



Neighborhood Guide: What to Do in Jackson Square

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Few neighborhoods blend sophistication and charm like San Francisco's **Jackson Square**. Its romantic Gold Rush-era brick buildings—once home to bawdy Barbary Coast saloons and dance halls—now house sleek galleries and some of the city's most elevated dining. The oft overlooked district is a richly atmospheric, design-filled destination just steps from boisterous North Beach and the buttoned-down Financial District.



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Quince

After being shuttered for a two-month remodel, Michael Tusk's Quince reopened just in time to nab its second consecutive Michelin star rating. More warmth and texture were added to the intimate 18-seat dining room while the abbreviated salon remains a perfect spot to fete a special occasion with champagne and caviar. *470 Pacific Ave*



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A towering pile of almond wood visible from the exterior hints at the dramatic open hearth that fuels Quince's handsome sibling restaurant. Rustic spit-roasted meats compliment supple, handmade pastas, and a wine list with bottles all priced at \$50. *490 Pacific Ave*