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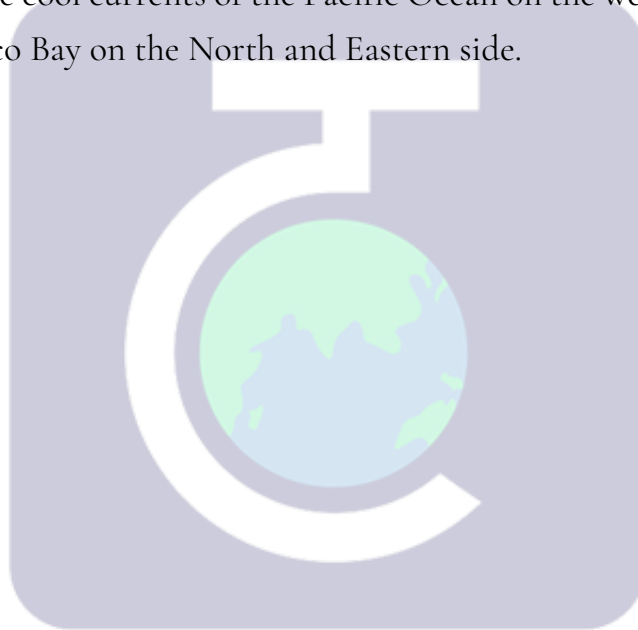
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1. Geographical location

San Francisco California is considered the cultural, commercial and financial center of Northern California. It is also known to be the only consolidated city-county in California. San Francisco has a land area of 46.9 square miles which is approximately 121 square kilometers. Located on the northern end of the San Francisco Peninsula, it is the smallest county in the state. San Francisco is known to have moist mild winters and dry summers. Its weather is strongly influenced by the cool currents of the Pacific Ocean on the west side of the city and the water of the San Francisco Bay on the North and Eastern side.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

San Francisco Is One Of The Most Beautiful Cities In USA. This City Is One Of The Best Places For Visitors Who Love Nature And Mountain Tops. If You're In San Francisco And Have A Few Extra Days In Hand, Here Are Some Close Cities You Could Visit. The Neighboring Cities/countries San Bruno (19kms Away From San Francisco), Albany (23kms Away From San Francisco), Daly City (15kms Away From San Francisco) And Mill Valley (23kms Away From San Francisco) Are All In California And Are Beautiful Cities. Some Major Cities Like San Jose (78kms Away From San Francisco) And Stockton (134kms Away From San Francisco) Are Also Close To San Francisco. If You're Looking For The Local Towns You Can Visit Banneker Homes (1km Away From San Francisco), Opera Plaza (1km Away From San Francisco), Frederick Douglass Haynes Gardens (1km Away From San Francisco), Valencia Gardens (3kms Away From San Francisco), Friendship Village (2kms Away From San Francisco) And Thomas Paine Square (1km Away From San Francisco).

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3. Significance

San Francisco and its landmarks have become recognizable worldwide due to its frequent portrayal in film, music and popular culture. The city attracts the fifth-highest number of foreign visitors/ tourists of any city in the United States and also ranks fiftieth out of a hundred most visited cities in the world according to Euromonitor International. When it's foggy in the morning, you may spend a few hour of your time in one of San Francisco's many world-class museums. The Golden Gate Park is home to the M.H de Young Memorial Museum, which has an impressive collection of both indigenous and contemporary art. The Museum's former Asian collection is currently permanently housed in the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco. Across from this museum is the California Academy of Sciences, where visitors explore the huge array of science exhibits that include a natural history museum and an aquarium. In the Lincoln Park lies the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, in the Nob Hill you'll find the Cable Car Museum, which offers exhibits on the famous Cable Cars of San Francisco. The Museum provides a history and background about these moving landmarks in the city. The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, the Museum of the African Diaspora, Zeum, the Moscone Museum, the Museum of Craft and Folk Art, and the cartoon Museum are all located in SoMa, to the south of the Union Square. These museums, comprise of exhibits on art and history of San Francisco and other parts of the world. The culture and traditions of the entire city can be learned at some of these museums. San Francisco has a number of Parks that range from the tiny to the huge. The most famous park is the Golden Gate Park found in the Avenues District. The park features windmills, museums, bison, and a carousel among many other hidden in its charms. The park contains the modern, and ethnic art focused on de Young Museum, the antique palatial greenhouse (Conservatory of Flowers), the new California Academy of Sciences, a collection of plant species from across the world in the Strybing Arboretum and the large Japanese Tea Garden. During sunny days, visitors flock to Mission Dolores Park, which resembles a large party, with coolers of beer, music, and medical marijuana treatment. During the 1906 fire that destroyed much of San Francisco City, one of the few fire hydrants which were working was

