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Sleek quarters beckon at Hotel Vitale (opposite), a small, stylish property overlooking San Francisco Bay.



peacock.” Travelers should enjoy **Hotel Vitale**—a small but elegant 199-room property on the Embarcadero, the city’s traditional waterfront. “I love a hotel with a public space that captures a city’s energy,” Shallcross says. The Vitale’s Americano bar and restaurant has become a real local gathering place. Her tip: When booking, choose rooms overlooking the water. “The Bay Bridge views are great. And there are free yoga classes, too.”