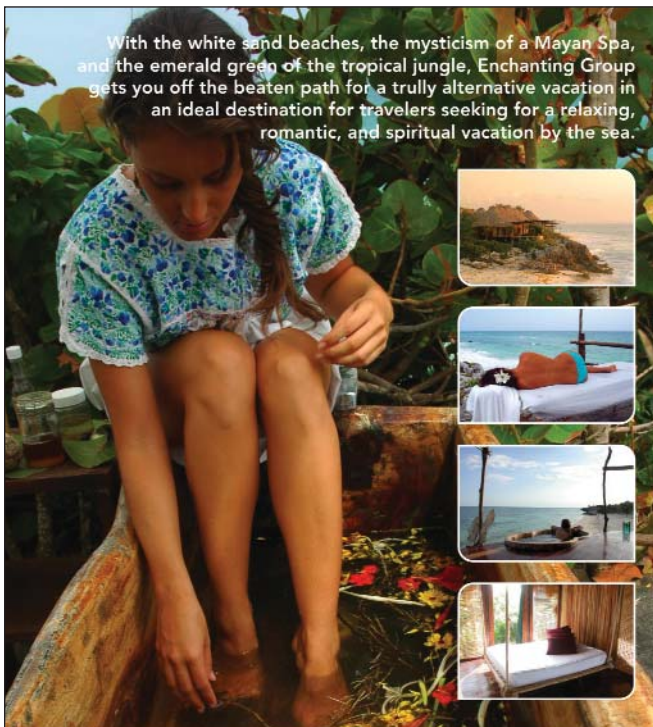
experience extraordinary."

The GI Vacation Consultant Program has been launched to breathe life into the Gourmet Inclusive concept among travel professionals that are anxious to learn more about the industry's offerings. It is a limited opportunity for travel agents to become a part of the most comprehensive marketing plan in the Riviera Maya.

The initiative will be driven by a series of FAM trips, where agents will enjoy the resorts' GI offerings including beach butlers, swim-up suites, Infinity balcony pools and Aguas del Amor open-air showers, among others. From the gourmet cuisine and premium beverages to the variety of resort services, fine décor and amenities, every aspect of GI is designed to create a unique experience that allows families and couples an opportunity to reconnect.

Travel professionals participating in the GI Vacation Consultant Program will be welcomed at one or more GI properties including Azul Beach Hotel by Karisma; El Dorado Royale, A Spa Resort, by Karisma; El Dorado Seaside Suites by Karisma; and El Dorado Maroma, a Beachfront Resort, by Karisma. The GI Vacation Consultant Program's FAM trips will include extensive GI Vacation Consultant training, site inspections of all hotels and the opportunity to gain firsthand experience of the Gourmet Inclusive philosophy. Additionally, Karisma will partner with the Riviera Maya's leading tour operators to ensure the participants enjoy a comprehensive overview of the destination.

El Dorado Spa Resorts & Hotels and Azul Hotels by Karisma, 866-KARISMA, www.karismahotels.com



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EPOQUE HOTELS SHOWCASES MEXICO PROPERTIES AT TIANGUIS TURISTICO 2008

Setting a new trend in hospitality, Epoque Hotels now boasts a collection of more than 300 boutique properties worldwide including 17 featured properties in Mexico. These unique properties are throughout the country spanning Puerto Vallarta to Isla Holbox, Mexico City to Zihuatanejo.

The hotels vary from hidden beachfront hideaways to restored colonial retreats. Selected for their charm, individuality and ability to best serve the unique needs and epicurean taste of the most discriminating traveler, each hotel compliments the ambiance and characteristics of its central location.

The Epoque Hotel collection features only new or recently renovated properties that cannot be found or booked through generic reservation web sites. This matchless compilation is divided into two distinct collections: Epoque Classic and Avantgarde. The Classic collection is dedicated to sleek, exemplary boutique hotels, while the

Avantgarde collection is devoted to the most hip, design-savvy and trend-setting members. Each property is handpicked for its allure and style and undergoes a complete inspection by Epoque's travel experts.

The two hotel collections are showcased on their website which provides news, details and photography of each property, categorized by its location in the world. The site's online reservation system features easily accessible travel tools and navigational devices that encourage visitors to book online. Additionally, the site encourages visitors to read and to become better acquainted with a property that interests them and meets their travel goals, whether they are searching for a business property in Spain ideal for meetings and conferences; a romantic getaway or honeymoon in Thailand or Italy; or a fun family vacation in Mexico.

