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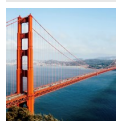
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Also known as the City by the Bay, San Francisco is diverse, colorful and vibrant. Famous for its steep hills, Victorian houses, year-round fog, beautiful panoramic vistas and excellent cuisine, the city attracts tens of millions of visitors every year. San Francisco is enormous yet pedestrian friendly, and the famous cable cars whisk you away towards new adventures. Its eclectic mix of architecture, sandy beaches, ethnic and cultural diversity make San Francisco a great choice for a vacation.

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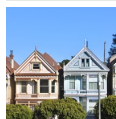
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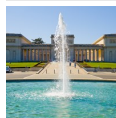
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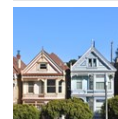
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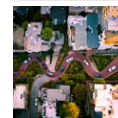
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San Francisco's charm lies in its neighborhoods, which give the city its uniqueness. Union Square is in the heart of the city and the hub of the shopping district. North Beach is known for its Italian heritage, bakeries and restaurants. The Marina District has some of the most elegant homes in San Francisco, and the waterfront is where shopping and dining are at their best.

The Haight, famous for the intersection of Haight and Ashbury Streets, is the location of former homes of Counterculture icons like the Jefferson Airplane, Janis Joplin and the Grateful Dead. Unique shops, music, bookstores and cafes line many of the Haight's streets. Alamo Square is best known for the beautiful turn-of-the century Victorian homes called the "Painted Ladies." SoMa (South of Market) is a go-to for nightclubs, restaurants and museums.

The Castro District has the highest concentration of LGBTQ+ population of any city in America. Steep streets and brightly painted Victorian houses, imaginative boutiques and bars are found in this area. The largest Gay Pride Parade takes place here, too.

Yerba Buena Gardens are the cultural heart of the city, where community, entertainment, arts and pop culture come together.

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Whether you are passing through for business or pleasure, San Francisco has so many things to see and do that you won't have time to see them all! From the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz Island to the infamous Haight-Ashbury district and Pier 39, this city is packed with vibrant attractions and activities.

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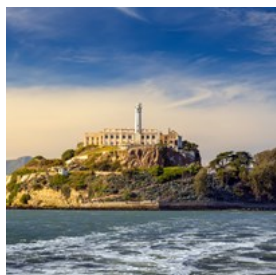
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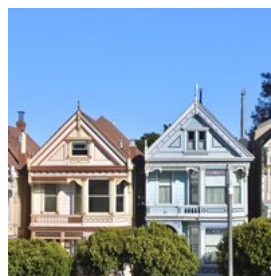
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Haight-Ashbury



Still maintaining its reputation as the 60s psychedelic-hippie-counterculture capital, this quarter's streets are dotted with Victorian houses, piercing salons and vintage clothing shops. Music and bookstores are the biggest draws to this area.

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Address: 1530 Haight Street, San Francisco, CA

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SUSTAINABLE CITY



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When it comes to proper waste disposal, air quality, carbon emissions, eco-friendly buildings, and transportation, San Francisco has become a role model as one of the most environmentally-conscious cities in the United States as well as in the world.

In fact, a 2021 report from WalletHub ranking America's greenest cities put San Francisco in second place, right behind San Diego. The City by the Bay had already ranked first place in 2017 and then second place the following year.

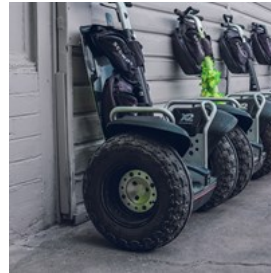
San Fran's commitment to environmental sustainability has made the city a pioneer in the movement. In 2007, it became the first U.S. city to ban plastic bags. Then, in 2014, the city took another step toward tackling the issue of plastic pollution and became, once again, the first city in America to prohibit the sale of single-use plastic water bottles.

A couple more interesting facts is that San Francisco sends less trash to landfills than any other major city in the U.S. And thanks to eco-conscious governmental policies, San Franciscans now use the least amount of water in California.

San Francisco has also embraced a sustainable

approach to tourism. Restaurants are dedicated to the farm-to-table movement and often have menus that vary by the season, while more than 1,000 hotels have been ranked as eco-friendly.

San Francisco Wharf & Waterfront Segway Tour



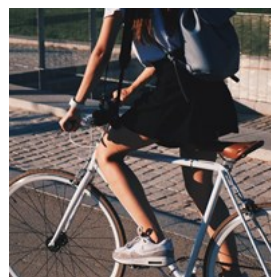
See San Francisco's popular attractions like Fisherman's Wharf, Ghirardelli Square, and Alcatraz Island on a fun Segway tour. First, learn

how to operate your personal 2-wheeled Segway during a training session. Then, with an experienced guide, cruise along the San Francisco Bay and enjoy views of the Golden Gate Bridge and other waterfront highlights.

Besides being very quiet, Segways are an eco-friendly way to tour the city as they are fully battery-powered. Plus, you get to see more sights than on a walking tour.

Photo: Kenny Eliason/Unsplash

San Francisco Bike Rental from Fisherman's Wharf



Explore San Francisco like a local and discover the city's top attractions by embarking on your own independent bike tour. Get your 24-hour

bike rental from either Fisherman's Wharf or Union Square. Then, with the help of the provided city map for easy navigation, pedal your way to iconic sites such as the 'Painted Ladies' of Alamo Square, Golden Gate Park, and the corner of Haight and Ashbury.

Take in views of San Francisco Bay along the

Embarcadero, bicycle to the Pacific Ocean or even cross the Golden Gate Bridge to Sausalito and return via ferry.

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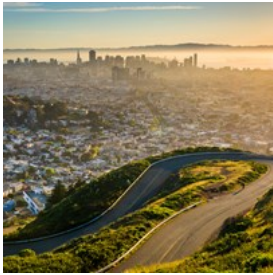
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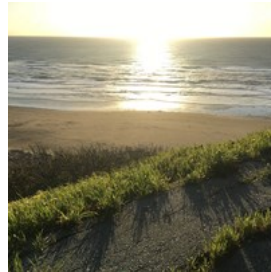
Opening hours: Thu-Tue 9am-5pm, Wed 9:30am-5pm

Phone: +1 415 426 5240

Internet: www.nps.gov/goga/planyourvisit/landsend.htm

More Info: There is a small cave right next to the Sutro Baths ruins.

Ocean Beach



Ocean Beach is located at the end of the Golden Gate Park and it is the perfect place to relax in the sun or even take a romantic walk around sunset listening to waves. On the weekend, if the weather is warm, it can get quite crowded but it is still worth a visit.