found near the Southwest corner of the Mission Dolores Park. The located fire hydrant provided water which helped in stopping the fire. This fire hydrant still functions today and is usually repainted gold once every year during the 1906 earthquake anniversary. The diversity of options for enjoying music and theater in San Francisco is huge. Visitors can go to a concert or other performances at venues such as the Old First Church, the San Francisco Conservatory, the Museum of the Legion of Honor, and Florence Gould Theater among many other venues.



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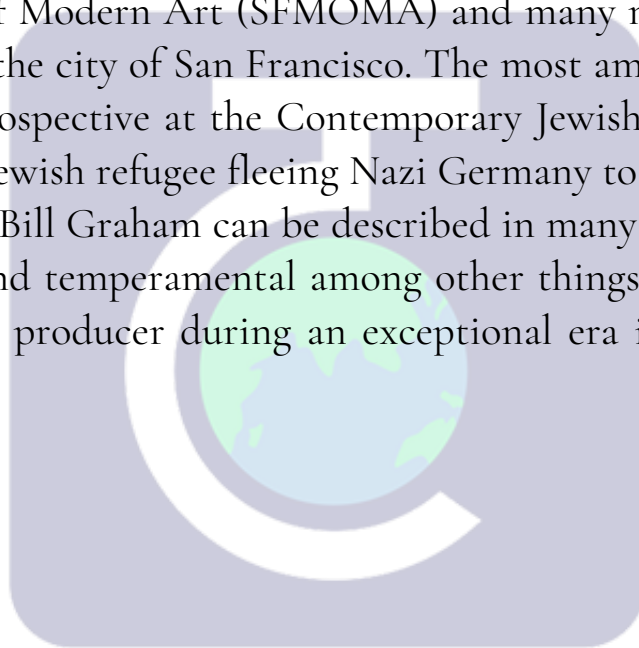
4. History

The first time people ever stepped foot on San Francisco was in 3000 B.C. The city was named in 1808. San Francisco got its name from the Saint Francis of Assisi at the Lagoon of Sorrows. Gold was first discovered at the Sutter's Fort in 1848 and months within the discovery San Francisco became the central point for the depot and collection of this gold rush. San Francisco had no law and was known for prostitution and gambling till 1851. It is also known for the fire mishaps which total to a number of six. In World War II it served as the port of embarkation for service members going to the Pacific Theater. In 1945 the UN Charter was drafted and signed in San Francisco, which created the UN. The Treaty of San Francisco, signed in 1951, officially ended the war with Japan. After the war there was a rise of hippie counterculture. The Summer of Love and the gay rights movement arose, and San Francisco became a center of liberal activism in the US. Politically, it votes for a liberal Democratic Party. The largest settlement of Chinese people is in San Francisco, in Chinatown.

