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# Editors' Picks: Our Favourite Warm-Weather Getaways of 2018

*In the dark of winter, it's nice to look back on sunnier times.*

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## Costa Palmas, Mexico

You haven't heard about Costa Palmas yet, but believe me, you will. A month ago, I spent a few days down in Los Cabos checking out the crazy number of high-end properties that have just or are just about to open (look for the story this Spring in WL!), and I took a few days on my own at the end to drive across the Cape to a new development I had heard about—Costa Palmas. It's a name that's been whispered about in the travel community for a few years now, ever since the developer announced that the community would have not only a Four Seasons (the first in Baja) but also an Aman resort. That's like buying a Ferrari and then deciding you should maybe add a Bugatti to your garage as well. So my wife and I rented a car and drove 45 minutes past the Los Cabos airport to the soon-to-be-booming town of La Ribera on the East Cape. Our Google Maps couldn't figure out where the still-under-construction Four Seasons was, so we drove around and around until we came across a building site that would make the Egyptians blush. Workers everywhere and a legion of heavy equipment were focused on making this Sea-of-Cortez dream a reality.

As the Four Seasons is still a few months off and the Aman more than a year out, we were put up for the night in one of the four beach cabins they had created as temporary digs for interested buyers. Like Gwyneth Paltrow, they were that mix of luxe and laidback that is almost impossible to achieve. And when I say waterfront, at high tide, they were the closest thing to water bungalows you'll see outside of Bora Bora. So we mostly just hung out, walked on the deserted beach and kicked around the construction site.

Once the properties come on line, this area is going to be a game-changer for tourism not just in Mexico, but in all of North America, and it was fascinating to get to see it at this early stage. And having it all to ourselves didn't hurt.—Neal McLennan, travel editor