



Culture Crush

ART FLOWS LIKE CHAMPAGNE AT THESE CHIC HOTELS, FROM IMPRESSIVE MULTI-MOVEMENT COLLECTIONS TO URBANE TOUCHES MARKING EVERY DETAIL OF YOUR EXPERIENCE

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This discreetly luxurious urban skyscraper has been the place for power lunches and handshake deals in San Francisco for more than two decades. The hotel's central location is just a block away from the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and Museum of the African Diaspora, and the Four Seasons Hotel San Francisco has an impressive contemporary art collection as well, featuring 90 paintings, sculptures, prints, and glassworks by more than 40

California-based artists. Ceramics, glasswork, oil on canvas, watercolors, and mixed-media masterpieces line the restaurant, bar, and public spaces like a veritable art gallery. For guests interested in learning the art of glassblowing, the concierge team can book a hands-on hot shop glassblowing workshop with a professional glass artist at Public Glass and a private visit to Union Square's Montague Gallery, which specializes in contemporary fine art glass.

Local florists create custom floral displays for your room upon request and the clever design and curving hallways make premier category rooms feel like suites, with wraparound views of the city and cushioned window seating. Service lives up to Four Seasons' gold standard too, with the front desk team deftly accommodating as many early check-in and late check-out requests as possible, even on busy days. Another unique perk at this property is, instead of a typical



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San Francisco

hotel gym, guests have complimentary access to unlimited fitness classes, basketball courts, a lap pool, and fitness equipment at the Equinox Sports Center in the same building. Rates start at \$650. 757 Market Street, San Francisco, fourseasons.com/sanfrancisco





THE PENINSULA
Manila

This grand dame hotel in Manila's central business district opened in 1976, only the second hotel for the Peninsula brand after establishing the Peninsula Hong Kong in 1928. Over the years it has been a popular choice among international diplomats and dignitaries, and the art collection has become a national treasure.

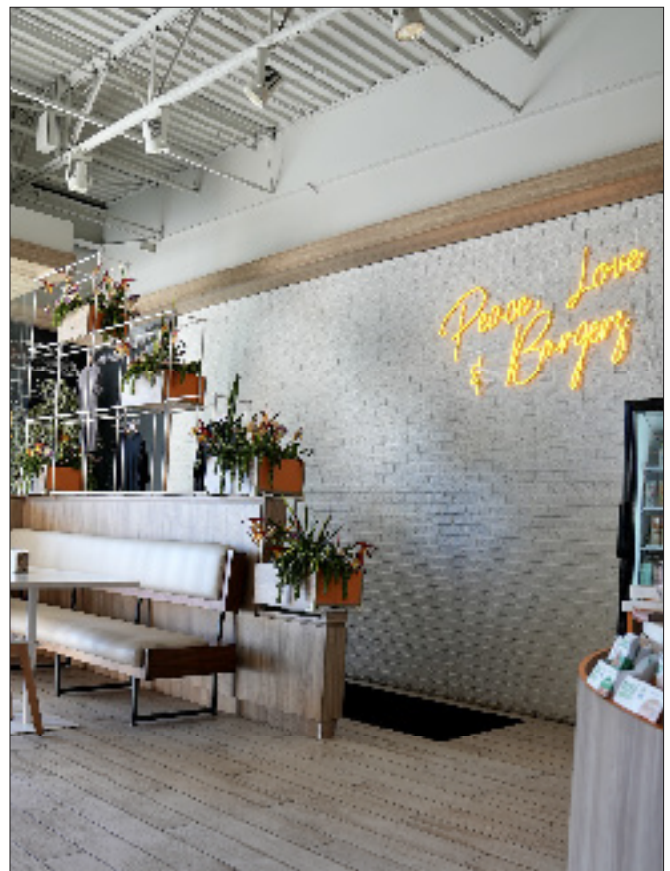
To fully appreciate the Peninsula Manila's vast art collection, book a room on the Gallery Club level and thoughtfully ponder paintings by Ang Kiukok, Rosario Bitanga, and Romulo Olazo while indulging in afternoon tea or evening cocktails and enjoying live piano while overlooking the hotel's iconic lobby. The lobby is truly like Manila's living room, and a great place to people watch, with generations of Filipino families gathering for all manners of celebration and weekly gossip. Look up and you'll notice the stunning 12-meter "Sunburst" sculpture crafted from bronze, copper, and steel by Napoleon Abueva.