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5. Cultural identity

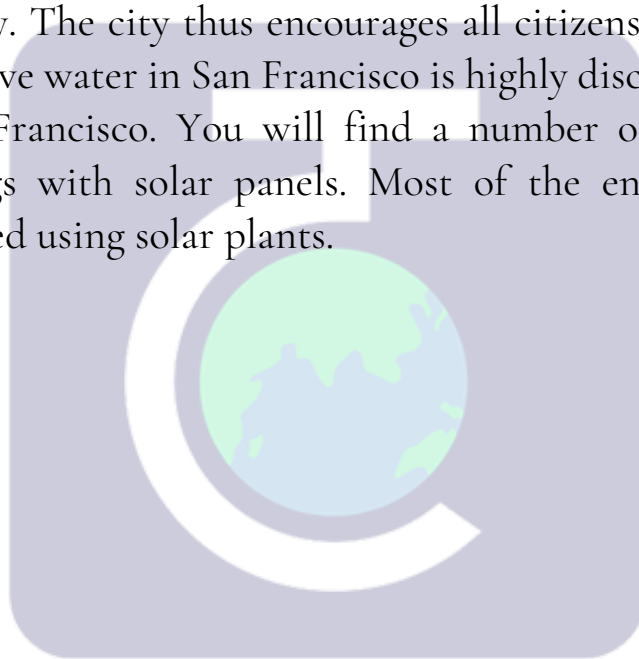
San Francisco is known to explore all the wonderful arts and cultural events and exhibition. This city is also host to world-class aquariums, interactive science exhibits and some of the most diverse art collections. A few of the most extraordinary museums are the Asian Art Museum, California Academy of Sciences, Children's Creativity Museum, the de Young Museum, Legion of Honor, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA) and many more places that hold cultural identity for the city of San Francisco. The most amazing place to visit is the Bill Graham retrospective at the Contemporary Jewish Museum. This place denotes his life as a Jewish refugee fleeing Nazi Germany to his legendary success as a music producer. Bill Graham can be described in many ways. He was known to be loyal, funny, and temperamental among other things. However his rise to fame was as a music producer during an exceptional era in the history of San Francisco.



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6. Natural resources

Like most cities in USA, San Francisco too focuses on protecting its natural resources. They have a number of activities that are conducted to do so. Wind power is one of the most relevant examples of conserving natural resources in San Francisco. Here, electricity is generated using wind mills which help to power electric appliances. San Francisco lies in the state of California which faces droughts occasionally. The city thus encourages all citizens to use limited water and the use of excessive water in San Francisco is highly discouraged. Solar power is common in San Francisco. You will find a number of homes, offices and commercial buildings with solar panels. Most of the energy in the state of California is generated using solar plants.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Exploratorium

A museum dedicated to science, art and human perception, Exploratorium is a wonderland for all the investigating and experimenting enthusiasts. Showcasing around 600 indoor and outdoor exhibits embracing subjects like human body, science and outer space, this museum offers hands-on experiences to scrutinize the gadgets and dive in through the world of scientific principles. One of the preferred attraction include the Tactile Dome, a place where you can navigate through the pitch black sphere with your touch and the shadow room where light flashes project a shadowy figure onto a wall.

Address : Pier 15, The Embarcadero & Green St., San Francisco, CA 94111, United States

Zipcode : 94111

Location : 37.8008433, -122.3986299

Contact : +1 415-528-4444

Website : <http://www.exploratorium.edu/>

Nearest Public Transport : The Embarcadero & Green St Light Rail Station and Sansome St & Vallejo St Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult (18-64 years): \$29.95, Senior (65+years), Student (18+years), Youth (13-17years), people with disabilities & teachers: \$24.95, Children (4-12years): \$19.95, Free for children below 3years.

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday- Sunday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Japanese Tea Garden

A great place for relaxing, the Japanese Tea Garden was built after the Worlds Fair in 1894 and is the largest and most visited Japanese themed garden in the United States. Take a stroll through the winding pathways during a sunny afternoon and seek out the scores of the wooden planked bridges as well as the Japanese style pagodas which provide fun for both children and adults. The park

features a zen garden that was established keeping in mind the religious and mythological meaning and for peaceful contemplation. Soak in the beauty of the different species of fauna at this landscaped oasis and conclude your visit with one of the most authentic beverages at the teahouse on site.

