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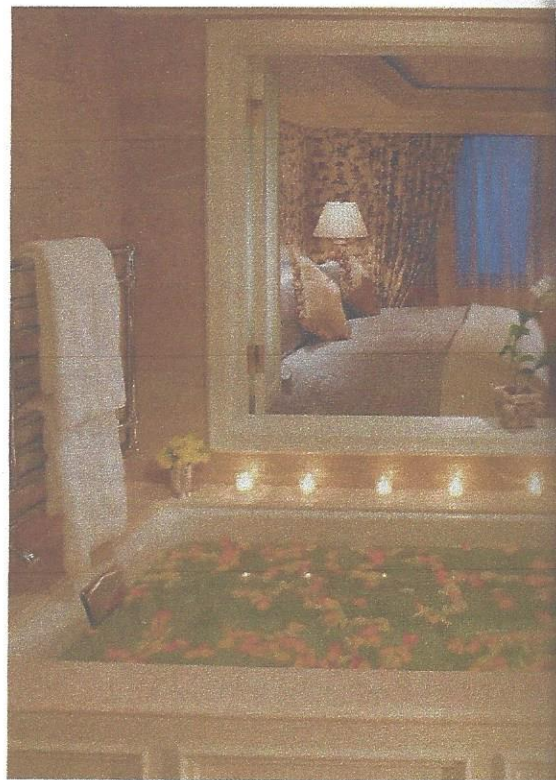
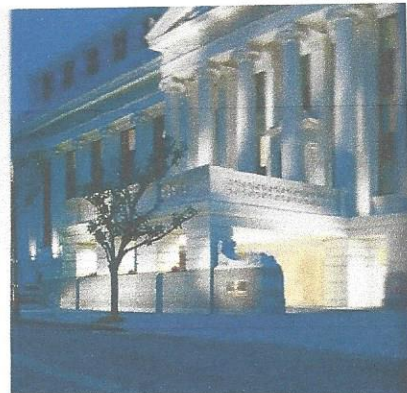
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WE'VE FOUND THE LATEST
TRENDS TO INDULGE IN—AND
THE BEST PLACES TO STAY, WINE,
DINE, AND RELAX—AT THESE
FOUR LUXE DESTINATIONS.

Solaris Residences in Vail Village

An aerial photograph of a snowy resort town at dusk. The scene is illuminated by warm streetlights and building lights. In the foreground, there is an outdoor dining area with several tables and umbrellas. To the right, a large circular ice skating rink is visible, with several people skating. The background features snow-covered buildings and a large, forested mountain range under a dark blue sky.

SEE: SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.



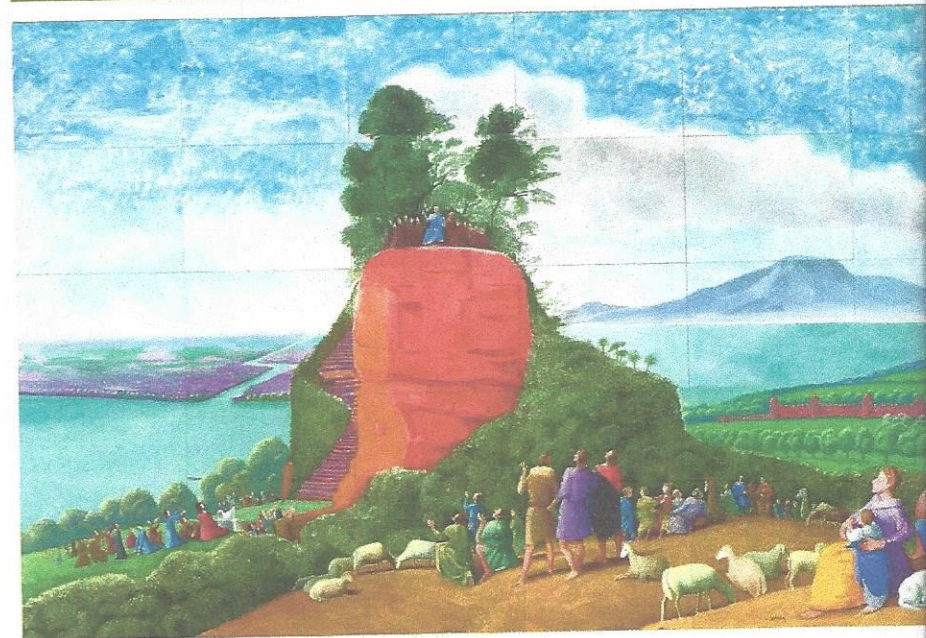
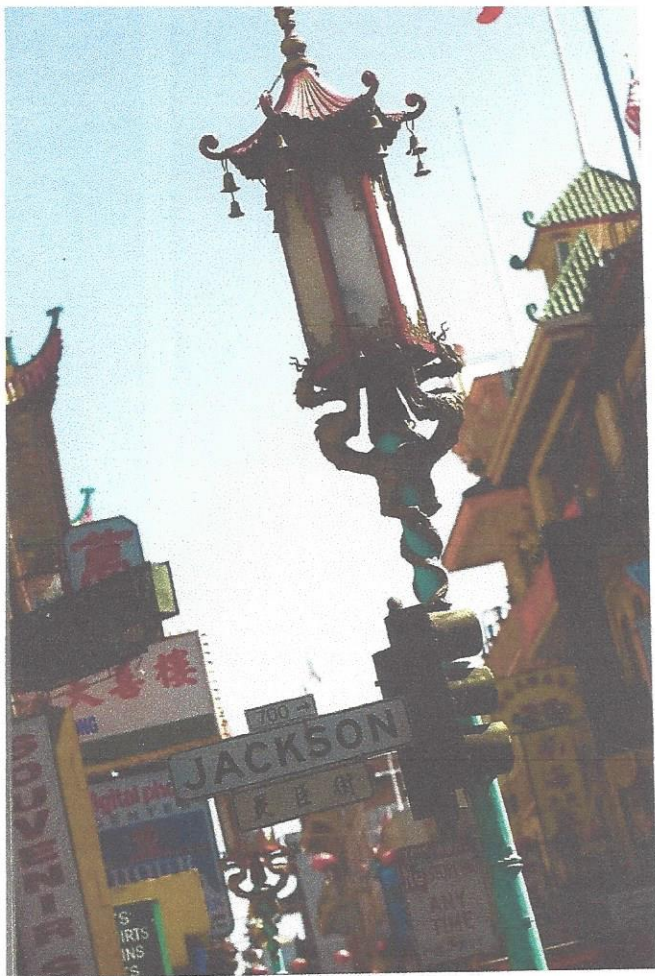
Less than six hours from Charlotte by air, the lure of hilly San Francisco offers a clarion call for antsy Charlotteans who aren't afraid to splurge for an extended weekend that promises the go-see-do-enthusiast an abundance of choices. The city by the bay dishes up the best of compact walking, shopping, and museum-rich east coast cities all wrapped up in a California package that features plenty of sunshine, the Pan-Asian influence of the Pacific Rim, and an art lover's paradise with several never-assembled-before exhibitions this fall and winter promising delight at every turn.

