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ARGONAUT HOTEL

Décor

San Francisco—True to its history on the portside of San Francisco, its breathtaking views of the Bay, and its location at the San Francisco National Maritime National Park, the **Argonaut Hotel** exudes a classic, yet subtle nautical flavor throughout.

Designer Susan Caruso of Intraspec Designs created a warm, inviting environment within the framework of the historic Haslett Warehouse in San Francisco's Cannery and Fisherman's Wharf area. The grand, four-story brick structure, circa 1907, was beautifully refurbished and opened as a destination hotel in 2003. A former Del Monte canning storage facility and nationally registered landmark, the building maintains many original redwood beams, steel doors, and generously proportioned ceilings. Caruso has taken full advantage of these artful elements, beginning with the hotel's ground-level lobby/living room.

As guests enter on the Jefferson Street side of the **Argonaut Hotel**, the polished brass artifacts and numerous interactive displays of the San Francisco Maritime National Park Visitors Center are visible through a window. At the end of the corridor, the lobby opens up into a high-ceilinged room that gives guests the feeling of stepping onto a luxury cruise ship, complete with wide wood plank floors and a central fireplace. Above the fireplace, a painting of an astronomer's clock with its intricate dials and settings, is a focal point. Caruso has given the **Argonaut Hotel's** living room and meeting areas a rich color scheme of deep blues, reds and golden tones, along with porthole-style light fixtures and a wall lined with teak, steamer ship-style chaise lounges topped with thick terrycloth cushions. As guests arrive, porters guide them to a steamer trunk-style reception desk. A stylized fish pattern carpet adds a whimsical touch in the reception area.

Many guest rooms at the **Argonaut Hotel** are laid out like spacious mini-suites, incorporating a small sitting area with a tailored sofa and a coffee table. Furnishings, such as desks and bedside tables are crafted of whitewashed wood, reminiscent of weathered driftwood, giving the room a fresh, beach-house feeling. Other decorative elements include commissioned

artwork of San Francisco landmarks by Curtis Ripley, plantation style shutters on all windows, captain's style desk chairs and navy blue carpeting with bold, gold stars. Some walls are covered in white, yellow and cream stripes while others show off original brick walls and insulated, operable windows. Overstuffed armchairs upholstered with a fanciful, bright yellow fabric with green palm trees add to the charm of each room guest room. Atop each European-styled bed with a down comforter, a star-shaped pillow with the **Argonaut Hotel's** special mark adds another bit of whimsy. Décor in the **Argonaut Hotel's** thirteen suites follows the same comfortable, accommodating style, with the addition of brass telescopes, spa tubs, DVD/CD stereo systems. Guest room bathrooms at the **Argonaut Hotel** are richly appointed with faux antique gold-framed beveled glass mirrors topped with gold-star-and tassel-trimmed vanity lights. Granite vanity tops, shower curtains of thick white terry cloth and walls covered in a soft yellow and blue stripe pattern give them an inviting look and feel. For more information or to make reservations, please visit www.kimptongroup.com or call 800-kimptongroup.

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