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## Summer of Love hotel deals and groovy cocktails



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We're all in favor of celebrations — especially if they involve cocktails — but it's a bit funny to see the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love being touted by luxury hotels. We're not sure this is what the hippies had in mind when they were eschewing capitalism and material goods in the name of peace, love and happiness.

But hey, Nob Hill's [Stanford Court](#) is “getting groovy,” as its marketing materials put it, with a [hotel package](#) that includes a bubble wand, a psychedelic tote bag and two VIP tickets to the De Young's “Summer of Love” exhibit — and it would be uncool to judge, especially where bubble wands are concerned. The [Westin St. Francis](#) is doing its own groovy offer, with De Young tickets, too.

There are Summer of Love cocktails out there, too, including an Electric Koolade — we're told that was Jerry Garcia's fave — at San Francisco's [Laurel Inn](#), and a whole 1967 music-inspired lineup at [Bluestem Brasserie](#). Among the sips: “Groovin” (tequila, rhubarb-apricot shrub and grapefruit juice), “Foxy Lady” (Pimm's No. 1, celery-white wine shrub, fresh lemon and rose) and — because how could anyone resist? — “The Beet Goes On,” made with Hendrick's gin, sparkling apple juice and an apple-beet puree. Best sipped with flowers in your hair.