Address : 75 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, San Francisco, CA 94118

Zipcode : 94118

Location : 37.7700914, -122.470436

Contact : +1 415-752-1171

Website : <http://japaneseteagardensf.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Tea Garden Dr/ De Young Museum Bus Station and Irving St & 9th Ave Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Residents- Adults: \$6, Seniors (65+years) & Youth (12-17 years): \$4, Children (5-11 years): \$2, Free admission for children under 4years. Non-Residents- Adults: \$8, Seniors (65+years) & Youth (12-17 years): \$6, Children (5-11 years): \$2, Free admission for children under 4years.

Open & Close Timing : 1st March-31st October: Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs; 1st November-28th February: Daily 09:00hrs-16:45hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. de Young Museum

San Francisco's oldest fine arts museum, The De Young Museum displays a collection of art interior from the North America, Oceania as well as many exhibits from Greece, Egypt, and the Near East. Be an artist for a day as you explore the most distinguished art treasure encompassing folk art from Africa, Pacific Islands, America, and British Art. You can also be entertained by a blend of live musical concerts, dance and theater show, illustrations by renowned artist, movie screenings, educative lessons, panel discussions, hands-on art experiences and exhibition tours. Don't miss the spellbinding views of the city from the ninth-floor observation deck.

Address : 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr, San Francisco, CA 94118, United States

Zipcode : 94118

Location : 37.771469, -122.4686755

Contact : +1 415-750-3600

Website : <http://deyoung.famsf.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Irving St & 7th Ave Travel Terminals (Not recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: \$15, Senior (65+years): \$10, College students with ID: \$6, Youth (17years and under): Free, First Tuesday of the month: Free. Audio Tours: \$7.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:30hrs – 17:15hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

Nestled in the War Memorial Veterans Building, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art has its origin way back to the 1890s. However, it was stood firmly in 1916, thanks to the persistence and efforts of the San Francisco Art Association. Transformed over the past decades, this museum is currently devoted primarily to the internationally acknowledged works of contemporary and modern art. 'Displaying more than 33,000 artworks including canvases, sculpture, photography and media arts by both masters as well as aspiring artists, this magnificent art haven is a must stop for the art lovers.

Address : 151 3rd Street, San Francisco, CA 94103, United States

Zipcode : 94103

Location : 37.7857182, -122.4010508

Contact : +1 415-357-4000

Website : <https://www.sfmoma.org>

Nearest Public Transport : Mission St & 3rd St Bus Station and Market St & 3rd St Light Rail Statopm

Entry Fee : Adults: \$25, Seniors (65+years): \$22, Youth (19-24 years): \$19, Free for children (18years and under).

Open & Close Timing : Sunday-Saturday 10:00hrs – 17:00hrs, Thursdays 10:00hrs – 21:00hrs...

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Asian Art Museum

Enrich your knowledge about Asian culture through one-of-a-kind displays at the Asian Art Museum. Established in 1966, the museum houses the largest and renowned collection dedicated to the largest and the most diverse continent in world. Strategically situated on the Pacific edge of the city, this artist's retreat takes you on a journey to discover Asia with over 18,000 artifacts including paintings, statues, jade carvings, bronze, terracotta and architectural fragments from Asiatic cultures that cover over 6, 000 years. The basis of exhibits are from Avery Brundage's private collection which he gifted to the city in 1959 as a way of bridging the gap between the west and the east. The museum received the remaining artworks after his death in 1975 and has continued to get more pieces since then.

