

#### Marine Life Encounters

It's the perfect time for aquatic adventures in Cabo & Kauai

#### Your Ideal Fall Location

Discover the best spot for your autumn getaways

#### 2021 Improvements & Updates

What your VOA Dues helped achieve this year

## Contents

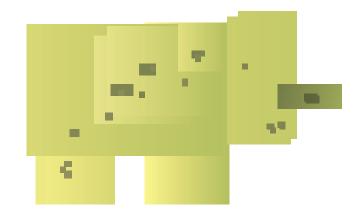


AND OWNER **EVENTS** 

October is a truly spectacular month. Whether you're bundled up in beanies and scarves for the crisp fall weather or jet-setting to a tropical location, there's nothing like planning a getaway during the magic of fall.

We're ushering in all the feelings of fall with some entertaining, adventurous, and wildly fun ideas. Hint: they're all about that tropical trip! Go diving with 23-foot giant mantas in Cabo San Lucas or set off in search of sea turtles on the coast of Kauai. If you're not convinced that's the trip for you, play a little game with our Fall Infographic and let us help discover your idea of the perfect fall retreat!

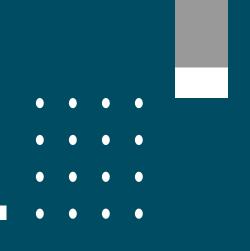


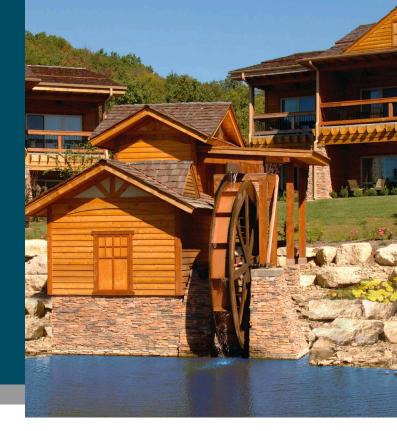


# ACCRUAL DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

To our Welk family near and far—don't forget! Your accrual deadline is approaching, but there's still plenty of time to use your Points for a 2021 getaway! Your Points are good through the end of the year, so make sure to book soon and get the most out of your vacation days.







# A STANKARDS

### PLAN YOUR GETAWAY NOW

Whether your previous plans were postponed, or you simply never got around to booking your trip, it's time to plan your next fantastic getaway! Welk Resorts offers plenty of ways to stay, play, and explore your beautiful surroundings. From margaritas in Cabo San Lucas to autumn leaf viewing in Branson, we want you to get the most out of life, time together, and your vacations for years to come.

#### **BOOK TODAY**

# Your VOA Dues Are Hard at Work

As we're getting ready to head into the holidays and wrap up 2021, we thought we'd give you a peek into the exciting updates and changes that your VOA Dues are going towards this year. Here are some of the highlights you can look forward to enjoying during your upcoming stays.















#### Welk Resorts San Diego

- Updating 150 villas with the best of amenities
- An exciting addition of a pickle ball court and program



#### Desert Oasis

- All rooms have been refreshed for a luxury mid-century feel
- Adding a full range of onsite activities, including an escape room





- Remodeling 56 units with luxury fixtures and amenities
- Added new exterior glass at the Splash-a-Torium<sup>®</sup>
- Cleaning and caring for the iconic water wheel

#### Northstar Lodge & One Village Place

- Upgrading door locks for your security
- Added new BBQs and furniture for outdoor lounging



