







Classic San Francisco Sophistication

By Fran Endicott Miller | Photos courtesy of Hotel Drisco

Stroll among the pristine streets and stately homes of Pacific Heights and you're likely to miss it. The elegant Hotel Drisco, housed in a historic 1903 Edwardian building at Pacific and Broderick, blends seamlessly with the gracious mansions surrounding it. Its exclusive location, relaxed residential atmosphere, and luxurious amenities make it the hotel choice for those desiring a quintessential San Francisco neighborhood experience. A respite from the hustle-and-bustle locales of the city's other first-class lodging options, Hotel Drisco is a favorite of visiting dignitaries, family members of those living nearby, and glitterati seeking a bit of privacy.

While updates and upgrades have been made through the years—the most recent remodel having taken place about a year ago—original details such as Honduran mahogany paneling and columns in the lobby are preserved, as is gracious hospitality for which the hotel is well known. “Our top priority continues to be in retaining the local character and refined but relaxed ambiance our guests have always loved us for, while weaving in thoughtful and modern refinements,” says General Manager John Spear, who keeps a stash of international flags on hand to raise for out-of-country visitors.

Such thoughtful, modern refinements are found in every guest room and suite, many of which feature sweeping views of San Francisco and Twin Peaks. Each room is designed in serene hues of cream, taupe, and slate, with striking pops of gold, and each is tastefully appointed with custom-designed furniture and vanities, pillow-top mattresses, custom-made goose down comforters and pillows, eco-friendly touches such as custom glass reusable water bottles, and Nespresso® coffee machines. Marble bathrooms feature radiant-heated floors, lighted fog-free vanity mirrors, walk-in showers, and Bvlgari® toiletries.

While it's true that plush furnishings and luxuriant toiletries can be found at other San Francisco hotels, what truly sets Hotel Drisco apart is its complimentary amenities such as the bountiful, gourmet, European-inspired continental breakfast served in the graceful dining room, featuring scones and clotted cream, prosciutto-wrapped melon, berry smoothies, yogurt parfaits, and a selection of fresh-squeezed juices. Espresso, cappuccino, and lattes are made to order. In the evening, a complimentary wine reception features California reds and whites paired with a gorgeous array of local artisan cheeses and charcuterie. Additional amenities include 24-hour coffee and tea service featuring organic fair trade blends, whole-leaf tea, and citrus water, chauffeur service on weekday mornings, HD-streaming quality Wi-Fi, free neighborhood parking, and 24-hour room service.

Though its location is private and somewhat secluded, Hotel Drisco is located within blocks of many of the city's iconic streets, such as Fillmore, Union, Sacramento, and Chestnut. Explore on foot or borrow a bike from the hotel's fleet. Museums, parks, and live music are also nearby.

“The Hotel Drisco is an iconic property that combines traditional elegance with contemporary residential-style comfort,” says Spear. “Our loyal guests consider the hotel their home away from home because we provide an unparalleled level of gracious and authentic service. The beautiful building and our charming neighborhood location seal the deal.”