Address : Asian Art Museum 200 Larkin Street San Francisco, CA 94102, United States

Zipcode : 94102

Location : 37.78016369999999, -122.4161985

Contact : +1 (415) 518-3500

Website : <http://www.asianart.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Market St & 7th St Bus Station and Civic Center/UN Plaza Subway Station

Entry Fee : General Admission- Adults: \$15, Seniors (65years & older), College Students (with ID) & Youth (13-17years): \$10 Children (12years & under), Active members of the U.S. Armed Forces (+ up to five family members): FREE

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday-Sunday 10:00hrs – 17:00hrs, Thursday 10:00hrs – 21:00hrs, Monday Closed.

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. Palace of Fine Arts Theatre

The Palace of Fine Arts is the last structure remaining in the city from the Panama Pacific Explosion in 1915. An important part of the city's rich history, the structure was originally designed by Bernard R. Maybeck, who made it reflect the impression of a Greco-Roman ruin. Seating about 1,000 patrons, the palace stands

as an iconic structure that is featured in various movies and television series. Stroll through this favorite wedding location and admire the beauty of the cultural health of the city's art scene. You will also find a miniature replica of it is built in Disney's California Adventure in Anaheim.

Address : 3301 Lyon St, San Francisco, CA 94123, United States

Zipcode : 94123

Location : 37.8020645, -122.4487662

Contact : +1 (415) 563-6504

Website : <http://palaceoffinearts.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gorgas Ave Bus Station

Entry Fee : The tour price ranges from \$70 - \$103

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. California Academy of Sciences

An architectural gem nestled in the Golden Gate park of the city, the California Academy of Sciences is a state of art multifaceted museum layered with native flora and rolling hills that compliments the natural surroundings. A Scientists heaven, you will find a 2.5-acre living roof having solar panels for generating electricity while the soil acts as a natural insulator. The museum is home to a planetarium, an aquarium, an incredible natural history museum, a rainforest and much more under one roof to provide you with unique and fun learning experience.

Address : 55 Music Concourse Drive, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA 94118, United States

Zipcode : 94118

Location : 37.76986459999999, -122.46609469999999

Contact : (415) 379-8000

Website : <http://www.calacademy.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Concourse Dr/ Academy of Sciences Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: \$34.95, Seniors (65+years), Students & Youth (12-17years): \$29.95, Children (4-11years): \$24.95. Free admission for children aged 3years and

under

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Saturday 09:30hrs – 17:00hrs, Sunday 11:00hrs – 17:00hrs.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.8. Muir Woods National Monument

Address : 1 Muir Woods Rd, Mill Valley, CA 94941, United States

Zipcode : 94941

Location : 37.89536890000001, -122.5780709

Contact : +1 (415) 561-4700

Website : <http://www.nps.gov/goga/index.htm>

Nearest Public Transport : San Rafael Transit Centre Bus Station (Not recommended)

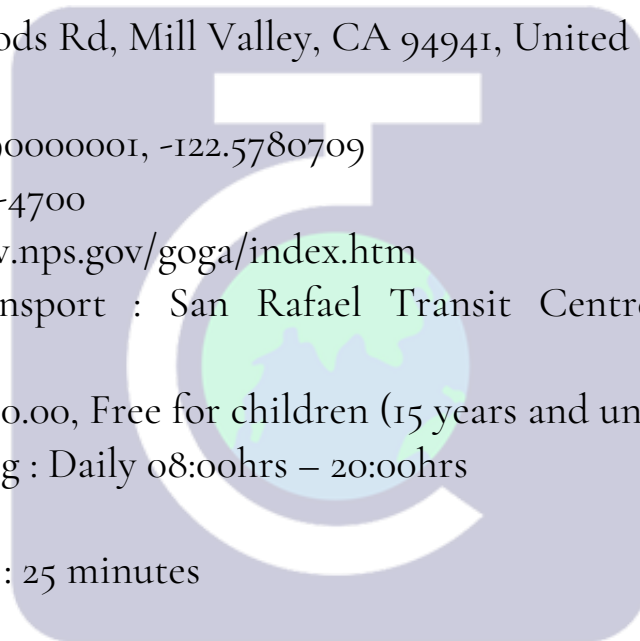
Entry Fee : Adults: \$10.00, Free for children (15 years and under).