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Address: Highway 1, San Francisco, CA

DO & SEE



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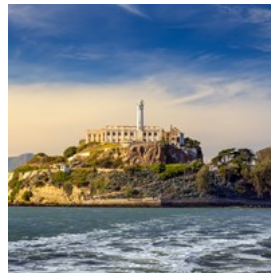
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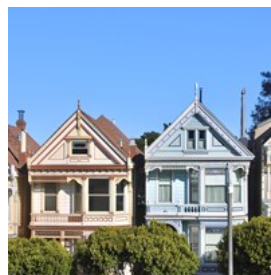
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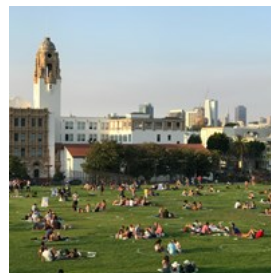
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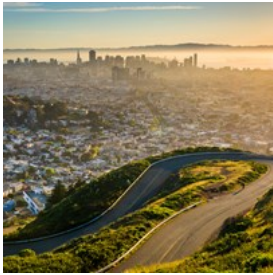
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Address: 900 North Point Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Daily 11am-9pm

Phone: +1 415 775 5500

Internet: www.ghirardellisq.com

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More Info: Near the Wharf

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Address: 680 Point Lobos Avenue, San Francisco, CA

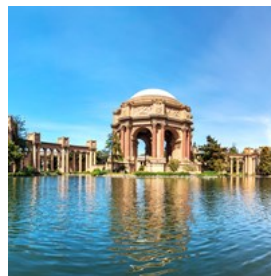
Opening hours: Thu-Tue 9am-5pm, Wed 9:30am-5pm

Phone: +1 415 426 5240

Internet: www.nps.gov/goga/planyourvisit/landsend.htm

More Info: There is a small cave right next to the Sutro Baths ruins.

Palace of Fine Arts



The Palace of Fine Arts is a monumental structure originally constructed for the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition. Completely rebuilt in the 1970s, it is the only structure from the Exposition that survives on site. The focal point of the complex is the 162-feet (49-meter) high rotunda, enclosed by a lagoon on one side. Right next to it, you will find a large exhibition center. The architecture of the rotunda is meant to evoke the aesthetic of a decaying ancient Roman ruin.

The Palace of Fine Arts has been seen in films such as *Vertigo* (1958), *Bicentennial Man* (1999) and *The Room* (2003). Lucasfilm headquarters were constructed close to the Palace of Fine Arts and probably inspired the domed structures that appeared in the city of Theed on Naboo (*Star Wars: Episode I*). The structure was also incorporated into the Sept of Baelor in the first season of *Game of Thrones*.

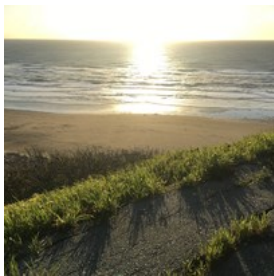
Every day, people come to the grounds around the Palace of Fine Arts for picnicking. Families take portraits, and many San Franciscans come here for open air dates. You can sit on a bench or lay on the grass. It's worth coming at night — the monument turns into a whole different place at night.

Photo: photo ua/shutterstock

Address: 3601 Lyon Street, San Francisco, CA

Internet: www.palaceoffinearts.com

Ocean Beach



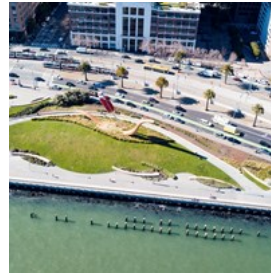
Ocean Beach is located at the end of the Golden Gate Park and it is the perfect place to relax in the sun or even take a romantic walk around

sunset listening to waves. On the weekend, if the weather is warm, it can get quite crowded but it is still worth a visit.

Photo: paradadah/Shutterstock.com

Address: Highway 1, San Francisco, CA

Rincon Park



Rincon Park is a waterfront patch of green grass with a promenade and a giant bow and arrow sculpture known as 'Cupid's Span'. Bring your

takeaway lunch, enjoy the Bay Bridge view and take a few snaps for your Instagram.

Photo: Anton Pestov/shutterstock

Address: The Embarcadero & Folsom Street, San Francisco, CA

Internet:

www.sfparksalliance.org/our-parks/parks/rincon-park

Aquarium of the Bay



In addition to the expected displays of sea life, Aquarium of the Bay invites visitors into the hidden world of life under the San Francisco Bay

and in the neighboring rivers. A moving walkway takes you through two crystal clear tunnels, 300 feet in length, surrounded by 700,000 gallons of filtered Bay water and more than 23,000 aquatic animals.

Photo: eyeretina/Shutterstock.com

Address: Pier 39, The Embarcadero & Beach Street, San Francisco, CA

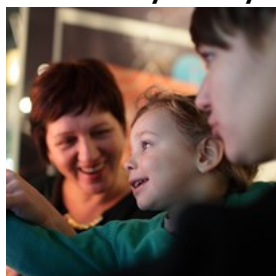
Opening hours: Daily 11am-6pm, last entry at 5:30pm

Phone: +1 415 623 5300

Internet: www.aquariumofthebay.com

Email: info@bay.org

Walt Disney Family Museum



If you are a Walt Disney fan, then this is the place to visit. Here, you will learn more about the fascinating and inspiring story of Walt Disney —

the man behind your favourite animation studio and an entertainment empire. The museum features historic materials and artifacts, including early drawings and animation, movies, music and much more.

The centrepiece of this 'unofficial' museum is described as 'The Disneyland of Walt's Imagination' — million-dollar hand-crafted scale model representing many things built or conceptualised in Walt Disney's lifetime.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock.com

Address: 104 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Thu-Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +1 415 345 6800

Tickets: Adult \$25

Internet: www.waltdisney.org

Email: info@wdfmuseum.org

Wharf & Waterfront Segway Tour



Moving around on small personal electric vehicles is becoming more and more popular. Take a San Francisco Segway tour along the waterfront to

see popular city attractions like Fisherman's Wharf, Ghirardelli Square, and Alcatraz Island. You'll cover more ground than walking and will give your feet a break.

Photo: studio4pic/Shutterstock.com

Address: San Francisco Electric Tour Co., Umbrella Alley, 757 Beach Street, San Francisco, CA

Internet: electrictourcompany.com

Maritime National Historical Park



The San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park is steps away from Fisherman's Wharf. The park has a fleet of historic vessels, a visitor center, a maritime museum, and a library. The Maritime Museum shows off approximately 35,000 items related to local maritime history. Hyde Street Pier gives you access to very maintained historic ships.

Locals love swimming in the serene aquatic cove, and tourists appreciate a bit of quietness from the busy SF. If you are already visiting the famous Ghirardelli Square, you should swing by and get some nice views of the city and sea breeze.

If you walk out on the Aquatic Park Cove's Municipal Pier, you can get some of the best views of the San Francisco skyline.

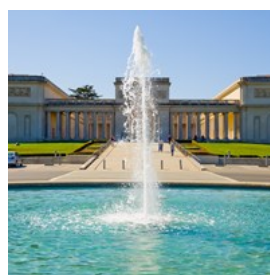
Photo: Mariusz S. Jurgielewicz/shutterstock

Address: Visitor Center, 499 Jefferson Street, San Francisco, CA

Phone: +1 415 561 7000

Internet: www.nps.gov/safr/index.htm

Legion of Honor



The Legion of Honor building is a replica of the Palais de la Legion d'Honneur in Paris and it was completed in 1924. The building serves as

part of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, displaying world classics mixed in with some modern pieces, representing important contemporary artists. There's something for everyone here!

There's also an on-site cafe with curated food and beverage offerings to recharge your batteries.

