



What's New in San Francisco

April 11, 2024 – We are pleased to present this guide as a San Francisco Travel Trade news update, offering updated information on various aspects of the city. Included are details on new tours and tour companies, recently introduced attractions, transportation updates, museum exhibitions, notable events and anniversaries scheduled for 2024/2025, and a list of new and renovated hotels. This guide is a valuable resource for those seeking current information on the city's offerings.

NEW HOTELS

2026

- **Final Planning Hotel Projections for 2026**
 - AC Hotel
 - 130 rooms
 - Hearst / Auberge
 - 150 rooms
 - Pod Hotel
 - 160 rooms
 - Hotel @ One Vassar
 - TBA
 - Tehama Micro Hotel
 - TBA

2024

- The **Inn at the Presidio**, a treasure nestled within the heart of San Francisco's national park site, unveiled a refresh in January. Constructed initially as bachelor officers' quarters by the U.S. Army in 1903, the building was restored and opened as a hotel in 2012. The Inn's latest enhancements integrate traditional and current design elements, with the color palette, stripes, military brass, and natural accents paying homage to the Inn's turn-of-the-century origins and national park surroundings. Plush carpets, a rich color palette, and custom draperies achieve a warm and comfortable ambiance. The living room features a lounge area centered around the fireplace with stylish leather seating and a striking Monarch butterfly-inspired area rug. The upgraded dining room has a new breakfast buffet room inspired by a butler's pantry. A new art program curated by local art production studio Julie Coyle Art Associates showcases local iconic landscapes and the park wildlife. Certified LEED Gold, the Inn features 22 guestrooms, including 17 suites with fireplaces, a front porch adorned with rocking chairs, a dining room, and an outdoor gathering area with a fire pit. Website: <https://presidiolodging.com/inn-at-the-presidio/>

2023

- Inspired by the Latin word to rejoice, **The Jau Hotel** reflects the infectious positivity and spirit of San Francisco and its inhabitants. The hotel is nestled on the edge of San Francisco's historic Jackson Square neighborhood near the Transamerica Pyramid. The property (formerly Le Méridien) occupies the corner of Clay and Battery. It offers 360 guest rooms, a top-floor penthouse, 16 meeting rooms across two floors, below-ground parking, a fitness center and a three-meal dining and cocktail outlet with an exterior terrace. The award-winning San Francisco studio of the global design agency AvroKo led the hotel's top-to-bottom renovation. The design was inspired by the legends of San Francisco and the architect of the original building, John Portman. The Third Floor is home to an eponymous dining and cocktail outlet by the famed San Francisco Omakase Restaurant Group. Website: <https://www.thejaysanfrancisco.com/>

