

Welcome to San Francisco Bay Area

[1] San Francisco International Airport also known as the 23rd largest airport in the world, is organized and fast. If you are lucky, you can get from plane to taxi within half an hour. It is very convenient to shuttle around the airport by taking the AirTrain, it provides year-round service 24 hours a day and connects the Rental Car Center with all terminals, terminal and long-term garages and the BART Station. It's also wheelchair-friendly as space is designated for wheelchairs at each end of AirTrain cars.

[2] Getting into town: The easiest way to get from the airport to the center of town is the BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit), SamTrans (the public bus service), Caltrain (provides rail service between San Francisco and San Jose), rent a car and even ride a bike. From the airport you can also take a taxi, but it will be more expensive. And the cheapest way is taking the BART.

[3] Taxis: With the starting price at US\$3.5 (CN¥23) for the first 322 meters and then US\$1.71 (CN¥11) per kilometer, it's a little bit expensive than their counterparts in Hong Kong or mainland China. Therefore, it is not recommended to take a taxi.

[4] Rapid Transit: The BART is the easiest and fastest way to get around. It's fast, safe, reliable, clean and quality. It connects the San Francisco Peninsula with communities in the East Bay and South Bay, so it's easy to get around taking it. However, security problems may occur at the station, so be careful.

[5] Weather: The San Francisco Peninsula is surrounded by water on three sides and is affected by the Pacific California cold current. San Francisco has a typical cool summer Mediterranean climate. Therefore, the summer in San Francisco is usually not very hot. The best time to come is in summer and autumn — May to September.

[6] Dining: San Francisco is a diversified city, it integrates cultures from all over the world, which is also reflected in dining. But what's the point of coming to San Francisco if you're not going to eat California native cuisine? For California cuisine, go to Quince, which is located in a historic and quaint landmark building, and is headed by the famous chef Michael Tusk. He is very good at using fresh seasonal ingredients to cook super delicious. There are two menus for you to choose from here every night, as well as the matching wines, which will definitely satisfy you. It now boasts three Michelin stars.

[7] Tipping: In America, tipping is very essential. Generally, in a restaurant, you should give a 15% tip. If you think the service is good, you can choose to tip 20% or more. Conversely, if you feel that the service is not good, you can choose to tip 10%. In other aspects, a 15% tip is generally given.

[8] A Ride and a Walk: Battery Spencer, with its panoramic views of the Golden Gate Bridge, downtown San Francisco and the skyline, is a great place to take photos. It takes about 15 minutes to walk up from the mountain, and the wind is relatively strong up there. Then, you can go to the Palace of Fine Arts. It's very close to the Golden Gate Bridge. It is retro and spectacular. And is a secluded corner of the bustling city of San Francisco. Sometimes, you can see young couples holding weddings here too.

[9] Technology: The Silicon Valley, located to the south of the San Francisco Bay Area, is a world-renowned high-tech industrial zone. The headquarters of many famous companies such as Google, Apple and Intel are located here.