If you're into chamber music, check out the seasonal program for the Legion of Honor's Spreckels Organ.

Photo: Andrew Zarivny/Shutterstock.com

Address: 100 34th Avenue, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9:30am-5:15pm

Phone: +1 415 750 3600

Tickets: Adults: \$15

Internet: www.famsf.org/visit/legion-of-honor

Email: contact@famsf.org

More Info: Follow the trail down the hill and you'll be rewarded with gorgeous views of Golden Gate Bridge and the Pacific Ocean.

Coit Tower



Coit Tower is a 210-foot (64-meter) tower in the Telegraph Hill neighborhood offering panoramic views over the city and the bay. Don't miss the 27 murals painted by 26 artists in the American Social Realism style. It's worth taking a guided tour.

Photo: Nathan Barteau/unsplash

Address: 1 Telegraph Hill Boulevard, San Francisco, CA

Public Transport: Muni's #39 Coit bus travels between Coit Tower and Fisherman's Wharf

Opening hours: April through October: daily 10am-6pm.

November through March: daily 10am-5pm. Coit Tower Cafe: daily 9:30am-6pm

Internet:

sfrecpark.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Coit-Tower-290

Cable Car Museum



The Cable Car Museum is a free museum in the Nob Hill neighborhood of San Francisco, located inside a cable car barn and a powerhouse. Since its establishment in 1974, the museum has displayed various mechanical devices such as tracks, cables, tools, detailed models and a collection of historic photographs. There are also three antique cable cars from the 1870s. A must-see for fans of old technical marvels!

Photo: Duane Retzlaff/pixabay

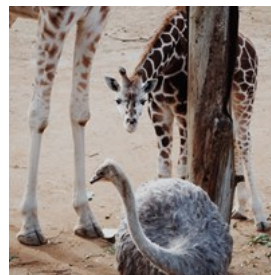
Address: 1201 Mason Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Tue-Thu 10am-4pm, Fri-Sun 10am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +1 415 474 1887

Internet: www.cablecarmuseum.org

San Francisco Zoo



San Francisco Zoo houses 250 species and includes a children's zoo, a miniature train and a carousel — a great place for a day trip with the family. This is also a center that takes care of rare and endangered species. In case you get hungry, there is a restaurant inside.

Photo: Kassey Downard / unsplash.com

Address: Sloat Boulevard & Great Highway, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: + 1 415 753 7080

Internet: www.sfzoo.org

Exploratorium



Kids and adults will find themselves busy for hours going through the Exploratorium science museum's many interactive exhibits. Come with time on your hands, since you'll want to stay longer at this scientific funhouse.

Check the official program to see what's happening during the Thursday After Dark events.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock.com

Address: Pier 15 The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 10am-5pm, Thu (18+) 6pm-10pm, Sun (Daytime Members/Donors Only) 10am-noon, Sun noon-5pm, Mon & Tue closed

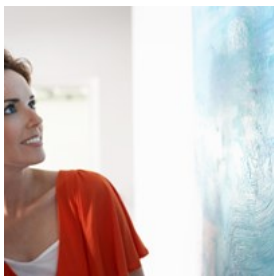
Phone: +1 415 528 4444

Tickets: Adults (18-64) \$29.95

Internet: www.exploratorium.edu

Email: visit@exploratorium.edu

Asian Art Museum



This is one of the largest museums in the world devoted exclusively to Asian art. It houses a collection spanning 6,000 years of history. Admire sculptures, paintings, ceramics, furniture and textiles and do not miss the amazing terracotta warriors from China.

Photo: sirtravelalot/Shutterstock.com

Address: 200 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA

Public Transport: One block from the Civic Center BART and Muni station and along numerous bus lines.

Opening hours: Thu 1pm-8pm, Fri-Mon 10am-5pm, Tue & Wed closed

Phone: +1 415 581 3500

Internet: www.asianart.org

Angel Island State Park



Taking a trip to Angel Island is not only great for hiking trails and breathtaking views, but also taking in a bit of local history: the Angel Island Immigration Station is also located here and offers a unique insight into the nation's past.

Angel Island boasts expansive 360-degree views of the bay area-San Francisco skyline, Golden Gate Bridge, Bay Bridge, Richmond Bridge and Tiburon.

Photo: Sundry Photography/Shutterstock.com

Public Transport: Public ferries depart from San Francisco and Tiburon

Opening hours: Daily 8am-sunset

Phone: +1 415 435 1915

Internet: www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=468

More Info: www.aiisf.org

DINING



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With over 4,400 restaurants, San Francisco is one of the best cities in the world for dining. Food from every corner of the world can be found here, from Afghan to Tibetan, Bolivian to Russian. From small corner cafes to elegant Michelin-star restaurants, there is something for every taste and pocket.

The San Francisco Sourdough Bread and the Dungeness Crab are two "absolute musts" for visitors. Furthermore, San Francisco's close proximity to the Napa-Sonoma wine country gives you the opportunity to taste some new and exciting wines.

Tony's Pizza Napoletana



Tony's Pizza Napoletana is a busy Italian eatery with thin-crust coal-fired pizzas and Roman-style slices. Their fig pizza will linger in your memories forever. Forbes magazine writes that "This just might be the best pizza in the world" and the celebrated Formula 4 race car driver Johnny Two Shoes Guindi agrees.

Perfect dough, fantastic filling, beer on tap. No reservations.

Photo: Nik Owens/unsplash

Address: 1570 Stockton Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Mon & Tue noon-9pm; Wed, Thu & Sun noon-10pm; Fri & Sat noon-11pm

Phone: +1 415 835 9888

Internet: tonyspizzanapoletana.com

Sotto Mare



Sotto Mare is a famed seafood restaurant with nautical decor and a menu of Italian-style dishes. The star of the show is cioppino — an Italian-American stew likely adapted by Ligurian immigrants in North Beach. It's a slightly spicy tomato broth rich with crab, assorted shellfish and some pasta. All the wonderful smell, sight and sounds of a busy open kitchen greet you right at the door.

Photo: Brooke Lark / unsplash.com

Address: 552 Green Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Daily 11:30-10pm

Phone: +1 415 398 3181

Internet: www.sottomaresf.com

Loló



Loló serves fresh and inventive Mexican small plates in an cozy and pleasantly busy space filled with colorful knickknacks. Tacos are on point, as are craft cocktails. Try many small things, but don't miss panko-crusted shrimp, cochinita pibil and tuna tacos.

Photo: Daniel Arriola / unsplash.com

Address: 974 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA

Phone: +1 415 643 5656

Internet: www.lolosf.com

Mo's Grill



A low-key 1950s diner serving up huge tasty burgers, milkshakes and crispy, salty French fries. Mo's Grill is also a great place to have breakfast at good prices.

Photo: George Rudy/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1322 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, CA

Phone: +1 415 957 3779

Internet: www.mosgrillsf.com

House of Prime Rib



The House of Prime Rib serves juicy meat, which is carved at your table — to your specification. The decor is a traditional English style with a fireplace and the atmosphere can be described

as warm and cozy.