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs – 20:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 25 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



7.1.9. Golden Gate Park

Boasting more than 1,000 acres of land, the Golden Gate Park features hiking trails, lakes, museums, monuments, picnic areas along with other charming features such as the Japanese Tea Garden and a carousel. The Park is also known for the bevy festivals and concerts hosted here throughout the year. If you are in the mood for a pleasant stroll or a simple picnic, this is the place to be at. Spending your afternoon here can really calm your body and soul and make up your mood for the rest of the day. Golden Gate Park is San Francisco's largest outdoor attraction site and one of the beautiful attractions in Bay Area. The site is worth several weeks of activities all packed into one massive and expansive gardens, museums and playgrounds. The Golden Gate Park has smaller peaceful parks namely the Japanese Tea Garden (has five acres of bamboo stands, Koi

ponds, and cherry trees), the Bison Paddock (with a roaming herd of buffaloes), and an eighteen hole disc golf course. Check for the free concerts at this park, hosted by the local radio stations. One of the largest manmade parks in the world, Golden Gate has three miles of landscaped gardens, forests and meadows that beg to be explored without the noise and interference of cars. Happily, on Sundays year-round (and Saturdays Apr–Oct), the main road through the park, John F. Kennedy Drive, is closed to auto traffic so that strollers, skaters and bikers can wander freely. Meander through the Japanese Tea Garden and the Arboretum, discover the rhododendron dell and rose garden, visit the park's resident bison and windmill, or do some disco rollerskating with the pros (6th Ave and JFK Dr). If you don't have your own wheels, skate and bike rentals are available at shops along Stanyan Street, Haight Street and Fulton Street.

Address : San Francisco, CA 94122, United States

Zipcode : 94122

Location : 37.7694208, -122.48621379999999



Contact : +1 415-831-2700




Website : <http://sfrecpark.org/parks-open-spaces/golden-gate-park-guide/>


Nearest Public Transport : Fulton St & 28th Ave Bus Station

Entry Fee : Summer Admission (from May 25 to September 2) Adult  \$34.95

Senior (ages 65 and over)  \$29.95 Student  \$29.95 Youth (ages 12-17)  \$29.95

Child (ages 4-11)  \$24.95 Ages 3 and under FREE Winter Admission Adult  \$29.95

Senior (ages 65 and over)  \$24.95 Student  \$24.95 Youth (ages 12-17)  \$24.95

Child (ages 4-11)  \$19.95 Ages 3 and under FREE

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. Alcatraz Island

Address : San Francisco, CA 94133, United States

Zipcode : 94133

Location : 37.8269775, -122.4229555

Contact : +1 415-561-4900

Website : <https://www.nps.gov/alca/index.htm>

Nearest Public Transport : Beach St & Polk St Bus Station

Entry Fee : Alcatraz tickets are all inclusive of ferry transportation service provided by Alcatraz Cruises, the cellhouse audio tour provided by the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act fee. Ticket Prices are as follows Adult (age 18-61): \$35.50 Junior (age 12-17): \$35.50 Child (age 5-11): \$21.75 Senior (age 62+): \$33.50 Toddlers (age 0-4): Free

Open & Close Timing : The hours of operation vary with the season. Tour departures are available about every half hour throughout the day beginning at 08:50hrs and operate till 17:00hrs depending on the type of tour you have selected.