Offering competitive rates and exclusive promotions, travelers booking through EpoqueHotels.com receive service that is personalized and unparalleled, inclusive of immediate confirmation, no cancellation penalties, room upgrades and more.

Epoque Hotels, 866-376-7831,
www.epoquehotels.com

SPECIAL GRAND OPENING OFFER FROM OASIS HOTELS & RESORTS

With JetBlue Airways' new nonstop service between Orlando and Cancun now is the perfect time to plan a beach vacation. Oasis Hotels & Resorts which operates nine all-inclusive properties in Cancun and the Riviera Maya offers an ideal resort option - whether it's a family vacation, a girlfriend's shopping and spa weekend, a romantic escape, or a Mother's Day celebration.

Making its debut is the brand new Grand Oasis Viva Beach. The deluxe all-inclusive resort features 165 guestrooms all with ocean views, a beach, two pools, a full service spa, fitness center, non-motorized water sports, seven restaurants and six bars. To celebrate its grand opening the Grand Oasis Viva Beach is offering special promotion rates from \$89 per night, person, all-inclusive. Family-friendly Oasis resort options abound including the Grand

Oasis Cancun with the largest pool in Cancun and the most restaurants, bars, and activities, and the Oasis Palm Beach with its own Kids Club and policy of allowing up to three children 12 and under to stay, eat, and play free when sharing their accommodations with two adults.

Oasis Hotels & Resorts, 800-44-OASIS,
www.oasishotels.com

PALACE RESORTS ANNOUNCES "NEW" SUMMER PROMOTIONS


This year, couples and families looking to get away should consider a vacation at the Palace Resorts line of luxury all-inclusive properties that are located throughout Mexico.

"The Palace Resorts' line of all-inclusive properties has a resort for every type of traveler," said Maira Briceno, Director of Marketing for Palace Resorts. "From active families to couples looking to get away, there is something here for everyone."


Valid from June 1 through August 31, 2008, the Palace Resorts' Summer Kids' Promotion welcomes children ages 12 and under to eat, play and stay for free when sharing a room with an adult. This offer is valid for stays at the Moon Palace Golf & Spa Resort, Cancun Palace, Beach Palace, Xpu-Ha Palace, Playacar Palace, Cozumel Palace and the new Isla Mujeres Palace under the all-inclusive program. Rates are \$156 - \$199 per person, per night, based on double occupancy. Limit two children per room, children 13 - 17 years of age pay the child rate.

For guests that book for three-nights or longer at any Palace Resorts property from February 1 through December 15 and stay from February 1 through December 23 they can swim with the dolphins. Swim with the Dolphins is free for one person with the purchase of one "Ultimate Dolphin Swim Experience tour" (limit one per room, per stay) and is valid at any Palace Resorts property under the all-inclusive program. Rates are \$156 - \$199 per person, per night, based on double occupancy. Transportation will be provided to the marina. This offer is non-transferable.


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PREFERRED HOTEL GROUP ANNOUNCES STRONG GROWTH IN MEXICO



SECRETS MAROMA BEACH IN THE RIVIERA MAYA

Preferred Hotel Group has announced the addition of eight new member properties comprising 2,343 rooms to their portfolio in Mexico which now totals 24 hotels and 4,960 rooms. Comprised of five brands, Preferred Hotels & Resorts, Preferred Boutique, Summit Hotels & Resorts, Sterling Hotels, and Historic Hotels of America, the company provides hoteliers with a range of brands that best fit their property and sales needs, while offering travelers an enticing variety of options.

"Preferred Hotel Group is very focused on expanding our presence in Mexico in all brands, as well as driving increased sales both to and from this dynamic market," said Susan Devine, Area Managing Director – Latin America and Caribbean. "Strong partnerships with companies like AMResorts and Quinta Real are a testament to our focus on delivering results for our hotels."

The new members joining Preferred Hotels & Resorts, a collection of the finest luxury hotels in the world, are Secrets Maroma Beach in the Riviera Maya and Secrets Silversands in the Riviera Cancun, both AMResorts properties, Casa Dorada Los Cabos in Cabo San Lucas, and El Mundo Imperial in Acapulco.