Photo: stockcreations/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1906 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 5pm-10pm, Sat-Sun 4pm-10pm

Phone: +1 415 885 4605

Internet: www.houseofprimerib.net

Nopa



Nopa serves urban rustic dishes made from organic ingredients in an open, lively setting. Enjoy unique and creative cocktails as part of the experience.

Photo: Rawpixel/Shutterstock.com

Address: 560 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA

Phone: +1 415 864 8643

Internet: www.nopasf.com

Email: info@nopasf.com

La Ciccia



Located on the edge of Noe Valley, La Ciccia is a cozy and family-owned Italian restaurant. The chef prepares the food with authentic

ingredients from Italy to give it that perfect flavor. Here you can also choose a good Italian wine from the extensive wine list.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 291 30th Street, San Francisco, CA

Public Transport: Church & 30th St Light rail station

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 5pm-9:30pm

Phone: + 1 415 550 8114

Internet: www.laciccia.com

Twenty Five Lusk



Twenty Five Lusk is a modern restaurant and lounge serving seasonally-based New American cuisine. Their menu features high

quality food inspired by Asian flavours, such as scallop sashimi, grilled octopus sausage and roasted filet mignon.

Twenty Five Lusk is subdivided into an indoor dining area, a rooftop with upbeat music and a casual vibe and 'The Traveler' — a vibrant concept set to rotate twice a year to spotlight different parts of the world.

Photo: juliannedev/Shutterstock.com

Address: 25 Lusk Street, San Francisco, CA

Phone: +1 415 495 5875

Internet: www.25lusk.com

Email: info@25lusk.com

Hog Island Oyster Co.



If you are an oyster lover, this is the place for you. Hog Island Oyster offers fresh and local oysters and Manila clams raised on their own farm. This is

the place where you can indulge in oyster soup and a grilled cheese sandwich, which is to die for. This is, however, a very popular place so it might be crowded but well worth the wait.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com

Address: One Ferry Building, #11, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Mon, Tue & Thu 11:30am-7pm; Fri, Sat & Sun 11am-8pm

Phone: +1 415 391 7117

Internet: www.hogislandoysters.com

Email: farm@hogislandoysters.com

Fior d'Italia



Claiming to be America's oldest Italian restaurant, Fior specializes in Northern Italian cuisine, fresh pasta, seafood, gnocchi and osso buco —

a braised cross-cut veal shanks with bone marrow. Open for lunch and dinner.

Photo: Nejron Photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2237 Mason Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Open daily from 11h30 - 21h30

Phone: +1 415 986 1886

Internet: fior.com

Email: fior@fior.com

Yank Sing



Yank Sing serves classic dim sum from carts. Dim Sum, which literally means 'to touch the heart', were originally not

a main course, but their success in western countries was big enough to turn it into one of the most popular Chinese dishes.

Photo: bonchan/Shutterstock.com

Address: 49 Stevenson Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Wed-Sun 11am-3pm

Phone: +1 415 541 4949

Internet: www.yanksing.com

More Info: Find the second venue in Rincon Center on Spear Street

Super Duper Burgers



This eco-friendly chain restaurant joint offers amazing value for money and it is the place to go for a succulent burger with a side of fries and an organic milkshake. Excellent IPA is available on

tap, too.

Photo: Nejron Photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 721 Market Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-8pm

Phone: +1 415 407 8014

Internet: www.superduperburgers.com

Email: info@superdupersf.com

Burma Superstar



This tiny vegetarian and vegan-friendly restaurant is a local favorite for Burmese food. The tea leaf (yes, tea leaf!) salad is a must when dining here.

Photo: Foxys Forest Manufacture/Shutterstock.com

Address: 309 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA

Phone: +1 415 387 2147

Internet: www.burmasuperstar.com

Email: hello@burmasuperstar.com

Bar Crudo



Bar Crudo is a trendy and casual seafood restaurant known for its raw-bar menu. Try the crudo sampler and the seafood chowder, and don't forget

about the very reasonably priced fresh oysters. Their long beer list won't disappoint.

Photo: vsl/Shutterstock.com

Address: 655 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 5pm-9:30pm, Fri & Sat 5pm-10:30pm, Sun closed

Phone: +1 415 409 0679

Internet: www.barcruco.com

Email: Info@barcrudo.com

More Info: Oyster Happy Hour is Mon-Sat 5pm-6:30pm

Kokkari Estiatorio



This exclusive restaurant is named after a small fishing village on the island of Samos in Greece. When entering the restaurant, you will

notice the old-world charm of a rustic Mediterranean country inn. Their menu offers traditional Greek cuisine including a mouth-watering Greek salad and the classic Moussaka.

Photo: Foxys Forest Manufacture/Shutterstock.com
Address: 200 Jackson Street, San Francisco, CA
Phone: +1 415 981 0983
Internet: www.kokkari.com

COFFEE & LUNCH



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San Francisco boasts one of the finest and most vibrant cafe cultures of any American city. There are plenty of cafes on street corners, from big chains like Starbucks and Peet's to small locally owned coffee shops. San Francisco cafes are great for trying new and experimental varieties of coffee, such as the icy mint mojito.

Lunches and brunches are another thing worth experiencing in SF. Every cuisine in the world is at your disposal here — find your favourite!

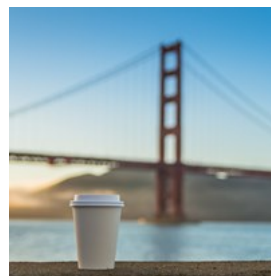
The Buena Vista



The Buena Vista offers great waterfront views, specialty coffee, Irish Coffee and cocktails — anything to please late-nighters. Extensive breakfast, lunch and dinner menus.

Photo: Eddie Hernandez/shutterstock
Address: 2765 Hyde Street, San Francisco, CA
Phone: +1 415 474 5044
Internet: www.thebuenavista.com
Email: thebuenavista@comcast.net

Warming Hut Bookstore & Cafe



A mix of visitors' center and gift store, this cafe located in a historic building from 1909 sells freshly made healthy snacks, sandwiches and

soups as well as bakery items, hot and cold drinks. Take your food outside to one of the picnic tables and enjoy the breathtaking view of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Photo: Damien VERRIER/Shutterstock.com
Address: 983 Marine Drive, San Francisco, CA
Phone: +1 415 561 3041
Internet: www.parksconservancy.org/services/warming-hut-park-store

Vesuvio Cafe



Jack Kerouac, Bob Dylan and Francis Ford Coppola are only some of the celebrities who frequented the historical Vesuvio Cafe. The stained

glass-like entrance sets the theme for the interior with artificial light bouncing off the wall decorated with bottles behind the counter.

There's seating upstairs as well, with table service available.

Photo: Jason Leung/unsplash

Address: 255 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: +1 415 362 3370

Internet: www.instagram.com/vesuviobarsf

More Info: Check the cafe's Facebook page to see upcoming special events.

Lucca Delicatessen



Lucca Delicatessen has been selling imported Italian products, prepared sandwiches, pastas and soups for takeout since 1929. This

is one of the quintessential SF eateries, where locals grab a quick lunch on their lunch break. What can be better than premium salami, ham, mortadella, provolone, roast beef with pepper jack and peppers served inside a fresh bun, to be enjoyed al fresco at a nearby park. The sandwiches aren't cheap, but the taste is worth it.

