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pop culture

America's city by the bay is a perennial crowd-puller, but new places to eat, drink, and explore in Yerba Buena Gardens, San Francisco's cultural heart, offer even more reasons to keep coming back



DRINK

Eight Californian vineyards have tasting areas in **Press Club**. ABOVE, part urban winery, part subterranean drinking den. 20 Yerba Buena Ln, +1 415 744 5000, pressclubsf.com.

Behind a wisteria-covered patio above Yerba Buena Gardens, the **Samovar Tea Lounge** is a relaxing spot for lunch, or to try inventively named teas like Monkey Picked Iron Goddess of Mercy. **Upper Terrace**, 730 Howard St, +1 415 227 9400, samovarteatea.com.



SLEEP

The **St Regis San Francisco**, RIGHT, reflects its location in a fine collection of modern art throughout the hotel. The spacious rooms, in shades of taupe with luxurious finishes such as leather and snakeskin, have great views. Doubles from \$850. 125 3rd St, +1 415 284 4000, starwoodhotels.com/stregis.

SEE

You can't miss the **Contemporary Jewish Museum**, BELOW, designed by Daniel Libeskind: a reworked brick building with a striking, blue-black 'diamond' extension. 736 Mission St, +1 415 655 7800, theejm.org.



SHOP

The **SFMOMA** store, LEFT, is a treasure trove of posters, stationery and homewares. There's a branch in the international terminal, too. 151 3rd St, +1 415 357 4000, sfmoma.org.

For more shopping, **Bloomingdale's** is right around the corner. Travellers can take their passport to the Visitor Centre for a 15 per cent discount. 845 Market St, +1 415 856 5300, bloomingdales.com.



PARTY

Dramatic Renaissance-style paintings line the black walls of **Harlot**, a glamorous bar and club where stylish locals dance beneath chandeliers made from deer antlers. Wed-Sat, 9pm-2am. 46 Minna St, +1 415 777 1077, harlotsf.com.

EAT

Anchor & Hope, BELOW, is where the hip set dine on bacon-wrapped oysters and basil-stuffed clams in a minimalist white space with exposed beams and concrete floors, inside a converted garage. Three courses for two without wine about \$150. 83 Minna St, +1 415 501 9100, anchorandhopestf.com.

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