"We are very pleased to expand our rela-

tionship with the Preferred Hotel Group family and to offer more Secrets' Unlimited-Luxury experiences in new romantic and tropical destinations in Mexico to our valued Preferred guests," said Alex Zozaya, CEO and president of AMResorts, provider of sales, marketing and brand management services to Secrets, Dreams and Sunscape Resorts & Spas.

Aura Cozumel Resort Wyndham Grand Bay and La Puertecita Boutique Hotel in San Miguel de Allende are the newest additions to Preferred Boutique, joining Ceiba del Mar on the Riviera Maya, Villa Premiere in Puerto Vallarta and Las Alamandas on the Pacific coast south of Puerto Vallarta in the growing collection of intimate luxury retreats.

The new members joining Summit Hotels & Resorts are The Bel Air Collection in Cancun and Buenaventura Grand Hotel & Spa in Puerto Vallarta. The company will announce the first Sterling Hotels member in Mexico soon.

Preferred Hotel Group,
www.preferredhotelgroup.com

CEIBA DEL MAR BEACH & SPA RESORT WELCOMES CHILDREN FOR SUMMER GETAWAYS

Ceiba Del Mar Beach & Spa Resort has announced it will now welcome children for the summer 2008 season. This hidden gem in paradise offers not only a tranquil retreat, but also a wide range of activities to be enjoyed by the entire family.

Upon arrival at Ceiba Del Mar, the family will find 88 luxury rooms, including 37 suites and seven penthouses, all with ocean views.

Room choices include Deluxe Rooms featuring one King or two double beds, balcony or terrace, and a bathroom with separate tub and shower; Junior Suites offering one King or two Queen beds, a separate sitting area, balcony or terrace; or Master Suites with spacious bedroom offering either King or two Queen beds, separate sitting area, balcony or terrace, and separate tub and shower in the bath. The Master Suites also feature a separate living area with its own terrace, bar, plasma TV, a working area and full bathroom. Some of the Master Suites

also feature a private mini-pool on the terrace — perfect for children or for adult relaxation when the kids are in bed for the evening.

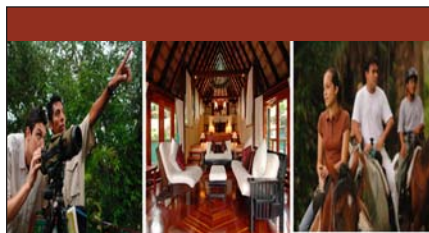
For the family desiring the ultimate in privacy and space, Ceiba del Mar presents Penthouse Suites, featuring a separate living room with ocean view and access to a private 750-square foot private whirlpool terrace to enjoy sunsets or family dining under the stars.

The resort offers two outdoor pools and Jacuzzi. Hit the tennis courts, rent kayaks or rent bicycles for a scenic ride.

The Great Maya Reef is located nearby, perfect for some of the world's most incredible cave diving, scuba diving, snorkeling and deep-sea fishing. Relax together on the beach, and enjoy a swim in the ocean waters.

Ceiba Del Mar's unique holistic and aromatherapy Spa offers the ideal refuge to harmonize mind, body and spirit and features a full range of treatments at the hands of trained professionals.

Ceiba Del Mar Beach & Spa Resort,
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NEWS FROM LOS CABOS



2008 is already proving to be a year of continued and intelligent growth in Los Cabos with exciting developments and notable news.

In January 2008, the Los Cabos Tourism Board announced that it will operate under the name of the Los Cabos Convention & Visitors Bureau reiterating their mission to serve as a key resource for tourists, meeting planners and travel agents. Additionally the Los Cabos Convention & Visitors Bureau introduced a new website address, www.visitloscabos.travel.

Los Cabos also launched a new advertising campaign in 2008. The tagline 'Leave It All Behind' along with comprehensive creative to address all vertical markets was announced in February 2008.

The Los Cabos Convention & Visitors Bureau also announced the dates of the third annual Los Cabos VIP Summit, November 27-30, 2008, along with plans for an exciting itinerary and attendance by top officials of the travel industry.

HOTEL NEWS & UPGRADES

Cabo Villas Beach Resort, www.cabovillasbeachresort.com, has announced the development of the new 'Bayview Suites' tower that will feature seven floors of accommodations. Additionally, the property is renovating the current reception area and adding a new reservations area as well as a martini bar.

Casa del Mar Beach Golf & Spa Resort, www.casadelmar.mexico.com, completed renovations to all of the hotel suites in January of 2007. All of the luxury suites now feature a classic design that is reminiscent of a traditional Mexican hacienda. Currently the main pool is undergoing renovations.