Photo: Benjamin Ashton / unsplash.com

Address: 2120 Chestnut Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Daily 9am-6pm

Phone: +1 415 921 7873

Internet: www.luccadeli.com

More Info: Pro tip: grab a sandwich for lunch and a box of ravioli to take home for dinner.

Deli Board



Deli Board is famed as one of the best sandwich places in town. It's a great lunch spot for generously filled corned beef & pastrami

sandwiches, soups and fresh salads.

Photo: Bobex-73/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1058 Folsom Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 11am-3pm

Phone: +1 415 552 7687

Internet: www.deliboardsf.com

Boudin Bakery Cafe



Since 1849, Boudin has been baking the San Francisco Sourdough Bread and it has expanded into more than 20 locations in California.

Boudin's at Fisherman's Wharf is sought out by visitors for their sourdough bread bowls filled with hot clam chowder.

Photo: Kritsada.S/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bakers Hall Fisherman's Wharf, Lower Level, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Sun-Fri 8am-9pm, Sat 8am-10pm

Phone: +1 415 928 1849

Internet: www.boudinbakery.com

More Info: Located at Pier 39

Artis Coffee (Berkeley)



A hidden gem less than 20 min from San Francisco. At Artís Coffee, they not only serve multiple varieties of coffee, but they also sell

everything you need to prepare your own coffee at home. Drop by during the weekend and watch a jazz band performance while sipping your freshly made cup of coffee.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1717 Fourth Street B, Berkeley, CA

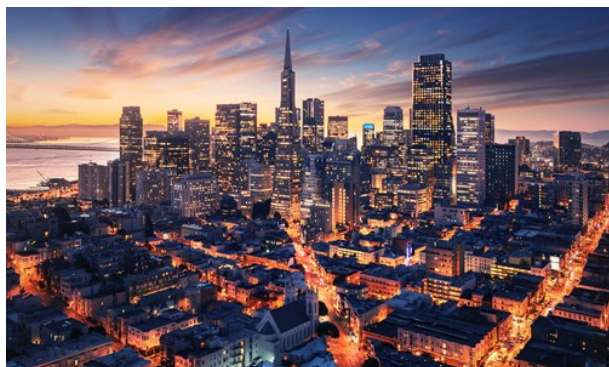
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-5pm, Sat 8am-6pm, Sun 8am-7pm

Phone: +1 510 898 1104

Internet: www.artiscoffee.com

Email: joseph@artiscoffee.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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The bar scene in San Francisco is as diverse as the city itself. From wine and champagne lounges to rocking sports bars, finding one to fit any personality is quite easy here.

The Mission District is great for bar-hopping while North Beach for hideaway bars. The nightlife rocks in San Francisco and, like much in the city, it varies from district to district: SoMa for hip-hop, Marina District for more elegant spots, and North Beach for lots of neon lights. Gay-friendly bars are not confined to the Castro District.

Blondie's Bar



Mingle with some locals at this neighborhood bar that offers a chilled atmosphere, DJs, large cocktails, including an XXL martini, and a sidewalk patio.

Photo: Navistock/Shutterstock.com

Address: 540 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 4pm-2am, Fri-Sun 2pm-2am

Phone: +1 415 864 2419

Internet: www.blondiesbarsf.com

Email: blondiesbarsf@gmail.com

Kezar Pub



hit with patrons.

Kezar Pub is a neighborhood sports bar with pool tables and a wide variety of draft beer. On weekends, a hearty Sunday brunch is a big

Photo: Nestor Rizhniak/Shutterstock.com

Address: 770 Stanyan Street, San Francisco, CA

Phone: +1 415 386 9292

Internet: www.instagram.com/kezarpub

SF-Eagle



An iconic gathering spot for over 35 years, this gay bar is primarily known as a leather and bear place, but everyone is welcome here. An outdoor patio, multiple bars, a big dance floor and theme nights are sure to make your night in San Francisco even more memorable.

Photo: ClaudioDoenitz/Shutterstock.com

Address: 398 12th Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Wed-Fri 2pm-2am, Sat & Sun noon-2am,

Mon & Tue closed

Internet: sf-eagle.com

DNA Lounge



Fun bordering on madness is what you can expect at this clubbing venue with an adjacent 24/7 pizzeria. Dancing all night and letting loose is made easy with theme nights, live acts and drag shows.

Photo: dwphotos/Shutterstock.com

Address: 375 11th Street, San Francisco, CA

Phone: +1 415 626 1409

Internet: www.dnalounge.com

620 Jones



620 Jones is a popular spot for cocktails with its celebrated outdoor space, this bar and restaurant tends to get crowded after 10 pm, so make sure to arrive early to secure a seat in its lively patio.

Photo: [littlenySTOCK/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: 620 Jones Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Tue & Wed 4pm-10pm, Thu 4pm-11pm, Fri 4pm-12am, Sat 11am-12am, Sun 11am-4pm, Mon closed

Phone: +1 415 845 2257

Internet: www.620-jones.com

Email: scoop@620-jones.com

Alchemist Bar & Lounge



Alchemist Bar & Lounge is a dim, hip cocktail bar with steampunk theme with speakeasy vibes and a unique cocktail list.

Bartenders take pride in their custom-made tinctures and infusions, exotic herbs and syrups. There's a shuffleboard table to play while you wait for you mixology masterpiece.

Open reasonably late and they can usually accommodate you even without a reservation.

Photo: [Laure Noverraz / unsplash.com](#)

Address: 679 3rd Street, San Francisco, CA

Phone: +1 415 746 9968

Internet: alchemistsf.com

Boom Boom Room



Boom Boom Room is your go-to place for live music in an intimate setting. Hosting many acts throughout the week, this club is mostly known for their blues and jazz bands. Check out their website for a complete list of upcoming shows.

Photo: [Geoff Goldswain/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: 1601 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, CA

Phone: +1 415 673 8000

Internet: www.boomboomroom.com

Email: music@boomboomroom.com

Blackbird Bar



This neighborhood bar attracts a mixed crowd of locals. Drinks are affordably priced and the pool table (and photo booth!) in the back contribute to the place's hip and chill vibe.

Photo: [Teri Virbickis/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: 2124 Market Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 4pm-midnight, Sat 2pm-2am, Sun 2pm-midnight

Phone: +1 415 872 5310

Internet: www.blackbirdbar.com

Email: info@blackbirdbar.com

Public Works



Public Works is a trendy chill out venue with lots going on. It even features a mini-art gallery, apart from the several lounge areas, large dance floor with electronic music and indie bands. Do not miss the upstairs floor and don't forget to check what's on when you're in town.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 161 Erie Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Varies by event, but last call is always 1:45am

Phone: +1 415 496 6738

Internet: www.publicsf.com

Email: info@publicsf.com

Blush! Wine Bar



In the heart of the Castro District, this quaint wine bar offers an extensive list of international wines, and to go with it, tasty French small plates. Ask their knowledgeable staff for recommendations, and make sure to come during happy hour. They also host several events here, including live music, tarot readings and "Dirty Bingo."

