

GLOBE TROTTER

Interior designer Jeannie Fraise, founder of Lotus Bleu Interior Design Studio and the just-launched Lotus Bleu Market by Jeannie Fraise, travels to such far-flung locations as Turkey, Ethiopia, Oaxaca, and Morocco to source hard-to-find wares for her new 350-square-foot bazaar, situated within her apartment-like Potrero Hill design studio. Her rotating

collection of one-of-a-kind goods from fair-trade sources—curated by country—runs the gamut from an ottoman made from an antique cotton-and-silk suzani to a custom striped pom-pom pillow created from a hand-spun Ethiopian cotton textile with natural dyes to a vintage tulu rug woven by central Anatolian nomads. Products can be viewed in the showroom Monday through Friday, by appointment only. lotusbleudesign.com



Wine Country Style

Thanks to Greystone Hotels and the Hugh Futrell Corporation, the newly opened Hotel E in Santa Rosa is among wine country's best escapes. Housed in both the historic Empire Building and 19 Old Courthouse Square, the 39-room hotel (which will expand to 70 rooms next year) is equipped with eco-friendly bath products, Keypr in-room service tablets, minifridges, and The Enology Lounge—part wine bar, part living room, and part lobby. Guests can schedule Pedal for Pinot, a guided biking and wine tasting tour through Santa Rosa and Sebastopol; on Saturdays, the hotel's general manager, Vern Lakusta, comes along for the ride. hotelseunorosa.com

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IN THE STARS

Hovering above Union Square (think 360-degree city views) in the Kimpton Sir Francis Drake Hotel, Lizzie's Starlight is a new city staple. Formerly known as the Starlight Room, the 4,100-square-foot reinvented restaurant and dancing venue is layered with wrought iron and crystal chandeliers and artwork curated by local art consultant Julie Coyle, including "Her Majesty," by Michael Kirkbride, and an 18-by-9-foot sculptural wall piece designed as a nod to Queen Elizabeth I's neck collar. Work up an appetite on the dance floor and sample creations from chef Justin Deering (of Scala's Bistro on the hotel's first floor), such as the fancifully named carpetbagger skewers, aka, chilled beef carpaccio paired with crispy oysters and tartar sauce.

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