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This photo: Pueblo Bonito Pacifica Golf & Spa Resort in Cabo San Lucas offers a *Desert to Ocean Experience*. Below: With Natural Habitat Adventures, clients can go chasing after monarch butterflies.

Singular Experiences

We've put together a selection of singular experiences that can only be made in Mexico.

Paloma Villaverde de Rico

Photo Adventure

Natural Habitat Adventures' 6-day *Monarch Butterfly Photo Adventure* is an active vacation that couples stunning scenery with jaw-dropping wildlife photo-ops in Mexico's Central Highlands. The journey begins in Mexico City, but travelers are quickly whisked away from city life into mountain villages where they'll visit butterfly sanctuaries that play host to millions of monarch butterflies. Your clients will ride horses, take hikes and have plenty of time to snap magnificent and enviable photos (their Instagram will be on overload). Upon their return home, their cameras will be filled to the brim with images of gorgeous, colorful butterflies, lakeside sunsets, small town plazas alive with birds, colorful bougainvillea and stunning waterfalls. There are three departure dates (approximately 12 travelers) in January and February 2017, with rates at \$3,495.

Desert-to-Ocean

Nestled on a 2.5-mile stretch of beach in Cabo San Lucas, the all-inclusive, adults-only, 154-room **Pueblo Bonito Pacifica Golf & Spa Resort** offers the year-round *One-Day Desert-to-Ocean Experience* that showcases the destination's contrasting terrain. The day begins with some nice pampering by way of

breakfast in bed, before it's off to an outback and camel safari through the Baja desert, accompanied by one's own personal Pacifica butler. Of course, an authentic Mexican lunch and tequila tasting is included. Back at the resort, guests get an organic massage at Pacifica's *Armonia* spa, before heading oceanside for a private sunset dinner. The package rate of \$1,950 does not include accommodations; nightly room rates start at \$588 per night for a standard deluxe room.

A Dip in Maya Culture

The spa experience set to be offered at the 40-deluxe villa, 750-acre **Chable Destination Spa** retreat when it opens this October in the Yucatan peninsula is otherworldly. Located just 25 minutes from the city of Merida, Chable will feature the first spa located beside a cenote, and will draw inspiration from the area's Maya culture. The spa's signature treatment will be the 150-minute *Maya Rebirth* that features ancestral techniques and elements such as wrapping the body in banana leaves with the heat of a clay poultice and pink salt from the town of Celestun. Therapists remove toxins by means of a traditional body brush using native plants; and the skin is hydrated using vanilla and amaranth. Treatment is \$330.



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Guests will also have the option of partaking in the resort's gardening process during their visit—the garden recreates harvesting techniques that have not been used in over a century and each of the garden beds are harvested by the hotel's resident Mayan horticulturist. Resort rates start at \$1,250 per night dbl and that includes accommodations for two people (the smallest casitas are 1,750 sq. ft.); three meals per day with non-alcoholic beverages; \$130 spa credit pp per day; daily activities; and welcome gift. ■

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