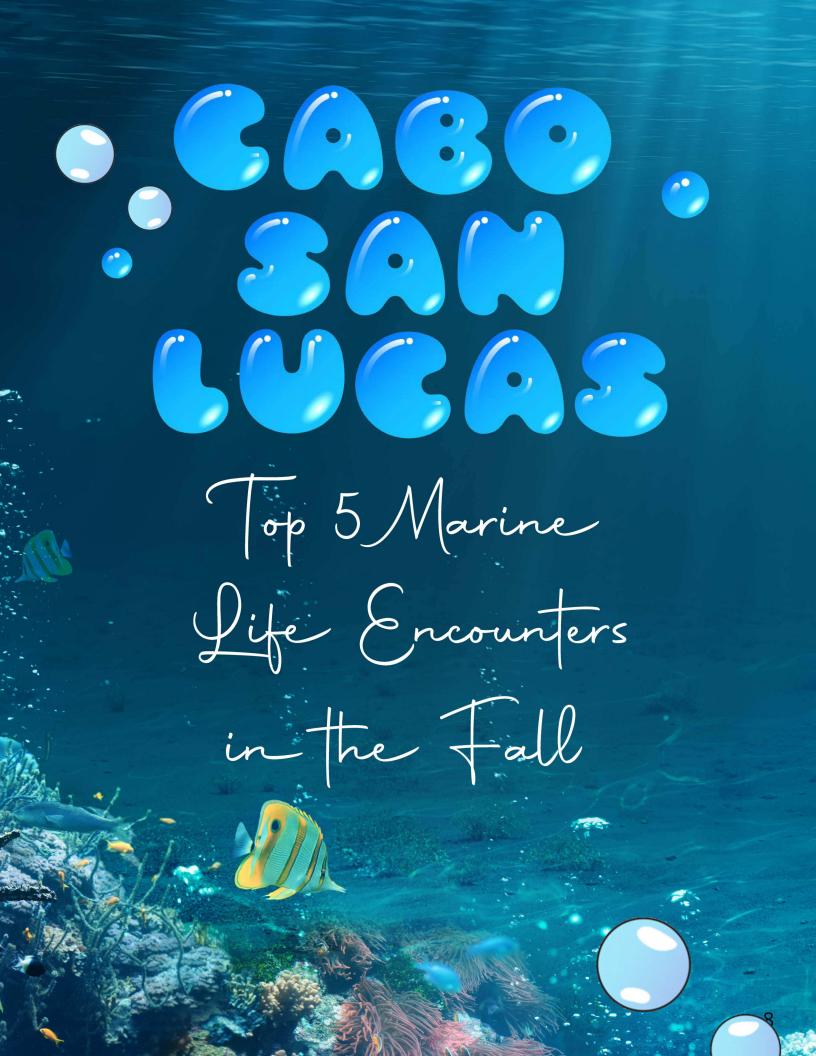
#### The Ranahan

- Improved sound dampening for privacy during your stay
- Updated room amenities and fixtures



#### Sirena del Mar

- Implemented onsite COVID-19 testing for your convenience
- Maintained and implemented storm preparations



Did you know the Sea of Cortez is affectionately referred to as, "The Aquarium of the World"? That's because Los Cabos and Baja California Sur are home to some of the most sensational and diverse marine wildlife in the world.

It's said that a whopping 39% of marine mammal species and more migratory marine animals than anywhere else on the planet can be found at this aquatic wonderland. Where the Sea of Cortez meets the Pacific Ocean, the marine magic unfolds! Every season offers something spectacular, but fall promises a fun time to see the bait balls, Marlins, and so much more. If you're planning a trip to Cabo San Lucas in the fall, here are the top five marine life encounters you don't want to miss!

#### 1. Sea Lions

No snorkel is complete without some sea lion love! If you're looking to experience life with the sea lions, visit Espiritu Santo Island. This pristine island is home to sunny beaches, crystal clear waters, and a wonderful snorkeling experience. Swim alongside these peaceful creatures and take in the tropical fish, sea stars, and corals.

#### 2. Great White Sharks

Ready to get face to face with one of the most feared creatures of the sea? Take a drive out to the west coast of Mexico's Baja California peninsula, which promises one of the top destinations for great white shark encounters. For those travelers who are wildly fearless, Nautilus Dive Adventures stages submersible shark cage diving operations for a truly unforgettable experience. In October and November, the "Big Mommas" are the stars of the sea show.

#### 3. Living Coral Reefs

At Cabo Pulmo National Park, the crystal clear waters give way to some of the most elaborate reefs in the world. In fact, this reef is one of just three living coral reefs in North America and is estimated to be about 20,000 years old. From groupers to eels, to sea turtles—spend the day exploring and admiring nature's beauty.