Casa Natalia, www.casanatalia.com, recently upgraded the property's 14 accommodations with high-speed Internet access, the addition of CD and DVD players and refurnishing of select guest rooms.

Dreams Los Cabos Suites Golf Resort & Spa, www.dreamsresorts.com, completed a renovation of the property's guestrooms and five restaurants. Currently under development is the addition of Desires sports bar and a convention center.

Esperanza, www.esperanzaresort.com, completed a renovation of the entire resort in fall 2007. Renovations were made to public spaces, the pool, the bar, room interiors were remodeled and new luxury suites and a penthouse were added.

Hotel Finisterra, www.finisterra.com, completed a renovation of its section 'E' rooms that overlook the marina. Rooms in section 'E' were completely remodeled and a new bistro on the terrace of the section is slated for completion in April 2008.

Hilton Los Cabos Beach & Golf Resort, www.hiltonloscabos.com,

announced the completion of a dramatic renovation of the property's ocean view dining venues. The property also renovated its Fitness Center and made upgrades to the Presidential Suite and Gift Shop.

Hotel Bahia, www.losarcosgroup.com, is currently undergoing property renovations in the guest rooms as well as the property's restaurants and interior and exterior. Additionally, the property will offer three new beach clubs. They will be adding a 50 person meeting space also.

Las Ventanas Al Paraiso, www.lasventanas.com, affords guests educational and cultural opportunities. Guests can learn the secrets of Las Ventanas' award-winning cuisine with cooking classes or take tequila lessons.

Marquis Los Cabos Beach Golf Spa and Casitas Resort, www.marquisloscabos.com, offers guests cooking classes and wine tasting. The property hosts an Art Walk and offers Desert Tours.

ME Cabo, www.mebymelia.com, boasts a pet-friendly atmosphere. ME by Melia's Pet Concierge provides doggie daybeds, complimentary blanket, and water and food dispenser in guests' rooms prior to check-in. Additional services include Pet ME Personal Trainers available for walks and 24-hour pet-sitting services.

Presidente InterContinental All Inclusive Los Cabos Resort, www.intercontinental.com/sanjosedelcabo, is following the hotel's complete renovation in 2000 with room upgrades. Additionally, the property is currently undergoing an upgrade of soft goods.

Pueblo Bonito Resorts, www.pueblobonito.com, offers an array of educational and cultural classes.

Villa Del Palmar Beach Resort & Spa, www.villagroupresorts.com, completed a \$3.5 million renovation of the properties guest rooms and facilities in 2007. In July 2007, the Villa Group unveiled Villa del Arco as well as Desert Spa at Villa del Arco.

New hotel openings include **Cabo Azul Resort & Spa**, www.caboazulresort.com, **Casa Dorada Los Cabos Resort & Spa**, www.casadorada.com, and **Capella Pedregal**, www.capella.cabo.com.

DESTINATION UPDATES

In all, Los Cabos welcomed 1,449,000 airline passengers and over 675,100 cruise passengers in 2007. Statistics continue to display growth with hotel occupancy at 75 percent among the destination's 12,069 hotel rooms in February 2008. Airline service has also expanded with additional gateways, greater accessibility for U.S. travelers and shorter flights.

Golf, now one of the destination's prime attractions is experiencing another boom. The most recent addition to the destination's premier golf courses is Club Campestre. There are six more new courses already at various stages of development.

Spa enthusiasts flock to Los Cabos as the destination has the distinction of having the most world-class luxury spas in all of Mexico. Deep-sea fishing is of course the original tourist attraction in Los Cabos, and continues to lure anglers to the destination today. Ecotourism has become a major industry in Los Cabos thanks to the incredible biodiversity and natural beauty of the environment.

Los Cabos, 866-LOS-CABOS, www.visitloscabos.travel

PANAMA MARINE ADVENTURES ORGANIZED TWO FAM TRIPS



From left to right: Charlie Weaver, International Expeditions; Tim Leffel, Luxury Latin America; Laurie McLaughlin, Holbrook Travel; Eleanor McDaniel, Odyssey Couleur; William Smith; Cindy Smith, Frontiers International Travel; Connie Ekelund, Good Life Connoisseur; Terry Tremaine, Good Life Connoisseur; Hedy Rose, sogonow.com; Peter Rose, sogonow.com; Dannielle Hayes, Jax Fax; Sandy Doss, Holbrook Travel; Virginia Oviedo, Abercrombie & Kent.

