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Thinking Mexico? Think Punta Mita

A buddy of mine just called me, as my friends often do, looking for some vacation advice. He and his wife and kids wanted a warm weather, West Coast beach escape (they live in San Francisco) where he could play great golf but the kids could have fun too. "What about Cabo?" he asked. I love Cabo, and there is some great golf, but to me it is not a great family destination. It is great for Vegas fans, for spring breakers, for serious or not so serious fishermen, for romantic escapes, for ultra-luxury lodgings that are blissfully paparazzi free, which is why it attracts so many rich stars and celebs, and it has great golf, but for the most part it leans towards the take-a-cab-to-play-a-5-hour-round style rather than ducking out for a quick round at your resort and meeting the kids at the beach for lunch variety of golf vacation.

So I suggested Mexico's other great golf gem, [Punta Mita](#). This is a community outside of Puerto Vallarta, a town with a little more substance than Cabo San Lucas, with the best of both worlds: You can go to town and do the souvenir shopping, margarita drinking thing, or stay in a luxury private resort with private rental homes and the posh [Four Seasons](#) hotel, complete with kids club, tennis club and all sorts of deluxe bells and whistles. Either way, you have a fantastic Jack Nicklaus Signature course on site. Not only is it uncrowded and easy to play quickly, but it has 19 holes, with a choice on one tee of playing two par-3s, one dry and one over water, a unique touch. This is even more unique considering that the dangerous choice is from the beach over crashing surf to an offshore island green, the only such natural green in all of golf. When Nicklaus saw the rocky atoll 180+ yards offshore, he just had to row out and build a green on it. This hole alone is something you will remember for you entire round, and it is one of the top five golf courses in all of Mexico.

Puerto Vallarta is easy to get to, and if you've got the money to stay in one of Cabo's nicer hotels, Punta Mita, and even the Four Seasons might seem like a bargain to you (though it won't to normal folks).

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