#### 4. Giant Mantas

Sometimes called elegant titans, giant mantas can reach widths of 23 feet or more! With their enormous rays, they glide gracefully through the water in a way that resembles flying with their so-called wings. They feed on plankton, crustaceans, and small fish and are well-loved by Baja divers. To see these angels of the sea, many divers head to San Benedicto, part of the Archipelago Revillagigedo, which is located 390 kilometers southwest of Los Cabos.

#### 5. Whale Sharks

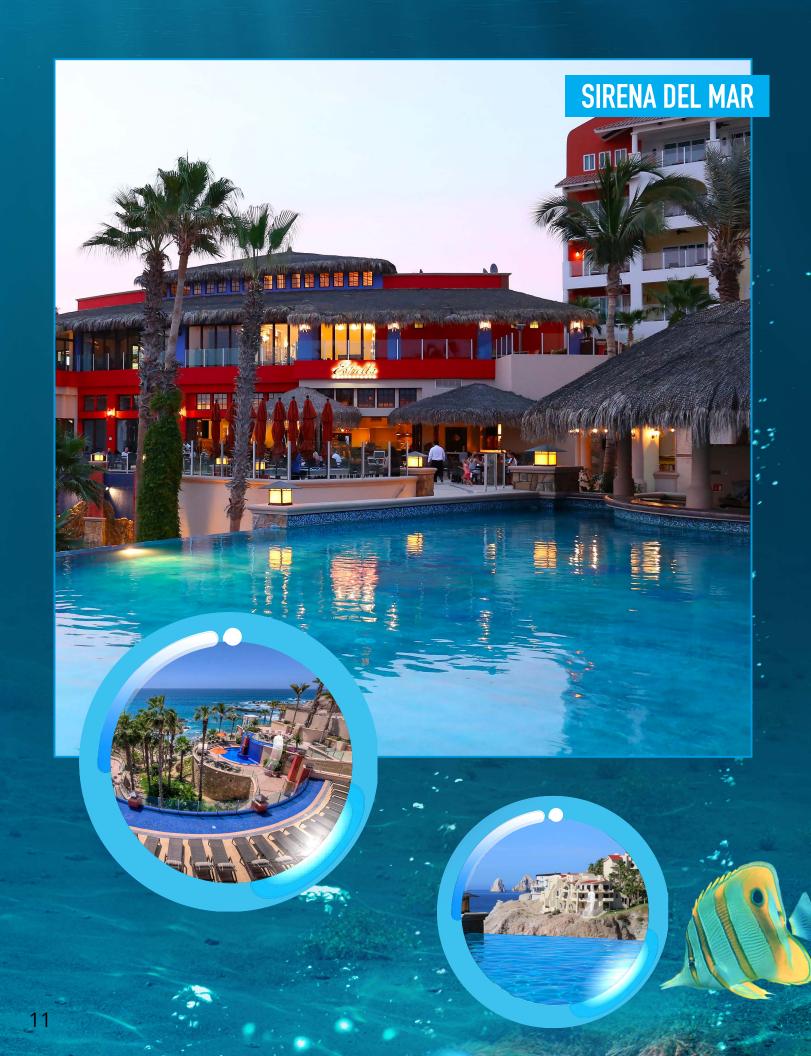
Ready to dive with the whale sharks? Contrary to what their name may suggest, these "gentle giants of the sea" only eat plankton and are actually the largest fish in the world! Venture to Bahia de La Paz, where the highest concentration of whale sharks can be found between November and April, with almost 100 whale sharks swimming and feeding in the bay.

Where to Get Away & Play

No aquatic adventure would be the same without a luxurious stay in Cabo San Lucas! After your day with the giant mantas and whale sharks, come back and stay with us at Sirena Del Mar. Our resort boasts ocean views and two infinity pools on a picturesque cliffside location—the perfect scenery to tie in your day of marine life fun.

Welkome home to a relaxing retreat sprawling across 7-acres of the Baja Peninsula (oh, and don't forget about the margaritas at Estrellas and the swim up bar)! Ready to dive in and make a splash with your fall getaway? Book a stay at Sirena Del Mar and start planning an epic trip to check some of these exciting marine life encounters!