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- The **Westin St. Francis**, renowned as the "Grand Dame" of San Francisco's Union Square, completed a renovation of its six Luxury Suites located on the 31st floor of the Tower Building in October. In honor of the hotel's upcoming 120th anniversary on March 21, 2024, the design draws inspiration from the hotel's rich history. It seamlessly integrates the Tower Building's contemporary architectural style with the hotel's opulent Art Deco elements. Each suite features a distinctive color palette inspired by the intrinsic aesthetics and colors of the Bay Area. The Windsor Suite exudes soft rust tones reminiscent of the Golden Gate Bridge. The Bridgeview, Pacific, and Bayview suites feature metal-accented furnishings in golden hues, echoing San Francisco's skyline during sunset. The Golden Gate Suite incorporates tranquil shades of blue, while the Union Square Suite pays homage to the Presidio with pops of green. Five of the six suites take their names from the breathtaking vistas they offer. The Windsor Suite commemorates the historical moment when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip stayed there on March 2, 1983, following a State Dinner. Spanning a range of sizes from 550 to 1900 square feet, several of the suites have undergone renovations to elevate the guest experience by offering more room for relaxation and entertainment. Spacious bathrooms feature walk-in showers, and several boast expansive marble soaking tubs. The Windsor Suite, the largest of all suites at 1,900 square feet, boasts a grand marble foyer and primary bedroom that showcases two bays, plus a sitting room, a spacious new walk-in closet, two television viewing areas, and ample seating for taking in the panoramic city and bay views. An open bar has been incorporated into the dining area adjacent to the butler's pantry, offering opportunities for interactive hosted experiences. Guests staying in the Luxury Suites enjoy a range of exclusive amenities and services, including a pre-arrival concierge experience, luxury car rental or on-demand driver service, private check-in and check-out, fresh flowers and a bottle of Chateau Montelena wine upon arrival, a personalized minibar tailored to the individual preferences of each guest, and exclusive access to the Westin Club Lounge. Website: www.westinstfrancis.com
- The **Hotel Drisco**, a historic San Francisco landmark and part of the Woodside Collection, completed a property-wide refresh in December. The 1903 Edwardian boutique hotel in the heart of San Francisco's upscale Pacific Heights neighborhood is further elevated with property-wide enhancements to the exterior and common areas and various new in-suite amenities. The hotel's sitting room and lobby have been expanded and reimagined with elevated furnishings, including a custom-made, four-pane stained-glass window. Further enhancing each of Hotel Drisco's 16 luxury suites, new cocktail bars feature a curated selection of liquors, mixers, juice, premium garnishes, new sofas, and large 70" OLED TVs. Suites are decorated in neutral tones with hues of cream, taupe and slate with striking pops of gold, hand-woven carpeting and custom-built furniture and vanities. In the spirit of the understated sophistication of the hotel's Edwardian heritage, thoughtful touches include restored old-fashioned pocket doors in all suites, preserved original cove ceilings, and spacious bathrooms featuring heated floors and marble tile. Hotel Drisco is known for its luxe touchpoints, including traditional gold tasseled guest room keys, a pillow menu, daily chauffeur service, electric bicycles to explore the city, daily gourmet continental breakfast and a nightly complimentary wine reception. Website: <https://hoteldrisco.com/>
- Demonstrating post-pandemic revival and improving vibrancy in the iconic city of San Francisco, Chicago-based **Oxford Capital Group, LLC** debuted four rebranded and repositioned hotel properties: [Hotel Julian San Francisco](#) (formerly Hotel Vertigo, and originally Empire Hotel), [SoMa House](#) (formerly Americana Hotel), [Hotel Garrett](#) (formerly Good Hotel), and [Hotel Fiona](#) (formerly Carriage Inn). In San Francisco, Oxford also currently owns and operates Hotel Griffon on the Embarcadero, Inn at Union Square and King George Hotel in Union Square.
- **Hotel Julian San Francisco** (940 Sutter Street) - Located in the dynamic and affluent Lower Nob Hill submarket of downtown San Francisco, Hotel Julian—the second location of this Chicago hotel brand named after the patron saint of hospitality—completed a multi-million-dollar refresh in mid-October 2023. Hotel Julian represents the perfect union of old and new, featuring a combination of sophistication and playfulness with its 107 refreshed guestrooms and the

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introduction of a two-story, indoor-outdoor wine bar called Carlotta's, whose name dates to the Alfred Hitchcock film "Vertigo" that was filmed at the property in the 1950s. Hotel Julian features hard flooring, new central air conditioning, new furniture, refreshed bathrooms across its guestrooms, and a reconfigured two-story arrival lobby. Website: <https://www.hoteljuliansf.com/>

Hotel Garrett (112 7th Street) - Hotel Garrett's multi-million-dollar refresh blends modern elegance with a rich architectural history. The contemporary refresh of the property included hard flooring, an improved air conditioning system, new furniture, and refreshed bathrooms across 121 guestrooms, plus an expanded and reconfigured lobby. The hotel houses a 4,200-square-foot restaurant with an open kitchen, two private dining areas, and a full-service bar. Website: <https://www.hotelgarrettsf.com/>

Hotel Fiona (140 7th Street) - The refreshed, historic 48-key boutique hotel with Victorian flare features hard flooring, new furniture, central air conditioning, and refreshed bathrooms across its guestrooms, plus an updated arrival lobby. Website: <https://www.hotelfionasf.com/>

UPCOMING EVENTS and TIPS FOR VISITORS

Look at the SF Travel Events Calendar to see if your trip falls on a special event happening in San Francisco to participate in. Some unique events include San Francisco Pride, Fleet Week, Outside Lands Music Festival, Portola.

