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ZEN IN THE CITY

Sure, the Golden Gate city boasts a plethora of zen-minimal fashions and izakaya pubs, but S.F.'s historic connection to the East has never been so stylishly reinterpreted as with the opening of **Hotel Kabuki**. In booming Japantown, the former Miyako now riffs on traditional Japanese customs, from bathing rituals and butlers to tea ceremonies and origami classes. Lie low en suite in a silk-lined kimono or for extended leisure, head to Kabuki Springs & Spa's serene bathhouse. *From \$159; 1625 Post St., 415-922-3200; jdvhospitality.com.* ALISON CLARE STEINGOLD

THE ONCE-SLEEPY FISHING VILLAGE OF **PUERTO PEÑASCO** WAS PREVIOUSLY ONLY ACCESSIBLE FROM ARIZONA. NOW AEROMÉXICO FLIES EXCLUSIVELY FROM LAX TO THE BURGEONING BEACHFRONT (FROM \$260), AND A NEW HIGHWAY FROM SAN DIEGO WILL BE FINISHED IN 2008. N.Z.

ON A ROLL

Originally owned by Louis Vuitton, Hawthorne-based luggage maker **French 1946** maintains the famed house's commitment to elegance. Celebrated designer Gian Paolo Lombardo's new Vintage Croc luggage collection (*from \$325*) is crafted from hard-wearing, embossed-leather and is finished with antique brass, luxurious fabric and jewelry hardware. 877-891-8899; frenchluggage.com. BRITTANY KAPLAN



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Auberge du Southwest

Savvy CA travelers know the essential hallmarks of an Auberge hotel: unique natural settings, exquisite gallery collections, meandering garden paths and top-notch dining. Auberge's soft-spoken luxury meets the enchanting spirit of the



Southwest at **Encantado**, opening this August. Set on 57 acres, the property will showcase a contemporary interpretation of traditional Santa Fe design. Encantado also reflects the local appreciation for well-being with Ayurvedic spa rituals and regional treatments—and, yes, a sculpture garden for sunset strolls. *From \$475; encantadoresort.com.* NATASHA MCCOY



CORONADO

BEACH HOUSE

San Diego's Hotel Del Coronado, grande dame of CA coastal resorts, celebrates its 120th birthday this year. To honor this milestone, 35 villas known as **Beach Village**, a VIP enclave adjacent to the main property, have been unveiled. Keeping with the original white-wooded siding and red roofing, the townhouse-style two- and three-bedroom suites are tailor-made for families and friends, each outfitted with full kitchens, ocean views (from bed), fireplaces and private terraces with plunge pools. From the boardwalk-like bustle of its shops and restaurants to spa and pool facilities, Beach Village guests can make themselves right at home. *From \$750; 1500 Orange Ave., 800-HOTELDEL; hoteldel.com.* J.M.H.