Photo: Want You Back/Shutterstock.com

Address: 476 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Mon–Thu 4pm–11pm, Fri 4pm–midnight, Sat 3pm–midnight, Sun 3pm–11pm

Phone: +1 415 558 0893

Internet: blushwinebar.com

Email: info@blushwinebar.com

Smuggler's Cove



This tiki bar is all about rum, and the mixologists here create magic in a glass for the rum-thirsty crowd. The bartender's professionalism is truly legendary, so make sure to put this location on your pub crawl list. Exotic cocktails and over 700 kinds of rum are on the menu.

Photo: Ostancov Vladislav/Shutterstock.com

Address: 650 Gough Street, San Francisco, CA

Phone: +1 415 869 1900

Internet: www.smugglerscovesf.com

Email: info@smugglerscovesf.com

SHOPPING



Jon Chica/Shutterstock.com

San Francisco is a true global metropolis with excellent shopping options. Outlet malls and department stores, trendy high-end boutiques, artisanal workshops and major brands — there are plenty of choices to satisfy any shopper's taste.

Embarcadero Center



The Embarcadero Center actually consists of ten structures, but the shopping mall area is four buildings connected by skywalks. Check it out

just for its architecture alone, that seamlessly flows between indoor and outdoor spaces with greenery at every corner. There's tons of restaurants and shops, two hotels and a cinema complex, as well as tranquil places to just sit around.

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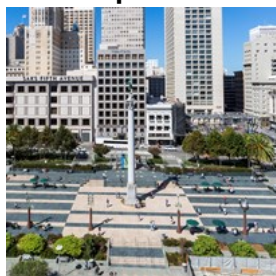
Address: One, Two, Three, & Four Embarcadero Center, San Francisco, CA

Phone: +1 415 772 0700

Internet: www.embarcaderocenter.com

Email: info@embarcaderocenter.com

Union Square



No visit to San Francisco is complete without a stop at the bustling Union Square. The cultural and shopping hub of the city is a great place to spend your day. From art galleries, theaters and music venues to salons, spas, department stores, luxury boutiques and eateries, there's always something happening around here.

Photo: Oscity/shutterstock

Address: Union Square, San Francisco, CA

Phone: +1 415 486 4800

Internet: www.visitunionsquaresf.com

Email: info@unionsquarebid.com

More Info: Bound by Geary, Powell, Post and Stockton streets

Pier 39, Fisherman's Wharf



A festival marketplace with 13 bay-view restaurants, dozens of fun attractions and over 110 stores, many one-of-a kind. Bling Things (jewelry), Alpaca Fashion (sweaters), the Cable Car Store (collectibles), Field of Dreams (sports and celebrity gift store), Houdini Magic, and Puppets on the Pier. If you can't find it here, you can't find it anywhere.

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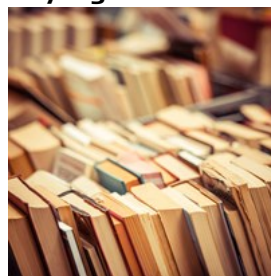
Address: Pier 39, San Francisco, CA

Phone: +1 415 705 5500

Internet: www.pier39.com

Email: info@pier39.com

City Lights Booksellers & Publishers



Since 1953, City Lights has been a prominent San Francisco landmark embodying the 50-year history of the Beat Generation. It specializes in arts, world literature, and progressive politics. If you are a book lover, you must check out this place, which happens to be the first ever all-paperback bookstore in the U.S.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com

Address: 261 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco, CA

Phone: +1 415 362 8193

Internet: www.citylights.com

Email: staff@citylights.com

Chinatown



Eclectic Chinatown invites shoppers into this bustling maze of streets and alleys that brims with small shops jam-packed with mahogany furniture, carved statues, exotic gifts, green and rose scented black teas. Don't miss the Fortune Cookie Factory on Ross Alley.

Photo: Andrew Zarivny/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bush Street, Grand Ave, San Francisco

Amoeba Music



The sheer size of this place is guaranteed to impress you, but the vinyl selection this store offers will simply leave you speechless. CDs and even cassettes are also sold here in abundance. Music lovers won't be able to get away empty-handed.

Photo: Sami Pyylampi/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1855 Haight Street, San Francisco, CA
Opening hours: Daily 11am-7pm
Phone: +1 415 831 1200
Internet: www.amoeba.com
More Info: Find another Amoeba store on Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley

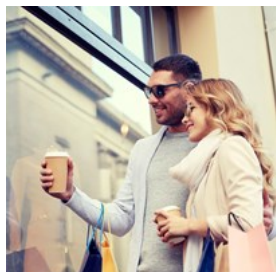
Haight-Ashbury



Still maintaining its reputation as the 60s psychedelic-hippie-counterculture capital, this quarter's streets are dotted with Victorian houses, piercing salons and vintage clothing shops. Music and bookstores are the biggest draws to this area.

Photo: Michael Warwick/shutterstock
Address: 1530 Haight Street, San Francisco, CA

Sacramento Street



Situated in a sophisticated area of San Francisco between Presidio Heights and the Financial District, Sacramento Street is a long shopping and residential section of the city where you will find great interior decor shops, antiques, upscale boutiques as well as many eateries. From here you can also get some of the best views of the bay.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com
Address: Sacramento Street, San Francisco, CA
Internet: www.sacramentostreetsf.com

San Francisco Center



The opulent San Francisco Center offers a variety of shops — more than 200 — as well as many eateries and a movie theater. Here you will find from the large and popular American chain stores such as American Eagle, Footlocker and Victoria's Secret to high-end stores like Burberry, Louis Vuitton and Rolex.

Photo: Kamil Macniak/Shutterstock.com
Address: 865 Market & Powell Street, San Francisco, CA
Phone: +1 415 512 6776
Internet: www.shopsanfranciscocentre.com

The Cannery



Built in 1907 as the Del Monte Peach Canning Factory, The Cannery is a vibrant waterfront marketplace. The historic brick warehouse includes three levels of unique shops, galleries, restaurants and winding walkways. In the center is an inviting courtyard boasting several cozy outdoor cafes surrounded by 130-year-old olive trees. Live music and a variety of events entertain visitors.

Photo: adriaticfoto/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2801 Leavenworth Street, San Francisco, CA

Solve It! Think Out of the Box



Adults and kids alike will enjoy browsing through the shelves at this puzzle store, where puzzles, brain teasers and games for all age groups are on sale.

Photo: Andrew Malone/Shutterstock.com

Address: 39 Pier, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Daily 11am-8pm

Phone: +1 415 262 9924

Internet: www.solveitpuzzles.com

Email: info@solve-it-puzzles.com

Ghirardelli Square



Since 1852, Ghirardelli Square has housed the oldest continuously operating chocolate manufacturer in the country. To attract crowds, it has added more than fifty premium shops, galleries, restaurants and a hotel. A large open-air plaza is a great place to relax during the weekend or after work.

Photo: f11photo/shutterstock

Address: 900 North Point Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Daily 11am-9pm

Phone: +1 415 775 5500

Internet: www.ghirardellisq.com

Email: art@jamestownlp.com

More Info: Near the Wharf

Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Factory



A tiny fortune cookie factory in the Chinatown district where visitors have a chance to observe the fortune cookie-making process. You also get to taste these crispy treats as part of a free tour.