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 20-25 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.11. AT&T Park

AT&T Park is a baseball park located in the South Beach neighborhood of San Francisco, California. Since 2000, it has served as the home of the San Francisco Giants, the city's Major League Baseball (MLB) franchise. It is highly recommended that you visit this place during the bay area science festival, if possible, since the entire stadium is converted into a massive array of free science exhibits and activities then. This is an excellent baseball stadium and the atmosphere created during matches is unbeatable. Even if you know nothing about home runs and fly balls, seeing a game at AT&T Park is a fun and quintessentially San Francisco experience. Set on the docks of San Francisco Bay, the park affords fabulous views of the waterfront, with kayakers and paddleboarders chasing each other to retrieve “splash hits” over the right-field fence. In true SF style, AT&T offers some of the best ballpark fare in the country—everything from Caribbean Cha Cha bowls (grilled marinated chicken over black beans, rice, zucchini and carrots, with various toppings) and garlic fries to grilled crab sandwiches, Tony's Neapolitan pizza, and Ghirardelli chocolate sundaes. There's also an onsite gastropub with a local-centric beer selection and an outpost of James Beard Award–winning chef Traci Des Jardins' taqueria, Mijita. With two World Series championships under their bats since 2010, SF Giants games are usually sell-outs, but tickets are almost always available

last minute through StubHub or at the ballpark ticket office.

Address : 24 Willie Mays Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94107, United States

Zipcode : 94107

Location : 37.7785951, -122.38926979999999

Contact : +1 415-972-2000

Website : <http://sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com/sf/ballpark/>

Nearest Public Transport : San Francisco Train Station

Entry Fee : The tour price starts from \$27.

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs; Sunday: 11:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 25 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.12. Levi's Stadium

Levi's Stadium is a football stadium located in Santa Clara, California, in the San Francisco Bay Area. It currently serves as the home of the San Francisco 49ers of the National Football League since 2014. The atmosphere of this stadium is amazing during matches and the variety of food and drinks are great.

Address : 4900 Marie P DeBartolo Way, Santa Clara, CA 95054, USA

Zipcode : 95054

Location : 37.402317, -121.968995399999

Contact : +1 415-464-9377

Website : <http://www.levisstadium.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Tasman and Marie P DeBartolo Bus Station

Entry Fee : Tour Price- US \$30.00

Open & Close Timing : Tour Timings- January-July: Friday 10:00hrs-14:00hrs Saturday 10:00hrs-15:00hrs Sunday 10:00hrs-14:30hrs August-December: Monday and Friday 10:00hrs-14:00hrs Saturday 10:00hrs-15:00hrs Sunday 10:00hrs-14:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.13. Angel Island State Park

Angel Island State Park is a place where one can explore the wildlife and human history either by foot or bike. The site offers hiking opportunity to the top of Mount Livermore at a 240-metre peak. Down below is Camp Reynolds, a military defensive battery that was built by the US army. Open daily and the fee is included in ferry tickets.

Address : Sunset Tr, Belvedere Tiburon, CA 94920, USA

Zipcode : 94920

Location : 37.8636084, -122.4319496

Contact : +1 415-435-1915

Website : <https://www.parks.ca.gov/>

Nearest Public Transport : Beach St and Polk St Bus Station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : Angel Island State Park fee is included in the ferry ticket rate, \$8 per adult and so on depending on the ferries.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs - Sunset

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.14. Grace Cathedral

Grace Cathedral is the 3rd largest Episcopal cathedral in the United States. It holds daily services at various times with Sunday services being webcast live each week at 11 am. Rental space for weddings, concerts, meetings and funerals is also available in this Cathedral. There is so much to see and do here at Grace Cathedral, whether you have an afternoon or just an hour. Walk the labyrinth, behold the Keith Haring altarpiece in the AIDS Interfaith Memorial Chapel or gaze at the beautiful Ghiberti Doors. There are spiritual and historical treasures throughout the cathedral. You can take the Grace Cathedral Grand Tour, which includes many areas not typically seen by visitors such as the interior of the Chapel of Grace, the Vestry where we keep our collection of vestments, the Gallery with sweeping views of the nave, and a walk up the 94 stairs to the top of the South Tower for a stunning view of the San Francisco skyline. The tour lasts 90 minutes and is intended for ages 10 & up. Tours are offered select days at 10:00 a.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased below.