- [Events in San Francisco](#)
- [Film Festivals Calendar](#)
- [Festivals & Events Calendar](#)
- [Street Closure and Event List](#)


Ensure a safe and enjoyable stay in San Francisco with these tips. When exploring, safeguard belongings by using inner pockets or underarm bags and staying vigilant in crowded areas. Familiarize yourself with the city, and don't hesitate to seek assistance from locals. Exercise caution around homeless individuals, directing financial contributions to charitable organizations. Practice hotel security measures, such as securing valuables in safes and verifying entry requests. For vehicle safety, park in well-lit areas and keep valuables out of sight. Familiarize yourself with parking rules or utilize public transportation. In emergencies, call 911, and for non-emergencies, contact the San Francisco Police Department at (415) 553-0123 or the San Francisco Fire Department at (415) 861-8000. Stay informed with AlertSF for safety notifications. Access ADA services, and be aware of nearby hospitals, including Kentfield Hospital, Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, UCSF Emergency Department, and Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. For more info visit our website: [Tips for Visitors](#)

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Fisherman's Wharf has tour bus loading and parking zones on **Powell, Beach, Mason, North Point, and Columbus Streets**. Tour buses can only park on Beach Street between Hyde and Jones Streets from 6:00 to 9:30 am. The City does not provide overnight tour bus parking. **The Mission Rock parking lot near Oracle Park** often has dedicated tour bus parking spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the SFMTA tour bus team at tourbus@sfmta.com with any questions.

New Parking Lot for Motorcoach : 5th and Brannon Street is projected to open in around May-June 2024. Please follow up with Robert Bindel, Branch Manager of ABM for more information. Email: robert.bindel@abm.com

San Francisco Sightseeing Bus Guide

 **Bus Loading and Parking Zones**
Sightseeing vehicles can unload at these locations

 **Restricted Streets**
Large sightseeing vehicles may not drive on these streets

Number	Attraction	Location	Description
1	Alamo Square	Fell St, north side, east of Pierce St	5-minute tour bus loading
2	AT&T Park	Terry Francois Blvd, across from Piers 48/50	Unlimited (incl. overnight) paid parking
3	Chinatown	Columbus Ave, east side, just north of Washington St	10-minute tour bus loading
4	Civic Center	Fulton St, north side, between Hyde and Larkin Streets	15-minute tour bus loading
5	Fort Point	Fort Point	Parking (three spots)
6	Golden Gate Bridge	Golden Gate Bridge Plaza	Parking
7	Golden Gate Park	JFK Dr, north side, west of the Conservatory	Loading
8	Golden Gate Park	JFK Dr, south side, at Nancy Pelosi Dr	Loading
9	Golden Gate Park	Concourse Drive	Paid parking
10	Lands End	Lands End Overview parking lot	Parking (five spots)
11	Mission Dolores	Dolores St, west side, south of 16th St	20-minute tour bus loading
12	Palace of Fine Arts	Palace Drive, east side, north of Bay St	Loading
13	Presidio	Lincoln Boulevard at Crissy Field Overlook	Short-term parking
14	Presidio	Montgomery Street	Short-term parking
15	Presidio	Lincoln Boulevard at Battery East parking lot	Short-term parking
16	Presidio	Lincoln Boulevard at Langdon Court	Short-term parking
17	St. Mary's Cathedral	Geary Blvd, south side, west of Gough St and Gough St, west side, south of Geary Blvd	Loading
18	Treasure Island	Viewing area outside main gate	Parking
19	Twin Peaks	Christmas Tree Point	Parking
20	Union Square	Geary St, north side, between Grant Ave and Stockton St	10-minute tour bus loading
21	Union Square	Geary St, north side, east of Powell St	5-minute tour bus loading
22	Westfield	Jessie Street East, west side, north of Mission	Loading
23	Westfield	Jessie Street West, east side, north of Mission	Loading

