

# 11 San Francisco!

## Preview

### 1 CULTURE

San Francisco attracts more than sixteen million visitors a year. There are many things to do in the city, from shopping at Fisherman's Wharf to walking over the Golden Gate Bridge. While visitors come all year, the summer is the most popular time. It never gets extremely cold or hot in San Francisco, but it can be fairly cool much of the time.

*Have you heard of any other interesting places to visit in or around San Francisco?*

*What is one of the most interesting cities to visit in your country?*

*What do tourists do there?*



### 2 VOCABULARY *Taking a trip*

**PAIR WORK** Match the pictures with the words in the glossary below.



1. architectural details



2. ....



3. ....



4. ....



5. ....



6. ....

**aquarium** a museum for fish and other animals and plants that live under or near water

✓ **architectural details** the things that make buildings special

**bay** an area of water that is partly enclosed by land, but is open to the sea

**cable car** a type of public transportation that is pulled by a moving cable under a track on the street

**monuments** buildings or structures built to remember an important person or event in history

**wharf** a structure that is built on the water for boats, fishing, business, or tourism

### 3 GUESS THE STORY

Watch the video with the sound off. What do you think Dr. Smith is most interested in seeing?



1. Alamo Square



2. Golden Gate Bridge



3. Japanese Tea Garden

### Watch the video

### 4 GET THE PICTURE

What places does the hotel clerk tell Dr. and Mrs. Smith about? Circle them. Then compare with a partner.

Alamo Square  
Alcatraz  
Coit Tower

Fisherman's Wharf  
Ghirardelli Square  
Golden Gate Park

Japanese Tea Garden  
Lombard Street  
Muir Woods

### 5 WATCH FOR DETAILS

Why does the clerk say the Smiths should go to the places below? Complete the sentences. Then compare with a partner.



1. You should visit Fisherman's .....  
You can find a little bit of ..... there.



2. Alamo Square is a small ..... surrounded by really wonderful .....  
We call them Painted .....



3. Lombard Street is a very steep .....  
with a lot of .....



4. The most ..... way to drive to San Francisco is across the ..... Bridge.

## 6 COMPLETE THE STORY

Complete the paragraph below. Choose words from the list.  
Then compare with a partner.

Alamo Square  
Alcatraz Island  
boat ride  
cable car

Fisherman's Wharf  
Golden Gate Bridge  
Golden Gate Park  
Highway 101

Lombard Street  
✓ Northern California  
Painted Ladies  
Tea Garden

The Smiths arrived in San Francisco from Northern California. They entered the city by driving over the ..... They decided to start their visit with a ride on a ..... Next, they took a boat ride to ..... Then, they walked through ..... and saw the Japanese ..... After that, they went to ..... to do some shopping. The next day, they drove down curvy ..... very slowly, and then they went to ..... to see the colorful Victorian Houses.

## Follow-up

## 7 SAN FRANCISCO

**GROUP WORK** Imagine you have two days in San Francisco. Plan your itinerary.  
You can use these tourist attractions and any other places from this unit.



Chinatown



The Asian Art Museum



A bus tour of the city



A San Francisco  
Giants baseball game



Shopping around  
Union Square



The chocolate festival  
at Ghirardelli Square

## 8 YOUR CITY

**A GROUP WORK** Now, imagine the Smiths are visiting your city. Plan their itinerary. Give at least six suggestions, like this:

A: First, I think they should go to ...

B: Yes, and they should also visit the ...

**B CLASS ACTIVITY** Share your information with the class.

## Language close-up

### 9 WHAT DID THEY SAY?

Watch the video and complete the conversation. Then practice it.

*The Smiths are checking out of their Northern California hotel.*

- Clerk: Thank you. .... Here ..... is your card and a copy of the .....
- Mrs. Smith: .....
- Clerk: ..... you enjoy your stay with ..... ?
- Dr. Smith: Yeah, it was ..... , thank you.
- Clerk: ..... are you traveling to ..... ?
- Dr. Smith: We're heading ..... , to San Francisco.
- Clerk: San Francisco is ..... !
- Mrs. Smith: We're going to ..... there for just a couple of .....
- Clerk: ..... you ..... there before?
- Dr. Smith: Well, I've been ..... once, when I was a ..... , but Mona, she's ..... been there.
- Clerk: What are you ..... to do ..... you're there?
- Mrs. Smith: No plans. We just want to ..... I want to see all the .....



### 10 SHOULD AND SHOULDN'T Giving advice

**A** Complete these sentences with **should** or **shouldn't**. Then compare with a partner.

- When you visit a foreign country, you should learn a few words of the local language.
- You ..... find out about the weather before you travel.
- To be safe, you ..... carry a lot of cash when you travel.
- You ..... do some research on interesting places to visit.
- You ..... be afraid to ask local people questions.

**B PAIR WORK** Give advice for things visitors to your city should or shouldn't do. Write three suggestions in each column.

They should ...	They shouldn't ...
1. ....	1. ....
2. ....	2. ....
3. ....	3. ....