On June 12 and February 9, Panama Marine Adventures (PMA) carried out two FAM trips aimed at U.S. tour operators and journalists on board their MV Discovery. The eight day "Journey Between The Seas" was the perfect opportunity for them to sail through Panama's inter-oceanic route and visit remote places both on the Pacific and Atlantic sides for an up-close relation with nature, history and wild life.

PMA had the privilege of hosting on board some of the top tour operators in the U.S., such as Abercrombie & Kent, International Expeditions, Holbrook Travel, Ladatco Tours, and Frontiers International Travel. "I learned a lot about Panama and it is really a great destination. I hope that this new knowledge will translate into more people visiting this unique country! This is really a fantastic product, and I know it's going to be a great success!" said Virginia Oviedo, Latin America Product Manager for Abercrombie & Kent.

Editors, publishers and writers from print and online publications in the U.S. and Canada, such as Recommend Magazine, City Social Magazine, Luxury Latin America, smallshipcruises.com, Jax Fax, sogonow.com and Good Life Connoisseur among others, were also onboard these two FAM trips.

June 21 will be the next date for PMA's third FAM trip this year. They expect the participation of more leading companies in the industry, as well as journalists from the U.S.

Panama Marine Adventures, www.pmatours.net

TACA ANNOUNCES EL SALVADOR-PANAMA DIRECT DAILY FLIGHT

TACA will operate a new direct daily flight between El Salvador and Panama with convenient schedules. Through TACA's hub in El Salvador this flight offers immediate connections to other destinations in Central and North America.

TACA will start the operation of a daily and direct flight between its hub in El Salvador and the city of Panama, starting April 15,

offering a new option to its clients. This flight will leave El Salvador at 9:00 a.m., to arrive at Panama City at 12:00. Returning, it will leave Panama at 5:00 p.m. to arrive at El Salvador at 6:00 p.m., all local time. Claudia Arenas Bianchi, TACA's Corporate Communications Director, expressed that this flight between two important Central American cities has the added advantage of immediate connections with other TACA destinations in Central and North America, through its hub in El Salvador.

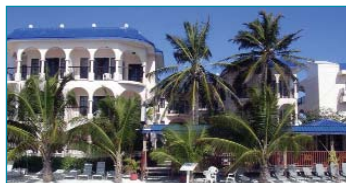
The executive also said: "In addition to the contribution this flight makes to the commercial development and strengthening of both countries' economies, this flight has the great advantage to offer immediate connections to passengers coming from cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Washington, San Francisco, Oakland, Guatemala, Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula. These passengers can take their respective flights and in El Salvador, make their immediate connection towards Panama. Also, from Panama's capital city, these passengers may leave at 5:00 p.m., connecting in El Salvador back to their cities of origin."

With this flight between El Salvador and Panama, TACA strengthens its route offering a new option to its clients, always providing them with reliable routes and schedules, quality service, and the cordiality that has allowed this carrier to be among the leaders in Latin American commercial aviation. TACA has 75 years of experience serving passengers from the three Americas with a world class service – secure, efficient and friendly – in the newest fleet in the American Continent.

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Jose Luis was born in Mexico City and has been cooking professionally for over 16 years. Coming from a family of professional chefs, Jose Luis trained in California, New Orleans, San Francisco and in Houston.

Victoria House is operated by Houston-based Lancaster Group who was responsible for extensive renovations at the resort from 1999-2002.

In October 2007, Jose Luis was presented with the opportunity to travel to Belize and appointed by the Lancaster Group as Executive Chef for the Victoria House on Ambergris Caye.

Prior to calling San Pero his new home, Jose Luis was the Executive Chef at Ikal del Mar, a Small Luxury Hotel on the Mayan Rivera. Jose Luis brings a touch of Old Mexico and New World influences to the outstanding fare offered at Victoria House.

In 2007, the Lancaster Group opened "Villas at Victoria House" which is

comprised of luxury two bedroom villas and one and two bedroom infinity suites.

Small and intimate, Victoria House is now widely recognized as one of the top luxury destinations on the Caribbean coast of Central America.

In January 2008, Victoria House was recognized in Travel & Leisure Magazine as one of the top 500 World's Best Hotels.

Also, in January 2008, Victoria House was listed in the "Gold List" by Condé Nast. Lancaster Hotels and Resorts also manage and operate Casa Encantada, an intimate hotel located in the Colonial City of Antigua, Guatemala.