NEW MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Asian Art Museum: Phoenix Kingdoms: the Last Splendor of China's Bronze Age showcases Chinese archeological finds that have rarely been seen before. (April 19 – July 22)

The de Young museum: A major retrospective of **Irving Penn** includes photos by Penn of San Francisco's 1967 Summer of Love. (Through July 21)

The de Young: Fashioning San Francisco chronicles how style in the Bay Area has evolved over generations and spans a century of high fashion and haute couture. The exhibit presents the work of over 50 fashion designers, from Balmain to Miyake, Valentino to McQueen, with the majority of the over 90 ensembles on view for the first time. It also features an interactive augmented reality installation. (Through Aug. 11)

Museum of the Africa Diaspora (MoAD): "!!!!!" is a solo exhibit featuring works by acclaimed British visual artist and painter Rachel Jones. Jones' new body of work continues the artist's exploration into Black interiority and personhood. (Through Sept. 1)

Legion of Honor: Mary Cassatt at Work is the first major U.S. presentation of Cassatt's work in over 25 years. The exhibit kicks off the **Legion's 100th anniversary celebration**. Too often dismissed as a sentimental painter of mothers and children, Cassatt was a radical modernist and pioneering female impressionist painter and printmaker. (Oct. 5, 2024 – Jan. 25, 2025)

SFMOMA Amy Sherald: American Sublime is the global debut of the artist's first mid-career survey and the most comprehensive presentation of Sherald's work, with over 50 paintings made from 2007 to the present. Iconic portraits of Michelle Obama and Breonna Taylor will be joined by early works never or rarely seen by the public and new works. Another highlight of the exhibition is "For Love, and for Country" (2022), a landmark painting recently acquired by SFMOMA for its permanent collection. The exhibit premieres first in San Francisco on Nov. 16 and will be on view through March 9, 2025. The exhibition will consider the important impact of Sherald's work on contemporary art and on American culture, as she addresses the omission of Black figures from the history of figure paintings/

ArtSpan's SF Open Studios: From Disco Days to the Tech Craze: 50 Years of Championing Local Arts. 50 years of SF Open Studios (SFOS) will be celebrated across the city from June to November. The annual flagship SFOS takes place Sept. 19 through Oct. 13.

San Francisco Historical Society Museum: San Francisco On Stage explores the city's long and colorful tradition of performing arts, which began during the Gold Rush. It features historical artifacts from the worlds of dance, music, and theater, including costumes, programs, videos of performances, and other unique memorabilia. The exhibit is presented in collaboration with San Francisco's [Museum of Performance + Design](#). (Through Aug. 15)

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Contemporary Jewish Museum: RetroBlakesberg: The Music Never Stopped showcases Bay Area artist Jay Blakesberg's photographs of legendary musicians. It captures San Francisco's music scene, evolution, and widespread impact. The exhibition includes images of artists like the Grateful Dead, Joni Mitchell, Soundgarden, and others. (Through July 28)

California Academy of Sciences: California: State of Nature, opening in May, explores the surprising and unexpected connections between species, places, and people that enable California to thrive. Visitors will encounter interactive experiences, specimen displays, and multimedia featuring ecosystems across California—from redwood forests to deserts to urban environments—and learn how Academy research, Indigenous partnerships, and community science initiatives are helping to restore and regenerate these connections for the future.

