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Quivira, Los Cabos, Mexico

Los Cabos is revered for its ocean-desert-mountain setting and Jack Nicklaus' Quivira offers more oceanfront exposure than any other course on the tip of the Baja Peninsula. Routed over steeping granite cliffs, windswept dunes and rolling desert foothills, every hole enjoys a view of the waters where the Sea of Cortez and the Pacific Ocean meet. Located 10 minutes from Cabo San Lucas, it climbs close to 400ft on the 15th but swoops down to the beach for the site of the 18th green. "From start to finish, I'd say Quivira has as much pace, variety and spectacular beauty as any course I've ever designed," says Nicklaus of a course that costs around £250 with a weak British pound. The Quivira resort offers private villas, boutique resorts and all-inclusive luxury resorts – some are family-oriented, others are romantic, adult-only options. www.quiviraloscabos.com

HOW JACK CREATED IT

Nicklaus on working with Quivira's spectacular site.

Why is Quivira special to you?
It is loaded with really, really good holes and unique holes. There is good golf even before you get to the ocean holes, which are unlike anything else in Cabo or many other places. I've never seen any place that has three holes hanging out over the ocean like it does. They are unbelievable. This is a diverse course – it's got desert, it's got ocean, it's got rocks; it has a little bit of everything.

Is it 'resort course' in difficulty?
We made it very user-friendly. It looks difficult because of where it is, but it is very playable. Yet really good players will play the back tees and find an unforgettable challenge.

Was it a tricky construction?
We helped the course emerge from the natural terrain; when we found the location for holes, they required a lot of effort to make certain they were stable.

