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The Best Boutique Hotels in San Francisco

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The Bay Area's hotel surge isn't stopping anytime soon. Here, our favorites of the new and not-so-old.



Aubrie Pick/Courtesy Hotel Kabuki

Hotel Kabuki

Long an icon of Japantown, the 225-room hotel recently underwent a \$31 million renovation at the hands of hotel group Joie de Vivre. This refresh reflects the area's bohemian history (art that references the hippie counter-culture of the '60s) as well as Japanese design (charred wood surfaces done in the *shou sugi ban* technique and shibori-dyed textiles). Earlier this year, the hotel added a lobby bar offering a traditional Japanese tea ceremony during the day and playful cocktails (and rare Japanese whiskies) at night. *Rooms from \$350; [jdvhotels.com](#).*