

# Express check-in

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COULD Mexico's Los Cabos region be any more packed with celebrities? Not if you believe the hype around (and promulgated by) its hotels. We checked up on the southern tip of the Baja Peninsula — still at the peak of its high season — to do a little celeb-spotting of our

Its client roster reads like a celeb laundry list, having hosted the honeymoons of **Gwyneth** and **Chris**, **Nicky Hilton** and **Todd Meister**, plus **Tara Reid**, **Usher**, **Gisele**, **Brooke Shields** and the **Sultan of Brunei**.

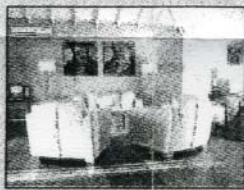
**Las Ventanas** — the **Olsen Twins'** favorite and a sometime hideaway of both **J. Lo** and **Jennifer**

**Aniston**, was also at capacity. **Matthew McConaghey** and **Penelope Cruz** had stayed at the **One & Only**

**Palmilla** near **San Jose del Cabo** before we arrived (the hotel's phenomenal \$90 million refurbishment two years ago included "C," the **Charlie Trotter** restaurant where the couple ate twice during their stay). All well

## STEAL THIS DEAL!

**50%** off rack rates at the ritzy **Hotel Guanahani & Spa** in **St. Barts** when staying five nights (from April 15 to Oct. 31). The **Spree Package** starts at \$2,875/couple and includes extras ([leguanahani.com](http://leguanahani.com)).



Cabo's One&Only Palmilla: Famous people magnet.

## STAR TREK

Favorite place to be?

**Wesley Snipes:** "I like Vancouver — the relationship to the water, the calmness of the people. I like that there's less fear there."

Laurie Heifetz



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**Esperanza**, the tranquil **Auberger Resort** property near **Cabo San Lucas** that lured **Courtney Cox Arquette** and **David Arquette** away from the Oscars, was fully booked.

and good, but while we were there, we didn't spot anyone. Unless you count Mr. Trotter himself, who was busy in his restaurant. **Tone-Loc**, the rapper behind "Funky Cold Medina," was spied on the plane ride home.

## TWIN IS IN

WHILE some of us were pretending to be on assignment in sunny Cabo (*ahem!*), others of us were enduring late winter weather up in **Minnesota**. Word on the street is, they've invented this cool city called **Minneapolis** (well, according to some of our media friends, who

recently discovered it and are now pronouncing it hotter than Hades). Having been more than a bit familiar with the **Twin Cities** in our past lives, we had been taking the whole thing with a grain of salt. After all, the supporting arguments were

cultural venues such as the **Walker Art Center** and the **Guthrie Theatre**,

neither of which are new — both simply expanded (well, the Guthrie is *moving*) and acquired big city publicists. Anyhoo, we hopped on a plane and did a little sleuthing (which is to say, we went drinking in new bars). It's

safe to say things are getting more energetic, particularly downtown and along the river (the old mill district), where a condo boom continues to boom.

All in all, it was a good time, but next big thing? Eh.

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