For a Summer Special, Victoria House is offering one free night when five or more nights are booked.

This offer is valid from July 8 to November 20, 2008, when staying in a Casita or Plantation Rooms for whole length of stay based on availability. Not applicable to existing reservations or with other packages or special offers.

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NEW MAC MORPHO KIDS RAINFOREST ADVENTURE AND RAINFOREST WELLNESS RETREAT AT CHAA CREEK

This summer The Lodge at Chaa Creek will introduce the Mac Morpho Kids Rainforest Adventure, a new educational program for school children and their families. The Mac Morpho Kids program is a learning course steeped in active fun. It is a culture based environmental program that introduces children to the tropical forest in western Belize where Mac, an irresistible, bright blue iridescent butterfly, is a prominent resident.

During the course children will have the opportunity to undertake a wide-range of activities including a "Nature Rules" treasure hunt along jungle trails. Every family will have their own butterfly hatchery and hatch and release a Blue Morpho butterfly into the jungle.

As part of the archaeological component of the program, the children will travel back in time on horse back to on-site ancient Maya temples and become junior archaeologists learning about a lost civilization. The children will experience the cultures and people of Belize after canoeing downstream on the Macal River to meet a family in Cristo Rey village.

The Mac Morpho Kids Programs begin every Saturday from June 15 to August 25, 2008. The four-night/five-day packages include transfers to and from Belize City, accommodations, all meals, activities, and tours.

The Lodge at Chaa Creek is also presenting a new Rainforest Wellness Retreat package. The multi-day package incorporates eco-adventure, jungle spa treatments, guided-naturalist experiences, Maya rituals, organic food, and luxurious accommodations.

One of the retreat highlights is a trail ride on horseback to the onsite Maya ceremonial temple, Tunchilen. Here guests will learn of the history of this site, and about the Maya who occupied this area. Also on property is the Rainforest Medicine Trail.

The Rainforest Wellness Retreat package includes luxurious treatments at the spa. Some treatments here use locally-made

hand-pressed aromatic oils. Maya chocolate is also incorporated into a number of treatments, from the Chocolate Fondue Wrap to the Cocoa Massage, Maya Chocolate Polish and Lovers Peppermint Chocolate Pedicure.

The package includes a facial, body wrap, massage, manicure and pedicure. Guests can book outdoor massages in a thatched palapa overlooking the Macal River Valley. Private yoga lessons are also available.

This Rainforest Wellness Retreat is offered for four to seven nights starting at \$1,294 per person. The package may be combined with a stay at one of the Lodge's island or coastal partners in Belize through the Reef and Rainforest packages.

The Lodge at Chaa Creek, 877-709-8708,
www.chaacreek.com

DIVE SPECIALS AT SUNBREEZE FROM \$751

SunBreeze has announced a Dive Special Package from \$751 ppdo with Aqua Dives Belize. For groups with 11 paid, the 12th person pays \$115.

This Dive Special includes seven-nights accommodation (room tax and service charge included); five days local two tank boat dives (weights, belt and tanks included); free snorkel stop at Shark Ray Alley; and round trip air transfer from Belize Int'l – San Pedro on Maya Island Air. From April 16- August 30 and November 1- December 20, 2008 price is \$851 ppdo; \$511 per non diver accompanying a diver, \$760 per person triple occupancy diver, and \$1,241 single occupancy.

From September 1- October 31, 2008 price is \$751 per person based on double occupancy. Upgrade the two tank dive to a Blue Hole Trip for an extra \$148 per diver. Please note the park fee is now \$40 pp and is not included in this package. When making a booking please refer to the Aqua Dives @ Aqua Marina Suites Special. A \$100 per person deposit is required upon making a booking. Full prepayment is due 45 days in advance. Unused portions of this package are non-refundable and non-transferable.

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Water activities, hikes, canopy tours, soaking in the sun, playing sports or napping on beaches make this country the perfect destination for a fun, relaxing or active vacation.

Dates are June 1-6, 2008, with land and air price of \$1,950 (air out of LAX- Multi sports group- up to 25) and August 23-30, 2008 with land price of \$889 (air upon request). Travel agents enjoy 11 percent commission.

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NEW \$12,000 SABBATICAL GETAWAY AT HILTON PAPAGAYO RESORT



Now, workaholics can Get Lost in Costa Rica with the new Hilton Papagayo Resort's \$12,000 sabbatical getaway.