Colorful twin tapestries grace the front walls, showcasing the Philippines' indigenous flora and fauna and woven with a centuries-old Portuguese technique in needlepoint hand stitching.

Weary travelers will appreciate the Peninsula's new brand-wide wellness program, including yoga and exercise equipment delivered to your room and plant-based menus available at all dining outlets. For further art exploration in the city, visit the National Museum of the Philippines and the Ayala Museum for an array of Filipino textiles and ceramics. Rates start at \$245 and include breakfast. 1226 Makati Avenue, Makati, Metro Manila, Philippines, peninsula.com/manila



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OMNI PGA FRISCO RESORT

Frisco, Texas

Two championship golf courses designed by Gil Hanse and Beau Welling are beautifully landscaped works of art at this new \$525 million destination resort just outside Dallas that just opened in May. The golf-themed contemporary art collection includes topographic golf course maps, portraits of golf ball cross-sections, golfing motif aprons, and a gravity-defying wall sculpture constructed with vintage golf bags. Other pieces in the collection are all distinctly Texas, from local succulents and wisteria to cowboys and barbecue. Most of the artwork is commissioned by local artists, including a larger-than-life cactus mural by the entrance to the adults-only rooftop infinity pool by Chera Creative.

Spacious fairway suites have massive walk-in showers, standalone bathtubs, and expansive balconies overlooking the 10th hole of the Fields Ranch East course. For larger groups and extended stays, there are ten four-bedroom Texas ranch homes dotted along the greens with in-home chef experiences, a concierge team, and private patios. A short golf cart ride away is the PGA Entertainment District, home to restaurants, a PGA store, and the first Lounge by Top Golf. Even if you aren't interested in golf, there's plenty to do, between sunbathing at the four pools on property to spending a lavish day at Mokara Spa, where the robes are so soft you'll wish you could wear them to dinner. The glittering horse sculpture hanging above the bar at signature restaurant Trick Rider is made up of more than 4,000 Swarovski crystals. Rates start at \$305 for guest rooms, \$599 for suites, and \$3,500 for ranch homes. 4341 PGA Parkway, Frisco, Texas, [omnihotels.com](https://www.omnihotels.com)



[TRAVEL]

THE UMSTEAD HOTEL & SPA

North Carolina

Named after nearby Umstead State Park, the impressive art collection at this Forbes five-star hotel is inspired by nature, with more than 100 paintings, sculptures, and earthenware carefully curated to bring the magic of the outdoors inside. Most of the collection features local and regional artists from North Carolina and surrounding states, including West Virginia's Lynn Boggess, who specializes in plein air painting not with brushes, but rather trowels and palette knives for his signature bold, textured style. North Carolina has a long and venerated tradition of pottery making, and there are many exquisite vases and sculptures on display as well. There are national artists too, like Dale Chiluly, whose abstract glass herons are a nod to the resort's fine dining restaurant, Herons.

Chef Steven Greene draws inspiration from the resort's art collection and the restaurant's regenerative farm to serve an art tour tasting menu, with each dish a culinary interpretation of a piece from the hotel's permanent collection. Greene makes fine dining fun, leaning into Southern hospitality and nature's beauty for bites like cattail corn dog canapés with truffled ketchup to warm poached local oysters over Carolina Gold rice stew. Each dish is a complex work of art itself, layering colors, textures, and flavors with delicate, precise presentations.

For more art exploration, the North Carolina Museum of Art is just ten minutes away, with an art park named for the generous Goodknight family who own the Umstead.

Rates start at \$499. 100 Woodland Pond Drive, Cary, North Carolina, theumstead.com 