WHERE TO STAY

Visitors exploring a walking city like San Francisco need a cozy central base of operations. The Ritz-Carlton (www.ritzcarlton.com/en/properties/SanFrancisco) on Nob Hill goes above and beyond in meeting that criteria.

The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco features luxe rooms, a central location, and the Parallel 37 restaurant, perfect for indulging after a day of sight-seeing.





The best feature of the chic destination may be its restaurant, Parallel 37. The star of the kitchen, Charlie Trotter's former chef, Michael Rotondo, has created a California hyper local menu that inspires. His seared octopus, with sunchoke, skyhawk olive oil, and crispy garlic may be worth the flight alone. Paired with creative cocktails by mixologist Camber Lay (think Pig 'n Boots featuring Pig's Nose Scotch, Lillet Rose, Lavender, and Yuzu) you'll want to plan to linger over a meal here.

WHAT TO KNOW

Walking is still the preferred method for exploring and getting a street side feel for many of the best attractions in the city. Walk to Chinatown, the largest outside of Asia, and take half a day to explore the fascinating markets, bakeries, and restaurants that dish up some of the best Dim Sum on earth. Explore Little Italy and its vast number of authentic Italian delis on your walk up Telegraph Hill to visit the wild parrots. The Embarcadero is a must for an entire day of

Clockwise from top: Spend some time exploring the city's Chinatown, which is the largest this side of the Pacific. The Figolu steel installation by Mark di Suvero can be found at a Crissy Field in the Presidio of San Francisco. David Hockney's A Bigger Message oil on canvas. David Hockney's Self Portrait with Red Braces watercolor on paper.

is the venerable *Shen Yun*, a powerful Vietnamese fusion spot with sweeping views of the bay.

SEE

Several exhibitions are on display this fall heading all the way into the New Year. Here are our top picks:

Art in the Parks: Mark di Suvero at Crissy Field

Former airstrip Crissy Field is now a vast park at the northern tip of the SF peninsula. Discover the eight colossal-sized pieces by sculptor Mark di Suvero that are captivating park goers. The installation features giant playful works that tower near the bay. The giants are assembled with massive steel beams, wrecking balls, twisted scrap, and finessed metal, some as high as 50 feet tall and 40 feet wide. *Through May 13, 2014.*

David Hockney: A Bigger Exhibition The de Young Fine Arts Museum

The de Young is a destination museum surrounded by gardens and outdoor sculpture in the center of Golden Gate State Park. David Hockney takes residence this fall showing 300 pieces in their largest show ever. Best known for the use of technology in his boldly colored and dramatic landscapes and outdoor themed art, Hockney's fascination with the Polaroid camera is legendary and seen through his series of swimming pool works. *Through January 20, 2014.*

In Grand Style: Celebrations in Korean Art at the Asian Art Museum

Just beyond the raucous farmers market and food truck hangout at United Nations Plaza near City Hall is San Francisco's Asian Art Museum. The museum regularly attracts traveling exhibits of international acclaim. In Grand Style puts such treasures as Bridal Robes, Royal thrones and silk paintings from the Joseon Dynasty front and center for the visitor providing glimpses to pieces never before seen in the U.S. *Through January 12, 2014.* —Michael J. Solender



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