BOOK NOW



## OUR FAVORITE Aquatic Adventures N Automatic Market Mark

#### HAWAIIAN MONK SEALS

The Hawaiian Monk seal is listed on the Federal list of endangered species. It's said that there are only one thousand left in the world, which means these seals are extra special to spot on your Hawaiian vacation. If you come across one, the rule of thumb is look don't touch. Reaching out to pet these lovable little creatures is actually against the law, but you can take as many pictures as you want to remember your exciting encounter.





#### SPINNER DOLPHINS

Every Hawaiian vacation needs at least one dolphin watching excursion! These marine mammals are called naia in Hawaiian and can be found every day on Kauai's Na Pali Coast. Aptly named, these cute creatures spin when they jump from the water. Grab your binoculars and your beach towel and spend the day watching these playfully fun creatures. Sometimes called The Garden Island, Kauai is Hawaii's fourth-largest island. From the stunning teal waters to the dramatic mountain landscape, the Kauai terrain is ripe with adventure. For the outdoor enthusiasts who make the journey to the emerald valleys and high cliffs of this remarkable island, you'll be rewarded with a sensational trip—especially in the fall. As the crowds clear, the opportunities for marine life encounters become even richer. Take a look at these top five marine life encounters, and add them to your autumn adventure bucket list.

#### **REEF TRIGGERFISH**

Meet the Reef Triggerfish, the official fish of Hawaii! Also called Humuhumunukunukuapua`a by locals, this tiny fish only grows to a size of about eight inches. It has razor-sharp teeth and you'll likely see them gliding along as they search for algae, crustaceans, and snails.





#### HAWAIIAN GREEN SEA TURTLES

When thinking about marine life encounters in Hawaii, the Hawaiian green sea turtle, or honu, tends to top the list. These incredible sea creatures are a protected species, so you don't want to touch them or pester them. Instead, stay at least 10-15 feet away and admire these innocent green sea turtles from afar.

# YOUR HAWAIIAN Jone Jase The cliffs at princeville



Ready to book your marine-inspired vacation to Kauai? Book a stay at the beautiful Cliffs at Princeville! Located on the north shore of Kauai, The Cliffs is set within the Princeville Resort across 22 acres of lush tropical garden. Welk Platinum Owners can reserve a stay here to enjoy tastefully decorated suites with fully-equipped kitchens, two full baths, two private lanais, separate living rooms, and private master bedrooms.

