

# DEPARTURES

## A Guide to San Francisco's Top Hotels

### Ritz-Carlton

Of all the neoclassical, columned hotels in San Francisco, [the Ritz-Carlton](#) in Nob Hill stands out. The particularly elegant white marble façade helps. Renovated in 2015, the 336-room property offers Ritz-standard opulence (Frette linens, Veuve Clicquot in the minibar) while also being a reliable, large, city hotel. (Room 919 has the best view of Alcatraz, the bay, and Coit Tower.) It's also on the edge of Chinatown, which has some of the best dining in the city—book way ahead for George Chen's 8 Tables ([chinalivesf.com](http://chinalivesf.com)). You can also schedule a wine tasting at JCB by Jean-Charles Boisset. The famed winemaker offers curated flights inside a new lounge stocked with coffee-table books on wine. *Rooms from \$750.*