

# Heading for Los Cabos?

**TRAVEL Q&A:** Extremely low tides allow visitors to explore El Arco on foot — but not likely to happen again until 2012

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*Q. Last year, while we were visiting Los Cabos, Mexico, the staff at our resort told us that every seven years the tide gets so low that people can walk to the famous Arch. Can you tell us when it will happen again?*

A. According to officials at the Los Cabos Convention and Visitors Bureau, the phenomenon — in which tides are so low that visitors can explore the natural stone arch on foot — occurs about once every five to seven years, usually between Christmas and Valentine's Day.

Ruben Sanchez Lizarraga, managing director of the visitors bureau, said the last occurrence was in 2007, so the next one isn't likely to happen until 2012 at the earliest. When it does, though, you won't be able to walk there; you'll need to take a boat tour or water taxi, either of which is available at the marina. Prices vary, but expect to pay about \$20 per person.

El Arco, as it is known, is located at the southernmost tip of the Baja California peninsula, where the Pacific Ocean meets the Sea of Cortez. You still must arrive by boat, but once there

you're free to get out and walk under and around the rock.

*Q. Our cruise ship arrives in Stockholm, but we then have to catch a flight. How long will it take to get to the airport?*

A. The cruise port is about a 45-minute drive to Stockholm Arlanda Airport. You have a few options for getting there.

A taxi from the port to the airport should run 450 to 495 krona, about \$70 to \$78. You can contact one of several authorized taxi companies online and get a set rate: Taxi Stockholm ([www.taxistockholm.se](http://www.taxistockholm.se)), Taxi 020 ([www.taxi020.se](http://www.taxi020.se)), Taxi Transfer ([www.transfer.se](http://www.transfer.se)) or Taxi Kurir ([www.taxikurir.se](http://www.taxikurir.se)). All but Taxi Transfer have English translations available on their sites.

You can also take a taxi to the city centre and then catch an airport coach or express train. A taxi from either of the two cruise terminals, Stadsgarden or Frihamnen, to the city centre takes 10 to 15 minutes and runs 120 to 150 krona, about \$19 to \$24.

From there, Flygbussarna ([www.flygbussarna.se](http://www.flygbussarna.se)) airport coaches can transfer you to the airport (a 40-minute ride) for 99 krona, about \$15.50. You can also take the Arlanda express train ([www.arlandaexpress.com](http://www.arlandaexpress.com)), which departs every 15 minutes and costs 200 krona one way, about \$31. It's a 20-minute ride to the airport.

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