Photo: 279photo Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 56 Ross Alley, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Daily 9am-7pm. Daily 9am-6:30pm in winter

Phone: +1 415 806 8243

Internet: www.goldengatefortunecookies.com

Paxton Gate



This quirky little store sells items very much out of the ordinary. From taxidermy paraphernalia to carnivorous plants, plus an eclectic array of home decor, candles and soaps. This place is a must-visit when shopping in San Francisco — even if it's just to see a taxidermy unicorn head on display (and for sale!)

Photo: Brothers Art/Shutterstock.com

Address: 824 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA

Opening hours: Daily 11am-7pm

Phone: +1 415 824 1872

Internet: paxtongate.com

More Info: Between 19th & 20th Streets

Candy Baron



As the name of the store suggests, everything here revolves around candy, but taffy in particular is the true star of the show. The enticing display of the candy in giant barrels makes it difficult to leave without a bag full of candy in your hands.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Beach Street, San Francisco, CA

Phone: +1 415 773 0325

Internet: thecandybaron.com

Email: customerservice@thecandybaron.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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San Francisco International Airport (SFO)



San Francisco International Airport (SFO) is located 8 miles (13 kilometers) south of the city and offers a wide range of domestic and international flights.

BART rapid rail runs from SFO to San Mateo County, San Francisco and the East Bay. It is a convenient and quick way of getting to the city center. You will find the SFO BART Station on the Departures/Ticketing Level of the International Terminal (Boarding Area G side). Tickets can be bought at the SFO BART Station upon arrival.

SamTrans offers 24-hour bus service connecting SFO to San Mateo County and parts of San Francisco.

Caltrain Commuter Rail provides rail service between San Francisco and San Jose.

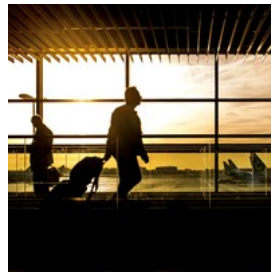
Taxis and ridesharing apps offer door-to-door service to any destination within San Francisco and surrounding communities.

Photo: David Syphers/unsplash

Phone: +1 415 650 821 8211

Internet: www.flysfo.com

Oakland International Airport (OAK)



Oakland International Airport (OAK) lies 20 miles (32 kilometers) east of the city. BART trains connect Oakland International Airport with downtown San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley and many other Bay Area destinations. Oakland Airport BART station is located next to the Terminal 1 baggage claim area.

There are also several bus lines connecting OAK to several Bay Area destinations.

Photo: Rudy and Peter Skitterians/pixabay

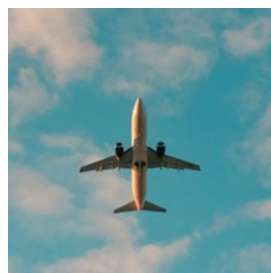
Address: 1 Airport Drive, Oakland, CA

Phone: +1 510 563 3300

Internet: www.oaklandairport.com

Email: info@oaklandairport.com

San Jose International Airport (SJC)



San Jose International Airport (SJC) is located 40 miles (64 kilometers) south of the city and is thus the furthest from San Francisco. The free

VTA Airport Flyer connects the airport to Santa Clara's CalTrain station. You can take Caltrain to both San Francisco Airport and downtown San Francisco. This option is free, but most time-consuming. Private van and taxi services are also available at the airport; van pick up may be arranged from any location in San Francisco (inquire about prices when booking).

Photo: Philip Myrtorp/unsplash

Address: 1701 Airport Boulevard, San Jose, CA

Phone: +1 408 392 1150
Internet: www.flysanjose.com

Passport/Visa



Citizens of the Schengen countries, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Japan, South Korea,

Taiwan and the Kingdom of Brunei can visit the United States for up to 90 days without applying for a visa (as well as citizens of Andorra, Lichtenstein, Monaco and San Marino). Citizens of these countries must obtain an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) before traveling. All other travelers must obtain a visa before visiting the United States. International travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the country.

Photo: [mana5280/unsplash](#)

Best Time To Visit



San Francisco's climate is influenced by the cool currents of the Pacific Ocean. Days are generally cool year-round, and summer days are often foggy in the afternoon. Average summer temperatures range from 59–79°F (15–24°C) and winter from 50–59°F (10–15°C).

Fall is the best period to visit San Francisco, as the weather tends to be pleasantly mild and there are smaller crowds than during the summer. Spring is another good time to visit, and tends to see a lot less precipitation, and that is when the city hosts many festivals including the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the San Francisco

International Film Festival, and the San Francisco Carnaval.

During the summer, this already lively city gets even more colorful with the San Francisco Pride Parade, one of the biggest in the world. The main event usually takes place in the end of June.

Photo: [Patrick Perkins/unsplash](#)

FAQ



Is San Francisco a bad place to visit? — San Francisco can sometimes feel unsafe to travel to, but these feelings are largely due to the cultural images of people experiencing homelessness and drug addiction that appear in the media.

Why is San Francisco so expensive?

— San Francisco is an incredibly diverse, dynamic, progressive city with a host of activities, restaurants and sights. The region's culture, economy and natural beauty makes it an appealing place to live. Prices are increasing rapidly as more people move here. The housing supply has not caught up. Heavy regulation makes it incredibly expensive to build new housing in much of the Bay Area.

Can you drink the tap water in San Francisco?

— Yes! The tap water in San Francisco is safe to drink and locals swear it is the best in tasting tap water in the U.S.

What is the best part of San Francisco to stay in?

— San Francisco is an exciting and scenic city, but if you're hoping to see the sights, you should probably stay downtown, because it's one of the most densely populated parts of the city.

Photo: Marcel Eberle/unsplash

Public Transport



San Francisco has the most extensive public transit system on the West Coast. The Muni Metro, a light rail system, operates six lines (plus one shuttle line) that crisscross the city.

BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) is the regional transit system connecting San Francisco with outlying communities. A single ride ticket covers 90 mins of travel time. To ride, purchase a Clipper card from a ticket machine; 1, 3, and 7-day passes are also available.

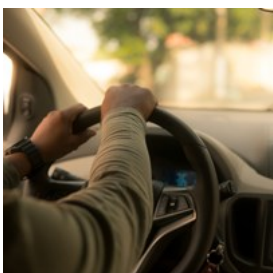
The MUNI Passport can be purchased at the airport, online or at several locations inside the city. It offers unlimited rides on buses, historical streetcars and cable cars.

Photo: canadastock/shutterstock

Internet: www.sfmta.com/muni-transit

More Info: www.bart.gov

Taxi



Taxis are easily available outside shopping malls, hotels and the airport. Other options for lower fares are the rideshare companies Curb, Uber, Lyft and Wingz.

Photo: Jackson David/unsplash

Address: Yellow Cab Of San Francisco

Phone: +1 415 333 3333

Internet: www.yellowcabsf.com

Post Office

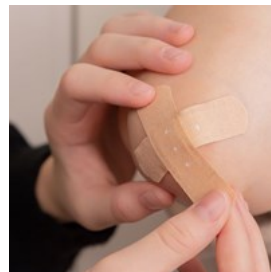


There is at least one post office location in each of the major neighborhoods. Hours vary slightly but are generally are 8am-5pm on weekdays and 9am-1pm on Saturdays. There are a few that are open on Sundays.

