

This Restaurant Looks Like a Giant Bird's Nest Floating on Water (and We're in Love)

And that's just the exterior.

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Travel to the southernmost tip of Mexico's Baja Peninsula and you'll be greeted by rolling desert terrain, aquamarine sea—and an enormous, upside-down nest that's one of the coolest, most photogenic restaurants around. The high-art Nido (Spanish for "nest") hidden in the courtyard of the Viceroy Los Cabos hotel, has been called a "futuristic dreamscape," and rightly so.

Intricately woven branches gathered by a local fisherman form the restaurant's exterior (imagine the shell left after popping the balloon inside a string-and-glue craft). Shallow saltwater pools surround the structure, giving it the appearance of floating on water. Curving paths cut through the pools and lead to one of two rounded entryways; both breezes and sunshine easily pass through the latticed walls.

Inside, crisp all-white seating from Kristalia, a contemporary Italian furniture brand, contrasts with the exterior's primitive materials. One long bar runs the down the middle of the restaurant, and recycled plastic bar seats line both sides of the glossy surface. Low-to-the-ground couches outfitted with plush pillows curve along the edges of the nest, and marbled round tables fill the space in between—it's midcentury goes to the beach.

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Stark white wings of the hotel surround the restaurant on three sides, and are angled toward a south-facing opening to the Sea of Cortez. Just as the nest does, these clean-lined structures appear to rise up from the turquoise pool. At night, the white walls glow bright blue, orange, and purple—guests in rooms overlooking the courtyard can even select their own color to cast.

The hotel and restaurant are currently closed as they shift to new management under Viceroy. Both are set to reopen in May 2018.