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Crown & Crumpet

Fortnum & Mason meets Irina Turk at the new **Crown & Crumpet** salon in the more-spiffy-by-the-moment Ghirardelli Square complex. Chris and Amy Dean—he grew up in England; she's a native San Franciscan—have steered clear of the expected dried flowers and doilies. Instead, the dining room is all bright pinks and mod shapes, and a flat-screen “fire” burns in the hearth. The afternoon-tea menu, however, sticks to the tried and true: dozens of loose teas by the pot, plus traditional tea sandwiches (cucumber and cream cheese, say, or open-faced smoked salmon), toasted crumpets and flaky scones with house-made lemon curd, clotted cream and jam.

(Reserve the “fairy cakes”—mini cupcakes crusted with royal icing—for any fourth-graders you happen to have in tow.) Lunchtime offers the likes of Welsh rarebit; on Friday and Saturday evenings, the place turns into an aperitif bar, with bubbly, sherry, port and a small selection of savories. 207 E. Ghirardelli Square, 415-771-4252, crownandcrumpet.com —CHRISTINE RYAN



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