SFMOMA: Get in the Game will examine how sports permeate culture, bring people together, and offer a critical lens through which to consider ongoing conversations about gender, race, national identity and the human body, and the will and desire to compete and succeed. (Oct. 19, 2024 - Feb. 18, 2025)

Asian Art Museum: Hallyu! The Korean Wave showcases the colorful and dynamic popular culture of South Korea, exploring the makings of the Korean Wave and its global impact on the creative industries. (Sept. 27, 2024 – Jan. 2025)

The Walt Disney Family Museum: Disney Cats & Dogs is on view at through June 2. The exhibit features over 300 archival reproduction concept sketches, paintings, model sheets, animation drawings, posters, photographs, digital artworks, and final film sequences that highlight the true-to-life design and movements of Disney's speaking and non-verbal cats and dogs, including characters like Mickey Mouse's best pal Pluto, Lady and Tramp from *Lady and the Tramp* (1955), and Duchess from *The Aristocats* (1970).

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA): Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama's dazzling psychedelic art installations are on view for the first time in the Bay Area at the. With an extended run through Sept. 7, 2024, **Yayoi Kusama: Infinite Love** features two of the acclaimed artist's Infinity Mirror Rooms: *Dreaming of Earth's Sphericity, I Would Offer My Love* (2023) and *LOVE IS CALLING*, one of the largest and most immersive of such installations by the artist to date. In addition, Kusama's monumental sculpture *Aspiring to Pumpkin's Love, the Love in My Heart* (2023) pushes the polka-dotted pumpkin to new extremes, extending over 18 feet in length and more than 11 feet in height.

NEW TOURS/ ATTRACTIONS

DESIGNATED DRIVER: Big Bus launched [Wine Country Tours](#) from San Francisco, offering six- or nine-hour tours for those wanting to explore the wine regions of Napa and Sonoma Valley. Tickets should be reserved 24 hours in advance.

CULINARY SCENE: In April, [Dylan's Tours](#) introduced Dylan's Infamous Tour—a culinary journey through the city's vibrant streets featuring food tastings and a cocktail pairing.

URBAN FORAGING: Wild Food & Medicinals tour in Golden Gate Park educates participants about the park's trees, flowers, history, and urban foraging ethics and how to identify seasonal edibles.

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ORIGAMI IN THE SKY: [Paper Tree](#) – The Origami Store recently partnered with Adobe to create a free [cutting-edge augmented reality \(AR\) origami tour](#). Launched in September, visitors scan a QR code at Paper Tree to begin an immersive origami adventure on their smartphones. As they stroll along Japantown's Buchanan Street, colorful red and white envelopes appear to "float in the air." The user's proximity triggers an envelope to open, revealing a larger-than-life origami diorama. Using their smartphone, visitors can walk around the origami figures and inspect them from all angles to see the intricate folds made to create each piece. A pop-up display also shows the artist's name and which origami papers from Paper Tree were used in the work. A flock of gold origami cranes flutters across the sky once all the dioramas are revealed.

CHINATOWN HISTORY AND ART TOUR

Explore one of the largest Chinatowns outside of Asia and the oldest in North America, with [the Chinese Culture Center's Chinatown History & Art Tour](#). (\$45 per person). The guided one-and-a-half-hour walking tour explores lived Asian American history and experiences. It encourages guests to "immerse" their senses at different art activation sites in the neighborhood and deepen their understanding of Chinatown's multifaceted social, cultural, and political evolution through narratives. The outing begins at the Chinese Culture Center's visual arts gallery and tours Chinatown streets and outdoor murals. (Location: 750 Kearny St., 3rd Floor | Chinatown)

THE STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO

Visitors can dig deeper into the city's past on one of the [San Francisco Historical Society](#). 90-minute walking tours (\$20 per person; children under age 13 free). The SFHS offers several tours, including a Barbary Coast Trail Tour exploring "ground zero" of early San Francisco and the Secrets and Stories of San Francisco's "Wall Street of the West." The walking tours begin at the SFHS Museum. (Location: 608 Commercial St. | Financial District)

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[SkyStar Ferris Wheel](#) is relatively new, having opened in 2020 to celebrate the park's 150th birthday. It recently moved to Pier 39 right before the 2023 APEC. It's a nice way to check out Fisherman Wharfs and the immaculate views of the bay. The wheel is scheduled to be dismantled in 2025.