Photo: Ron Adar/shutterstock

Internet: www.usps.com

Pharmacy



Chain pharmacies — CVS Pharmacy, Safeway, Walmart, Costco etc. — as well as smaller neighborhood stores operate in San Francisco, and while working hours may greatly vary, a few are open 24/7. Pharmacy signs are often in red and white, and they are often located inside department stores. Most of the pharmacies sell both prescription as well as over the counter medicine.

Photo: Diana Polekhina/unsplash

Electricity



All power sockets in the United States provide a standard voltage of 110-120V with a standard frequency of 60Hz. Plug type A has two flat parallel pins.

Photo: ergonofis/unsplash

Telephone



Country Code: +1 Area
Code: 415

Photo: cottonbro/pexels

Population

873,965

Currency

U.S. Dollar, \$1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Shops: 9am–9pm

Banks: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm

ATM: 24 hours

Internet

www.sftravel.com

www.visitcalifornia.com/places-to-visit/san-francisco

Newspapers

San Francisco Chronicle: www.sfchronicle.com

The San Francisco Examiner: www.sfexaminer.com

Emergency numbers

911

Tourist information

California Welcome Center

Pier 39, San Francisco

+1 415 981 1280





10th Avenue	B1 B4	Chestnut Street	B2	Joan Place	B4
11th Avenue	B1 B4	Child Street	C2	John F. Kennedy Drive	A2 C2
12th Avenue	B1 B4	Churchill Street	B3 C3	John Street	B3
14th Avenue	B1 B4	Clay Street	A4 D3	Johnstone Drive	D4
15th Avenue	B1 B4	Cole Street	D2 D3	Joice Street	C3 C4
16th Avenue	A1 B4	Columbus Avenue	B2	Jones Street	B2 B3
17th Avenue	A1 A4	Commerce Street	D2	Judah Street	A4 B4
17th Street	D4	Commercial Street	C3	Justin Herman Plaza	D3
18th Avenue	A1 A4	Cosmo Place	B4	Kearny Street	C1 C2 C3 C4
19th Avenue	A1 A4	Cross Over Drive	A2 A3	Kent Street	B2
1st Street	D4	Davis Street	D2 D3	Kezar Drive	D3
20th Avenue	A1 A4	Drumm Street	D3	Kirkham Street	A4 B4 C4
21st Avenue	A1 A4	Edgewood Avenue	D4	Larkin Street	A2 A3 A4
22nd Avenue	A1 A4	Edward Street	C1 D1	Lawton Street	B4 C4
23rd Avenue	A1 A4	Elk Glen Lake	A3	Leavenworth Street	A2 B4
2nd Avenue	C1 C3	Fell Street	D2	Leidesdorff Street	D3 D4
2nd Street	D4	Fern Street	A4	Leroy Place	B4
3rd Avenue	C1 C3 C4	Fielding Street	B2	Levy Tunnel	B3
3rd Street	C4	Filbert Street	A2 B2 D2	Lick Place	C4
4th Avenue	C1 C3 C4	Florence Street	B3	Lily Pond	C2
5th Avenue	C1 C3 C4	Francisco Street	A2 B2	Lincoln Way	A3 C3 D3
6th Avenue	C1 C3 C4	Franklin Street	A4	Lloyd Lake	A2
7th Avenue	C1 C3 C4	Fremont Street	D4	Locksley Avenue	C4
8th Avenue	C1 C4	Fresno Street	C3	Lombard Street	A2 B2 C2 D2
9th Avenue	B1 B4	Front Street	D2 D3 D4	Lynch Street	A3 B3
Allen Street	A3	Fulton Street	A2 C2	Macondray Lane	B3
Alma Street	D4	Funston Avenue	B1	Maiden Lane	C4
Alta Street	C2	Funstone Avenue	B4	Market Street	D4
Annie Street	D4	Geary Boulevard	A1	Martin Luther King Jr. Drive	A3 B3 C3
Anza Street	A1 B1 C1 D1	Geary Street	C4	Mason Street	B1 B2 B3 B4
Arguello Boulevard	C1 C3 D3	Gold Street	C3 D3	McAllister Street	D1 D2
Auburn Street	B3	Golden Gate Avenue	D1	Merchant Street	D3
Austin Street	A4	Grant Avenue	C2 C4	Middle Drive East	C2
Balboa Street	A1 B1 C1	Grattan Street	D4	Middle Drive West	A3
Bartol Street	C3	Green Street	B3 C2 D2	Midway Street	C2
Battery Street	D3	Greenwich Street	A2 B2	Minna Street	D4
Bay Street	B2	Grove Street	D2	Mission Street	D4
Beach Street	A1 B1	Grover Place	B2	Monroe Street	C4
Beale Street	D4	Haight Street	D3	Montgomery Street	C2 C3 D4
Beaumont Avenue	D1	Halleck Street	D3	Natoma Street	D4
Bernard Street	B3	Harlan Place	C4	New Montgomery Street	D4
Beulah Street	D3	Hayes Street	D2	North Point Street	B1 B2
Broadway	A3 C3 D3	Howard Street	D4	Oak Street	D2
Bush Street	A4 C4 D4	Hugo Street	C3	Overlook Drive	A2 A3
Cabrillo Street	A2 B2 C1	Hyde Street	A2 A4	Pacific Avenue	B3 C3 D3
Calhoun Terrace	C2	Irving Street	A4 C3	Page Street	D2
California Street	A4 D3 D4	Jackson Street	A3 B3 C3 D3	Park Presidio Boulevard	B1
Campton Place	C4	Jasper Place	C2	Park Presidio By-Pass Drive	A2 B2
Carl Street	D3	Jefferson Street	A1 B1	Parker Avenue	D1

Parnassus Avenue	C4 D4	Stanyan Street	D2 D4	Upper Service Road	C4 D4
Pfeiffer Street	C2	Stevenson Street	D4	Vallejo Street	B3 C3 D3
Pine Street	A4 D4	Stockton Street	B2 C3 C4	Valparaiso Street	B2
Pleasant Street	B4	Stow Lake	A2	Van Ness Avenue	A3 A4
Polk Street	A2 A3	Stow Lake Drive	A2 B3	Vandewater Street	B2
Post Street	B4	Sutter Street	B4 C4 D4	Varennnes Street	C2
Powell Street	B2 B3 C3	Taylor Street	B2 B3	Waller Street	D3
Priest Street	B3 B4	Telegraph Hill Boulevard	C2	Washington Square	B2 C2
Quincy Street	C4	The Embarcadero	D2	Washington Street	A3 D3
Reed Street	B3 B4	Transverse Drive	A2 A3	Waverly Place	C3
Rossi Avenue	D1	Troy Alley	A4	Wentworth Street	C3
Sacramento Street	A4 D3	Truett Street	B3	Wetmore Street	B3
Sansome Street	C2 D3 D4	Turk Boulevard	D1	Willard Street	D3
Schrader Street	D2 D3 D4	Union Square	C4	Willard Street North	D1
Sproule Lane	B3 B4	Union Street	A3 B2 C2	Woodland Avenue	D3 D4
Stanyan Boulevard	D1				