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San Francisco Treats

For a slick weekend getaway, here's a list of hot spots sure to help you see San Fran in style. BY LAYLA REVIS

EATS

Tucked inside the Hotel Palomar is a foodie's dream. The **Fifth Floor Restaurant** (12 Fourth Street, 415-348-1555), helmed by Melissa Perello, one of *Food & Wine's* Best New Chefs of 2004, continues to hit culinary home runs with delicacies like the Tsar Nicolai California Estate Osetra caviar with warm poached Cidre Loche duck egg. Heavy with old mansion aristocracy, **Gary Danko** is another spectacular dining experience located in the Fisherman's Wharf (800 North Point Street, 415-749-2060). San Fran's smooth cocktail crowd heads to up-and-coming restaurateur Drew McCormack's restaurant **Frisson** (244 Jackson Street, 415-956-3004), where exotic libations like the Fountain of Youth—a mix of Hangar One Kaffir Lime, cucumber, honeydew puree, essence of spearmint, and Cointreau—flow under Scott Kester's modern designs. Other favorites include the ever-popular Vietnamese restaurant, **The Slanted Door** (1 Ferry Building #3, 415-861-8032); hot new restaurants **Myth** (470 Pacific Avenue, 415-677-8986) and **Delfina** (3621 18th Street, 415-552-4055); and the classic **Swan Oyster Depo** for clam chowder (1517 Polk Street, 415-673-1101). The best Sunday brunch is at **Mama's** (1701 Stockton Street, 415-362-6421) on Washington Square; try their Monte Cristo.

SHOPS

Hayes Street

Hayes is the spot with the sweetest wares. Pick up unique finds at **Friend** (401 Hayes Street, 415-552-1717), designed by sexy industrial designer Yves Behar. John Michaud's furniture and fine art store, **Find** (425 Hayes Street, 415-701-7100), is an eclectic boutique/art gallery with seductive furnishings and artwork by local talent. Get racy lingerie at **Alla Prima** (539 Hayes Street, 415-864-8180), and hit **True Sake** (560 Hayes Street, 415-355-9555), America's first sake store, for a bottle.

Fillmore Street

Fillmore is the perfect locale to grab a latte and meander around. Check out the unique bedding and antiques at **Nest** (2300 Fillmore Street, 415-292-6199) and **The Gallery of Jewels** (2115 Fillmore Street, 415-771-5099), where local San Francisco designers display their baubles.

REST

Hotel Vitale

Located in the revitalized Embarcadero area, this revamped hotel is an urban oasis, claiming its own terrace bar, the Americano, with views of the bridge and water in the distance. The Ferry Plaza Farmer's Market, a favorite with foodies, is located a hop, skip, and a jump from the hotel. And check out the on-site spa with outdoor rooftop deep-



Get cozy at the W Hotel.

soaking tubs and penthouse yoga studio. 8 Mission Street, 888-890-8688, hotelloitale.com; rooms from \$209.

The Ritz-Carlton

The Ritz-Carlton San Francisco, set in a 1909 Nob Hill landmark, occupies an entire city block and is an integral part of the city's architectural heritage. Each of the rooms and suites features Italian marble bathrooms, and special services include a 24-hour technology butler, a bath menu, and one of the largest single-malt scotch collections in the US. 600 Stockton Street, 415-296-7465, ritzcarlton.com; rooms from \$350.

W Hotel

Chic and contemporary, with guest DJs on many nights, and complimentary WiFi access in public areas, locals and guests regularly lounge in the W Hotel's Living Room. With stellar city views, Bliss bath products, and complimentary one-hour poolside yoga sessions every Wednesday, the W is synonymous with SF culture. 181 Third Street, 415-777-5300, whotels.com/sanfrancisco; rooms from \$229. ★