NEW SHOWS

[The American Conservatory Theater \(A.C.T.\)](#) is rolling out a blockbuster season of plays. A.C.T. will be staging the Pulitzer Prize finalist play *Kristina Wong, Sweatshop Overlord* (March 30 – May 5), the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning musical *A Strange Loop* (April 18 – May 12), and the five-time Tony Award-winning production *The Lehman Trilogy* (May 25 – June 23).

[BroadwaySF's Orpheum Theatre](#) presents *Mrs. Doubtfire* (July 2-28). Everyone's favorite Scottish nanny is headed to San Francisco. Rob McClure will reprise his Tony-nominated Broadway performance on tour alongside co-star (and real wife) Maggie Lakis in this internationally acclaimed hit musical.

Tamara Rojo's blockbuster inaugural season as [San Francisco Ballet's](#) Artistic Director features bold new global premiers such as *Mere Mortals* and beloved classics like *Swan Lake*. The current repertory season runs through May 5. SF Ballet will return to the War Memorial Opera House in December with the *Nutcracker*.

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Summer of SFJAZZ 2024: Over 90 concerts (Jul 11 - Aug 18) will take place during the inaugural season of SFJazz's Executive Artistic Director, Terrence Blanchard, a trumpeter, composer, NEA Jazz Master, and seven-time Grammy winner.

San Francisco Opera returns with another incredible summer season from May through June. Music Director Eun Sun Kim will open the season on May 30, conducting Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, featuring an international cast and staging rooted in the aesthetic of silent film that incorporates stunning animated projections. SF Opera will also present the U.S. premiere of Kaija Saariaho's last opera, *Innocence*. On Sept. 8, the free *SF Opera in the Park* will take place in Golden Gate Park.

Club Fugazi's *Dear San Francisco: A High-Flying Love Story* is an acrobatic love letter to San Francisco. Debuted in late 2021, the intimate and immersive show at the historic Club Fugazi was created by Bay Area natives and modern circus collective The 7 Fingers co-founders Shana Carroll and Gypsy Snider.

POP GOES THE SYMPHONY: Esa-Pekka Salonen's fourth season as Music Director at the San Francisco Symphony includes 12 Orchestral programs, four world premiere performances, SoundBox, continued partnerships with Peter Sellars and Alonzo King LINES Ballet, and a celebration of the spirit of California. During its impressive [2024/2025 SF Symphony Season](#).

UPCOMING SPORT EVENTS

SAILGP: San Francisco once again hosts the **SailGP Grand Final** on **July 13-14, 2024**. More details to be released soon.

NBA: San Francisco Bay Area has been selected to host **NBA All-Star 2025**. The 74th NBA All-Star Game will take place at Chase Center, home of the Golden State Warriors, on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025. NBA All-Star 2025 will mark the first time that the event has been held at Chase Center, which opened in 2019. **NCAA Men's Basketball** Western Regionals (March, 2025). **WNBA inaugural season** with home games at Chase Center

USTA: San Francisco will host the **Laver Cup 2025** at Chase Center, home of the seven-time NBA Champion Golden State Warriors, from September 19-21, 2025

NFL: San Francisco Bay Area will host **Super Bowl LX in 2026**, an event that is expected to generate hundreds of millions of dollars in economic impact for the region. In partnership with the San Francisco 49ers, the Bay Area Host Committee and the City and County of San Francisco, San Francisco Travel worked collectively to bring NFL's biggest game back to the Bay Area exactly a decade after the region last hosted the marquee event in 2016.

