

Modern Bride

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Urban Oases

You don't have to travel far to fall in love with one of these three magical cities

SAN FRANCISCO

Why we love it

It's got beauty and bays. Just like Tony Bennett, you'll leave your heart in this city of charming old Victorian homes, rollercoasterlike streets and the world's most recognizable bridge. Even San Francisco's drawbacks—namely, the infamous fog that descends seemingly from nowhere—add to its allure. Head here if you're in the mood to savor an international food scene, creative arts venues and great shopping, made all the more appealing by the City by the Bay's enduringly quirky, hippy-dippy counterculture vibe.

Where to unwind

Hotel Vitale As its name implies, this chic hotel on the Embarcadero waterfront embraces a health and well-being mantra with a penthouse yoga studio and outdoor hot tubs. Its 199 rooms and suites feature soothing, Zenlike decor—book one facing the Bay Bridge for the ultimate oasis with a view (doubles from \$259; 888/890-8688 or hotelvitale.com).