From all-inclusive luxury in junior suite accommodations with a private plunge pool to zip-lining across a rain forest, the four-week experience covers pampering and island adventure.

Travelers who Get Lost in Costa Rica can disconnect for 30 days at Hilton's newest Central America property, which opened its doors on January 15.

The experience begins with pickup from Liberia International Airport in a BMW and continues with eco adventures. At Hilton Papagayo's Spa Vida, sabbatical guests have their choice of four Costa Rica-inspired treatments.

For \$12,000 (\$15,000 for double occupancy), the Get Lost in Costa Rica sabbatical is available through December 31, 2008 and includes 30 nights of suite accommodations with private plunge pool; airport pickup; all-inclusive dining; one private dinner on the beach; access to fitness center and personal trainer; four spa treatments; and four exciting activities for two including zip-lining, whitewater rafting, a Volcanic hot springs tour, and a visit to Monteverde National Forest.

Sabbatical guests will also find an array of on-property diversions to enjoy, with two outdoor swimming pools, non-motorized water sports, tennis courts, on-site tour desk to arrange eco-adventures, local arts and crafts store, nightly entertainment and a fitness center.

A new Kidz Paradise club features activities for children of all ages, including games, nature walks, and the club's very own volcano. All-inclusive dining options include three restaurants and two bars.

The Hilton Papagayo Resort is a proud member of the Certification for Sustainable Tourism Program, where it has been recognized with a three-leaf rating from the Costa Rican Tourism Institute.

Interested guests should call the hotel directly at 011-506-663-7334 and request the Get Lost in Costa Rica package.

Hilton Papagayo Resort, 800-HILTONS, www1.hilton.com

TAMARINDO TOURISM COMMISSION FORMED

Mauricio Céspedes Mirabelli, the Executive Director of the Guanacaste Chamber of Commerce (CATURGUA), has announced the establishment of the Tamarindo Tourism Commission (TTC), an organization comprised of local businesses that have unified for the single purpose of promoting the place *Forbes* magazine calls Costa Rica's "most popular beach" to the international marketplace. The TTC will operate as an offshoot of the CATURGUA, but will focus solely on Tamarindo with all the attendant support of the parent group. The group is currently comprised of a consulting board of Tamarindo's businesses coordinated by the Executive Director of CATURGUA. The commission's objectives are to promote Tamarindo as a top tourism destination; to promote the businesses of the members of the TTC; and to create tourism job opportunities and provide training and education opportunities for Costa Ricans in order to help facilitate placement in jobs.

The formation of the Commission comes on the heels of Tamarindo's latest surge of town improvements, including the most visible one: high marks from the Municipality of Santa Cruz on the Tamarindo Bay waters. The community has also accomplished its goal of obtaining commitments from area hotels and businesses to meet the \$5,000 per month budget necessary to pay for the Tamarindo Beach lifeguards. In addition, the roads in and around Tamarindo have been given top priority by both the government and the community.

The Tamarindo Tourism Commission, director@caturgua.com

LUXURY LIFESTYLE HOTELS & RESORTS MARKS ENTRY INTO THE AMERICAS

Luxury Lifestyle Hotels & Resorts has announced its expansion into the Americas with the addition of five member hotels to its portfolio of more than 120 properties worldwide. The carefully selected, newly-added hotels include Casa del Mar in Cabo, Mexico; Recoleta in Buenos Aires, Argentina; The Dylan Hotel in New York City; Eurostars Blue Tulum in Tulum, Mexico; and the Lake Resort Le Sirenuse in San Carlos de Bariloche in Argentina, opening soon.

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Luxury Lifestyle Hotels & Resorts, 888-620-5547,

www.lhotels.com

FALKLAND ISLANDS TOURIST BOARD LAUNCHES NATIONAL TOURISM STRATEGY

The Falkland Islands Tourist Board (FITB) delivered a draft national tourism strategy to local industry and government in early March as part of the organization's plans to position the Islands as premier international wildlife destination.

FITB General Manager Jake Downing describes the strategy as an "overarching vision for the entire Falkland Islands Tourism industry, with every operator having a role to play in its final delivery."

Targets include substantial growth in the number of visiting land-based tourists, and increasing revenue derived from cruise ship passengers.

"Key to achieving these goals will be increasing the number of agencies selling the Falklands, as well as accessing target markets through joint venture marketing opportunities with trade partners," said Mr. Downing.

