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California Casbah. Enter the lobby of Los Angeles' 285-room Figueroa Hotel, near the city's convention center, and enjoy a Moroccan fantasy. (800) 421-9092; www.figueroahotel.com



C food. Vancouver, British Columbia, is known for its fabulous fresh fish. For some of the most innovative ocean cuisine in town, check out C in the city's downtown area. (604) 681-1164; www.crestaurant.com



Hip trip. For an offbeat night in New Orleans, venture into the Central Business District and visit Ampersand. This swinging bar/dance club is in an old bank building; the former vault is now a cozy sitting room. (504) 587-3737; www.ampersandnola.com

Capital Restoration

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