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Hotel Zephyr

San Francisco, California,
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Telegraph expert
rating

" In a handy location by Fisherman's Wharf, this zany hotel is artful yet unpretentious. Bring the kids and settle into bright rooms designed with a nautical theme and high-tech features. The hotel's outdoor playground and toasty fire pits add to its appeal, as do competitive rates. "

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Location

One block from busy Fisherman's Wharf, this hotel has an advantageous location, especially for first-time visitors to San Francisco. You can spy on the bay from top-floor rooms or by using the giant periscope in the courtyard. The hotel is easily accessible on public transportation via streetcars heading downtown to Market Street that connect with BART trains. The Powell cable-car line to Union Square is a five-minute walk away.

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Style & character

Possessing a whimsical sense of fun, this no-fuss boutique-style hotel is family-friendly. Yet it's special enough to stay in even when you aren't travelling with children. Nautical accents pop up throughout the property, such as literary quotes from Moby Dick painted inside the lifts, to a giant octopus mural and cruise ship-style shuffleboard.

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Service & facilities

Friendly staff are knowledgeable about all there is to see and do in the area. The hotel's best feature – especially for families with kids who have energy to burn – is the outdoor courtyard, simply called The Yard. It's filled with games, like a giant Connect Four board and a ping-pong table challengingly constructed inside a tube, as well as fire pits made out of recycled soda cans.

If the weather doesn't cooperate, show the kids the indoor games room instead. For adults, an uncrowded fitness centre has enough equipment for a sweaty workout.

- ✔ Bar
- ✔ Laundry
- ✔ Restaurant
- ✔ Fitness centre
- ✔ Parking
- ✔ Wi-Fi

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Rooms

This sprawling hotel has more than 360 rooms and suites. Standard rooms have one king-sized or two double beds, all topped with high thread-count linens and blue bedspreads spelling out S.O.S. A marine theme is magically sprinkled throughout each room, with light fixtures resembling ship's lanterns or buoys and wall-sized nautical maps.

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Food & drink

In the outdoor courtyard, a vintage camper sells coffees, espressos, breakfast pastries (from \$4/£3) and light lunches and dinners, as well as California craft beers and wine to sip while warming yourself by the outdoor fire pit.

More than a dozen restaurants are within a 10-minute walk, including Boudin Bakery, famous for its San Francisco-style sourdough bread; Ghirardelli Soda Fountain & Chocolate Shop for ice-cream sundaes; and the market vendors at Fisherman's Wharf serving clam chowder and cioppino (a tomato-based seafood stew).

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Value for money

Double rooms from \$220 (£168). Breakfast excluded (dishes from \$4/£3). Wi-Fi included in the mandatory nightly resort fee, charged at \$21 (£16).

Access for guests with disabilities?

Yes. Specifically request an ADA-compliant hotel room when booking. Most of the hotel's public areas are wheelchair-accessible, including the paved outdoor courtyard.

Family-friendly?

Yes. Families are welcomed at this hotel, which offers connecting rooms and rooms with two double beds (cribs available at no surcharge). The outdoor courtyard and indoor games room offer entertainment for the whole family.

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