

You wouldn't guess that just a short drive from this desolate stretch of sand lies downtown Cabo and Squid Row; Andy Irons keeps his eye on the prize.

tripe taco) are available on the street, American fast-food joints mar street corners, and supermercados are located throughout the region. Just about every type of grub is available except burritos, which are tough to come by anywhere in Mexico.

THE SEÑORITA SCENE: During the day, hang out at The Office, a bar right on the beach packed full of babes from all over the world you won't be let down. Once the sun sets, the real action begins. Start the night off at The Giggling Marlin, where you'll find cougars drunk on tequila and enthralled with your "I was ripping Zippers today!" story. Later in the evening, make sure you go to El Squid Roe where just about anything goes—it's like the bar in From Dusk Till Dawn.

CROWD FACTOR: The breaks in and around Cabo get crowded with territorial locals and can get hectic. Less crowded (and usually better) surf can be found toward Todos Santos and the East Cape.

STUFF TO BRING: The surf in the area can get pretty big, so pack a bigger board (a 7' 0" should be okay) if you see a substantial swell on the charts. Otherwise, bring high-performance shortboards, plenty of sunscreen, a rashguard to further prevent sunburn, and a Spanish phrase book. Also, it's nice to bring a bag full of old clothes to drop off at a church or orphanage.

IF THE SURF IS FLAT: Besides the obvious (chasing around tourist girls), check out the famed arches of Lover's Beach—the bodysurfing there is sketchy but fun nevertheless. For the artsy types, Todos Santos is an artists' colony, and there are some cool sights there. Cabo is also known to have world-class fishing with marlin, tuna, and dorado being hauled in daily.

HELPFUL WEB SITES: Check out loscabosguide.com, and costa-azul.com.mx for surfing information.

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An oasis in the desert.



The romantic Cabo beach.



In Cabo you can be roughing it one minute, and the next be at a 4-star resort watching waves like this break out front.



A beautiful sunset in Cabo.