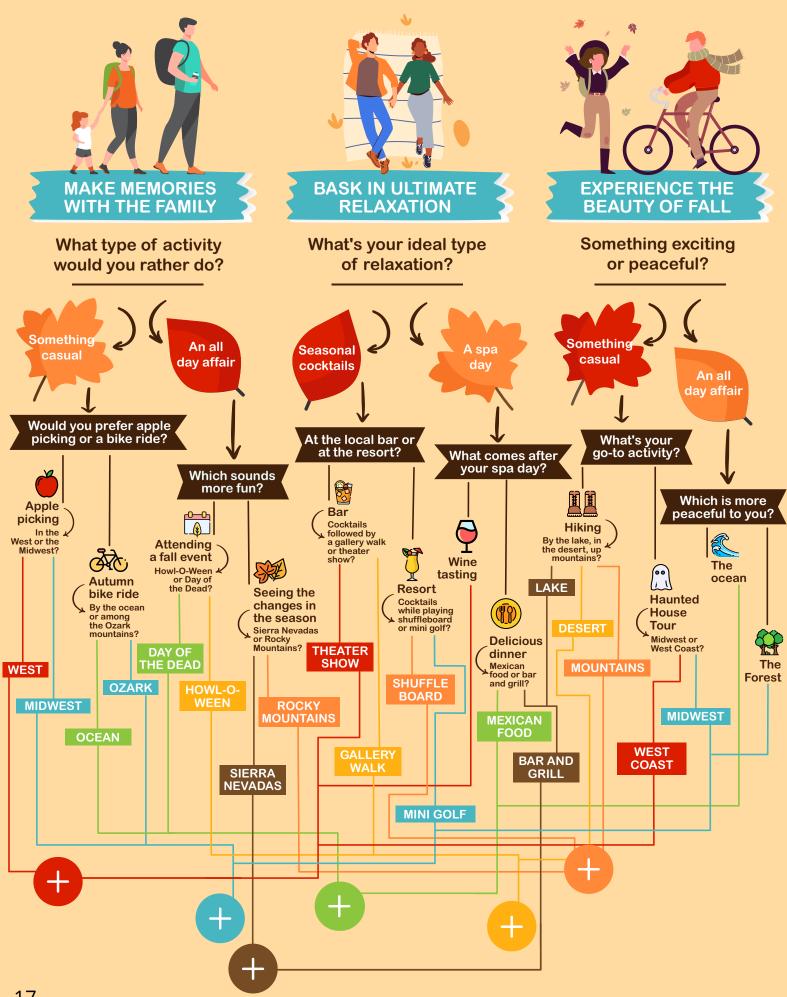
**BOOK YOUR VACATION** 

# FIND YOUR FALL DESTINATION

When you're on the hunt for that perfect fall getaway, it can be tough to choose your destination! Whether it's leaf viewing in the mountains, seasonal cocktails at the bar, or a memorable day spent gallery hopping—we've got you covered with all the best autumn excursions in this wonderfully interactive Fall Vacation Infographic.

Play the game to find your ideal fall retreat, from New Mexico to Colorado, California, and beyond!





# UPCOMING EVENTS AND SHOWS

At Welk Resort Theatre in San Diego, we're bringing you all kinds of professional entertainment. Here are some exciting shows to look forward to this month and next!

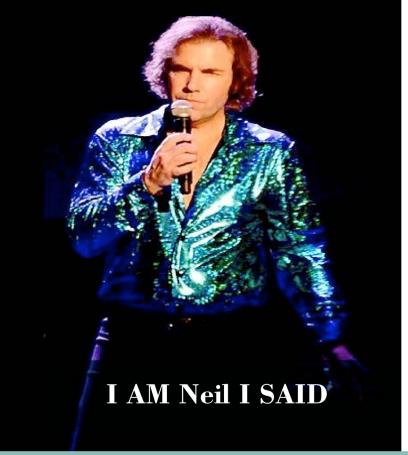


#### OCT 13, 20 & 27

For only three more nights during the month of October, you can rock out to this authentic tribute band playing the classic hits of five-time Grammy Award Winner James Taylor!

For the last four decades, David Sheils and Tim Godwin have been writing and performing music worldwide. When they both ended up making San Diego their home, magic ensued and Walking Man band was born. Influenced by the legendary style of James Taylor, their band pays ultimate respect to his music. Walking Man will take you down that Country Road James Taylor once wrote about, and into a truly heartfelt, memorable musical performance.

#### **GET TICKETS**



#### OCT 9, 16, 23 & 30

Any Neil Diamond fans in the crowd?! Well then, get excited to welcome back performing tribute artist Jason Lohrke! Jason returns to Welk Resort Theatre as Neil Diamond in this incredible performance. Don't miss out on reliving Neil's early hits like never before with exciting performances of his iconic and legendary songs from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. Book now and rock later!

**GET TICKETS** 



#### NOV 3, 10 & 24

Get ready to take a trip to Penny Lane! Rock along to the classic hits of the Beatles with Southern California's #1 Beatles Tribute Show. Reserve your tickets today and prepare to rock out to harmonious renditions of all the Beatle's greatest, mostfamous tunes. Rest assured, this team is dedicated to keeping Beatlemania alive in one of the most authentic, all-live stage tributes seen today!

#### **GET TICKETS**

For more entertaining musical acts, make sure to browse through the full lineup for our 2021-2022 season here



Wherever your vacation takes you, Welk Resorts has you covered with a variety of unique, fun, and relaxing Owner Events.



Fusion Fire Night – Nov 5-7 San Diego Area

Friendsgiving – Nov 5-7 San Diego Area

Fall Fiesta – Nov 5-8 Cabo San Lucas

Vines & Views – Nov 7-9 & Nov 28-30 San Diego Area

> Veterans Day – Nov 10-13 Branson

Family Film Night – Nov 12-14 San Diego Area

Friendsgiving – Nov 14-16 North Lake Tahoe

Watch your email for more details or call 855.751.0317!

#### **Have Questions?**

Call 866-209-4075 (M-F 9am-5pm PT)



Welk\_resorts®

WELKRESORTS.COM