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HOTEL VITALE

As San Francisco's first luxury waterfront hotel, Hotel Vitale was already ahead of the game when it opened in the revitalized Embarcadero district in 2005. But when it introduced three terrace studios complete with adjoining rooftop decks last year, the property became the hotel of choice for discerning travelers. The 500-square-foot terraces offer guests stunning views of the Ferry Building, the Bay Bridge, San Francisco Bay, and downtown, transforming what would otherwise be a typical hotel studio into an elite gathering place. Locals and travelers alike flock to the Cocktail Lounge, thanks to the 180-degree panoramic views of the water and Bay Bridge. The boutique hotel, designed by Heller Manus Architects, is infused with natural elements, which complement the stunning waterfront views, best taken in from the spa's outdoor rooftop deep-soaking tubs. Should those not provide enough relaxation, the penthouse-level yoga studio may do the trick, or possibly you need to indulge in a glass of wine and appetizer at Americano, Chef Paul Arenstam's delicious restaurant.