There are currently 40+ agencies in 12 countries actively selling the Falklands, but with travelers searching for new and unspoiled destinations, FITB believes there is plenty of scope to grow this number. New and existing trade partners are invited to contact FITB for more information about exciting joint venture marketing opportunities, proposed activities should focus on increasing visitor bookings and raising awareness and knowledge of the Islands.

Falkland Islands Tourist Board,
tourism@horizon.co.fk,
www.visitorfalklands.com

CASA ANDINA PRIVATE COLLECTION MIRAFLORES JOINS SUMMIT HOTELS & RESORTS

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Casa Andina, www.casa-andina.com;
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AFRICAN HERITAGE IN BRAZIL TOUR FROM SOUTH STAR

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African culture shines in Brazil and this tour introduces its high points by visiting special and historical places of interest such as museums including the Candomble Temple, and colonial towns.

This tour is also a great opportunity to taste the Brazilian cuisine much influenced by the African presence.

The African Heritage in Brazil tour is October 26-November 3, 2008 and the African Heritage Festival in Salvador is August 12-19, 2008 (with a special "Boa Morte Festival" celebration). Land price is \$1,699.

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They have also built a 200 meter long wooden bridge on the Aguajales swamps close to the Lodge. Called the Inkaterra Aguajales Bridge, its objective is to let guests make the most of their exotic journey through the wetlands with an inside look at the biodiversity and wildlife in this fascinating ecosystem hosting a wide variety of flora and fauna species on the marshy parts of the Amazon rainforest.

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EXPLORE ANCIENT PERU WITH DOMIRUTH TRAVEL SERVICE; NEW BROCHURE AVAILABLE



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Peru, Country of the Incas, has been witness to many of the greatest changes throughout world history. The culture of Chachapoyas has left two impressive archaeological sites: Kuelap and The Great Pajatén.

The Fortress of Kuelap is one of the most extensive of the Americas. The fortress was discovered in 1843. The construction of Kuelap was a great challenge for the Chachapoyans due to its difficult location and to the amount of material that was required to erect the fortress.

The Great Pajatén, discovered in 1964, has many similarities with Kuelap. Due to its location in the Basin of Abiseo River,

until now, access has been very difficult. Only investigators properly credited and authorized can visit the site.

Of both complexes, Kuelap is the one that lends better for tourist activity. The trip by road from the city of Chachapoyas takes three and a half hours.

Visitors can come to Chachapoyas parting from Trujillo, using the road that goes through Olmos and Bagua. To the Great Pajatén, you arrive there only through the Abiseo River National Park, with previous authorization from INRENA.

The Seventh Edition of Domiruth's Incoming Brochure, which contains basic information about the main tourist routes in Peru and South America, is now available.

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PROMPERU OFFERING EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS SERIES

PromPeru, The Commission for Promotion of Peruvian Exports and Tourism, is launching a series of webinars to educate travel agents about Peru.

The first webinar in the Discover Peru webinar series, Peru 101, will be held on April 30 to give travel agents an overview of Peru and introduce them to the basics of Peru: accessibility, weather, language, currency,

geography, reasons to visit, infrastructure, shopping, dining and more.

Each webinar after Peru 101 will delve deeper into the unique offerings of Peru. Learn why Peru is a fantastic alternative to a European vacation. Learn why your clients will want to visit the Peruvian rainforest. Learn more about the history of Machu Picchu and other archeological sites in Peru, and the blend of influences that make Peru's gastronomy incomparable. Find out the difference in culture and landscape between the north and south of Peru, and experiential tourism opportunities that can be found in Peru. PromPeru representatives will be joined by Peru suppliers to discuss these and other topics throughout the webinar series.

Discover Peru webinars will be held once a month from April 2008 until March 2009, on the last Wednesday of each month (with the exception of the months of May, November and December due to holidays). The webinars will take place at the computer from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Dates and topics for the entire year are as follows: Peru 101 April 30, 2008; Peru—South May 21, 2008; Peru—North June 25, 2008; Peru—Rainforest July 30, 2008; Peru—Culture (Archeology) August 27, 2008; Peru—Nature September 24, 2008; Peru—Living Culture October 29, 2008; Peru—Luxury November 19, 2008; Peru—Meeting Planners December 17, 2008; Peru—TBD January 28, 2009; Peru—TBD February 25, 2009; Peru—TBD March 25, 2009.

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