FIFA: It was announced the selection of the San Francisco Bay Area as an official host community for the **2026 FIFA World Cup™** that will be played across Canada, Mexico and the United States.

NEW GROUP FRIENDLY RESTAURANT/BAR SCENE

The **Post Room**, a Mediterranean-inspired bar and lounge, opened inside the historic Beacon Grand. The restaurant takes guests through a coastal culinary journey from the northern Italian city of Genoa, through southern France and on to Barcelona in northern Spain and features a robust cocktail program. The Post Room serves breakfast through supper daily. Its name was inspired by the property's original glass-front mail chute, which stretches from the 20th floor to the basement.

Polkcha on Polk Street is a new Asian-inspired craft cocktail bar from the trio behind the former Trade Routes bar. Drawing from the vibrancy, urban funk, and craftsmanship of Asian street markets, the name "Polkcha" is a fusion of "pocha", Korean for street vendor, and "Polk" Street where the bar is located. Co-owners Chen-Chen Huo, Ryan McCargar, and Jay Ryoo were inspired by their personal experiences traveling across Asia and visiting street markets. The cocktails, created by McCargar, are named after markets across Asia including Divisoria Market in Manila, Hua Hin Night Market Thailand, and Gwangjang Market in South Korea. The "core" menu will feature a range of cocktails split into four categories: spirit-forward, sour, refreshing and sweet, each incorporating Asian spirits and ingredients. After 10 p.m., Polkcha transforms with a late-night menu, aiming to foster a vibrant evening atmosphere reminiscent of Asian night markets. During "late-night" hours, the bar's ambiance transforms through music and lighting, creating a "cyberpunk", cocktail den vibe.

Chef Lijun Han, owner of Chinatown's premier Szechuan dining destination Z&Y Restaurant, debuted a sister restaurant, **Z&Y Peking Duck**, in early 2024. Chef Han's menu focuses on authentic Peking Duck along with a selection of contemporary Beijing-inspired dim sum small plates in a recently renovated building on Jackson Street near the original restaurant.

China Live is now open for lunch with a full menu that includes a \$22 "Bian Dang Lunch Box" featuring a main plate served with five side items. Additional categories include Big Salads, Noodles, Soup and Rice, Main Plates, Dim Sum, and vegetable side dishes and dessert.

Early to Rise in NoPa (north of the Panhandle) marks Chef Andrew McCormack's first full-service restaurant and brunch haven. The restaurant celebrates high-quality, locally-sourced ingredients and simple homestyle meals made from scratch. After operating as a successful pop-up for six years, the new dedicated space provides a bright and inviting modern diner atmosphere.

Copra, the stunning restaurant specializes in food from Kerala and the surrounding areas including Sri Lanka, which share many culinary similarities. Located at 1700 Fillmore Street, on the corner of Fillmore and Post streets near Japantown.

Jessica Sullivan and Laurel Robinson each have more than a decade of experience in the restaurant industry so it's no surprise diners are eagerly awaiting their permanent restaurant debut, **Poppy**, a brunch spot set to open in the Mission this September. *3100 18th Street, San Francisco*

Opening on October, **7 Adams** the much-anticipated new restaurant from the chef couple who put Marlena on the map, will open its doors in the former Gardenia's space this fall. For the new project, they've partnered with Hi Neighbor Hospitality Group (The Vault, Trestle, Mama, Madrigal) to deliver

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elegant and seasonal plates like semolina gnocchetti with golden tomato, saffron, and Thai basil and pistachio pavlova with Concord grape granita and caramelized white chocolate mousse. 1963 Sutter Street, San Francisco

Opening on November, **Il Parco** arrives at the Presidio this fall from Eduardo Rallo, also behind Colibri Mexican Bistro in the historic Officer's Club. Il Parco will be the restaurant's Italian American sister spot serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner seven days a week. Expect housemade focaccia, pistachio pesto, and mortadella pizza, and a full selection of cocktails, beer, and wine. 215 Lincoln Blvd #215, San Francisco

