



# Luxury Summer Escapes

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There is a tremendous array of possibilities when it comes to summer travel. From seeking out the best beaches, to our country's treasured national parks, the possibilities are endless. At this time of year, some of what our nation's top cities have to offer is overlooked. Be it for a week, or simply a weekend getaway, there is excitement lurking right around the corner. From fine hotels, to world-class dining, to summer concert series, the urban experience can be a highlight that will put the exclamation mark on your summer getaway.



## SAN FRANCISCO

In a city of inimitable grace and style, where to stay is a question that is frequently addressed. One answer is the luxurious St. Regis Hotel. Located in the vibrant SoMa district, it wows its guests with magnificent views of the San Francisco cityscape. The hotel also is situated at a cultural crossroads with the Museum of the African Diaspora located within the hotel and the renowned San Francisco Museum of Modern Art right next door. This luxury property embodies a modern day interpretation of the St. Regis legacy that began over a century ago. Delivering a superlative level of hospitality with modern day sophistication, the hotel's signature butler service is ready to attend to every need with discreet precision.

Also located in the heart of the SoMa district with panoramic views of the Bay Bridge and city skyline is the ever-popular W Hotel. A well-known gathering place for art exhibitions, film screenings and fashion and music events, this is an electric urban retreat with a refreshing vibe and extraordinary service. If green is your desire, than look no further. W San Francisco's latest green initiatives inject sustainability into the everyday. As a LEED Silver-certified hotel that is committed to sustainable hospitality, guests can feel good about their impact on the environment without sacrificing style or luxury.

While you are in the SoMa district, head on over to Waterbar to indulge in some sublime jewels from the sea. Widely regarded as San Francisco's top seafood restaurant and offering one of the city's

most extraordinary views of the Bay Bridge, the famed Ferry Building and the Embarcadero skyline, Waterbar has set a new standard of sustainability. Boasting variety and excellence in the sourcing, preparation and presentation of food from the sea, this romantic destination is sure to satisfy. Under the tutelage of Executive Chef Parke Ulrich, Waterbar presents a daily menu of freshly-caught, sustainably-raised fish, as well as the most expansive selection of sparkling-fresh oysters on the West Coast.

Located at the junction of the revitalized Embarcadero waterfront and the Financial District, another excellent choice on San Francisco's luxury hotel landscape is Hotel Vitale. This landmark

boutique hotel was designed to uniquely encompass modern luxury touches balanced with soothing, natural elements. At this urban retreat, you will certainly be revitalized by the stunning water and city vistas, as well as impressed by their attention to detail. The sprigs of lavender that sprout from the guest room doors and the lit-up river stones that are embedded in the bedside tables are included in the list of subtleties that make this a first-rate hotel. The modern interior design appropriately suits both the business and leisure traveler and effectively serves as a sanctuary where guests can marvel at the views and enjoy San Francisco's most vibrant new neighborhood.

When it's time for a steak, there is but one choice — EPIC Roasthouse. Blending award-winning design and delicious, innovative contemporary steakhouse cuisine, your experience is sure to be just that — epic. Offering up innovative cuisine that delivers exciting preparations of steak, game, poultry, seafood and lighter fare, Chef Parke Ulrich once again shows his passion for excellence by placing an emphasis on sustainably-sourced meat and seafood along with organically-grown produce. Handmade cocktails, domestic and imported beers and a well-selected wine list complete the menu. The restaurant also features an intimate upstairs bar and lounge with panoramic views of the city and bay. Blending stunning views, award-winning design, a historical and cultural foundation, and delicious, innovative contemporary steakhouse cuisine, EPIC Roasthouse is a unique addition to San Francisco's culinary landscape.