



Boys like this go unriden in Cabo most of the time, as the crowds are fairly thin. PHOTO/BIELMANN

**C**abo, as most everybody calls it, is located on the southernmost tip of the Baja peninsula, approximately 1,000 miles south of the U.S. border.

**WHAT:** The three main surf areas are Todos Santos, in between San Jose Del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas, and the East Cape. Todos Santos features several quality beachbreaks and a few urchin-covered reef breaks. Closer to Cabo, it gets crowded with not-so-friendly local Mexican surfers at spots like Zippers and the aptly named “Old Mans.” The real gem of the area is the East Cape—a limitless desert where there’s seemingly a spot around every bend in the potholed dirt road. The bigger the south swell, the further into the East Cape you’ll find waves.

**WHEN:** Todos Santos, a 45-minute



drive north from Cabo, has surf year-round, while Cabo San Lucas proper and the East Cape receive southern hemisphere and chubasco (hurricane) generated south swells from April through October.

**WHY:** While there are many places where you can party all night and surf all day,

Cabo is the ultimate place for hedonistic nightlife and all-day shralping.

**HOW:** You can go the hard way, a brutal 24-hour drive from the border, and hit some spots on the way down, or hop on a plane from Southern California and be there in less than two hours.

**PLACES TO STAY:** There’s a place to stay for every budget in Cabo. If you’re a high roller, post up at The Presidente, which overlooks downtown. In the mid range, the Best Western isn’t right in town, but it’s closer to the Cape. For budget travelers, there are cheap hotels all over town. Camping is possible out in the Cape region, but remember: in the summer, daytime temperatures can reach 120 degrees.

**PLACES TO EAT:** Tacos with every type of filling imaginable (skip the >>>