The new **Blue Whale Restaurant & Lounge** from Michelin-starred Chef Ho Chee Boon is a sprawling, sleek venue in the Marina. Opened in October, the restaurant serves seasonal Asian cuisine. It features multiple dining areas, including a private dining lounge and a large open-air garden oasis tucked away in the backyard. Malaysian-born Boon introduces diners to favorite seasonal dishes and flavors inspired by his extensive travels and background. Blue Whale's menu includes delectables such as *Crab Meat Xiao Long Bao*, *Wasabi Crispy Tiger Prawns with Pineapple*, and *Baked Lobster with Buttermilk and Chili*. This is Chef Boon's second restaurant in San Francisco. He opened his elegant Cantonese restaurant, **Empress Boon**, in Chinatown in 2021.

Chotto Matte SF is set to open in Union Square on Oct. 21. The rooftop restaurant will showcase Nikkei cuisine, the amalgamation of Japanese techniques and Peruvian ingredients. The new venue is Chotto Matte's first outpost on the West Coast. Signature menu highlights landing in San Francisco include the iconic *Chotto Branzino Ceviche*, *Tentáculos de Pulpo*, *Sato Maki sushi* and *Pollo den Miso*. The restaurant occupies the newly developed rooftop restaurant and wraparound terrace atop 100 Stockton St., affording stunning panoramic views of the city. The design is chic yet organic, with prominent Japanese lavastone and shou sugi ban wood.

Corzetti, from hitmaker Adriano Paganini's Back of the House, opened at Hotel G in San Francisco's Union Square in August. Highlighting coastal Ligurian cuisine, the seafood-forward menu features traditional dishes inspired by Paganini's memories of summers by the Ligurian Sea.

Michael Mina tapped Chef Shotaro "Sho" Kamio as consulting chef to collaborate on a new culinary experience at **Pabu Izakaya**, a Japanese izakaya-style restaurant. The new menu showcases small and shareable plates, larger entrees from the Charcoal Grill, and various rolls and hand rolls. New menu items include *Mentaiko Pasta* with spicy cod roe, shiso, nori and garlic ginger; *Tamari Marinated Whole Squid* with tempura tentacles, bonito flake and mentaiko aioli, and a new Temaki category showcasing taco-shaped hand rolls.

Laura and Sayat Ozyilmaz, the duo behind beloved pop-up Istanbul Modern, opened **Dalida** this summer to rave reviews. Located in the Presidio of San Francisco, the full-service restaurant showcases the warm hospitality, fresh ingredients, memorable flavors, and rich culture of the Eastern Mediterranean.

Flour + Water Pizzeria reopened in a new location in North Beach. Flour + Water co-chefs Thomas McNaughton and Ryan Polnow are known for their commitment to meticulously crafted, Italian-influenced dishes. Here, they bring that same sensibility to all things pizza.

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Mattina, the Cal-Italian-inspired all-day café in Pacific Heights by Chef Matthew Accarrino of SPQR, launched an 'Aperitivo' or 'Appi Hour' from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The menu focuses on vermouth spritz-inspired drinks served with accompanying snacks such as fried stuffed olives, pickled vegetables, and local cheeses. Accarrino has sourced over 20 vermouth selections for 'Appi Hour.'

Estiatorio Ornos, a Michael Mina restaurant, introduced a cocktail menu inspired by the origins of the Greek world and their gods of creation. Conceptualized by Lead Bartender **Jose Luis Merino Calderon**, the menu is rooted in classic cocktails reimagined with Mediterranean flavors like citrus, elderflower, tamarind, and passionfruit. Also featured are Greek spirits like Mastiha, a cedar-like flavor from an evergreen tree native to the Mediterranean, and Greek vodka and brandy, including a house-made lamb-washed rye.