Address : 1100 California St, San Francisco, CA 94108, United States

Zipcode : 94108

Location : 37.7918593, -122.4133739

Contact : +1 415-749-6300

Website : <http://www.gracecathedral.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Sacramento Bus Station & Jones Bus Station

Entry Fee : Tour prices: \$25.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.15. Coit Tower

This is one of the landmarks worth your recognition. The tower was built in 1933. It resembles a fire hose as an honor to the fighters of the city. A visit to the tower is free although you may have to pay for an elevator ride to the top and see the murals that were painted in 1934 by artists who were inspired by Diego Rivera's portraits. Another feature worth exploring is the steep trails and staircases below the Coit tower.

Address : 1 Telegraph Hill Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94133, USA

Zipcode : 94133

Location : 37.802374, -122.4058178

Contact : +1 4153620808

Website : <http://sfrecpark.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Sansome St & Lombard St Bus Station

Entry Fee : RESIDENTS Adult: \$6 Senior (65+): \$3 Youth (12-17): \$3 Child (5-11): \$2 Child (4 & under): Free NON-RESIDENTS Adult: \$8 Senior (65+): \$5 Youth (12-17): \$5 Child (5-11): \$2 Child (4 & under): Free

Open & Close Timing : May-October Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs November-April Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.16. Aquarium Of The Bay

Explore the magic, beauty and wonder of San Francisco Bay at Aquarium of the Bay. Located at the water's edge, 20,000 local sea creatures await you. Your visit

will take you through three main exhibit areas that display the amazing riches that lie beneath the surface of the San Francisco Bay and surrounding waters. See eye-to-eye with a Sevengill shark, be mesmerized by moon jellies, and touch a bat ray's wing. Walk through crystal clear tunnels and watch San Francisco Bay's most amazing animals swim overhead. Connect to San Francisco Bay through daily naturalist-led animal feedings and interactions, hands-on science experiments, sustainable seafood discussions and more. Enjoy viewing Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge from our outdoor decks. Aquarium of the Bay is open 364 days a year.

Address : 2 The Embarcadero & Beach St, San Francisco, CA 94133, USA

Zipcode : 94133

Location : 37.8086148, -122.4093728

Contact : +1 415-623-5300

Website : <http://www.aquariumofthebay.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Fisherman's Wharf/Pier 39 Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: \$24.95, Children (4-12years) and Seniors (65+years): \$14.95, Family Rate (2Adults + 2Children): \$70

Open & Close Timing : Hours of operations vary depending on the day of the week/month. The aquarium usually opens at 10:00hrs and closes anywhere between 18:00hrs-20:00hrs depending on the day of the week. It is advisable to check the same once you finalize the day of visit.

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.17. The San Francisco Dungeon

The San Francisco Dungeon brings old San Francisco to life with a theatrical cast, special effects, gripping storytelling and an underground boat ride. The San Francisco Dungeon is NOT your usual visitor attraction. It's hilarious fun and it's sometimes a bit scary. The San Francisco Dungeon provides an exciting mix of 9 live actor shows, 200 years of history and 360° sets. It's 60 minutes through 200 years of San Francisco's authentic past. You and your companions walk through the Dungeon, moving from show to show, guided by our professional actors. The shows are based on real San Francisco history and legends (minus the boring parts!). You'll get up close and personal with sinister characters including Miss

Piggott, the Wild West saloon owner, and the infamous crimper, Shanghai Kelly. Our unique take on history has made us one of Europe's best-loved visitor attractions. San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf is the perfect venue; filled with history, intrigue and colorful characters. The San Francisco Dungeon is a 60-minute journey through San Francisco's past from the Gold Rush to Alcatraz. You and your companions walk through the Dungeon, moving from show to show, guided by our professional actors. The shows are based on real San Francisco history and legends (minus the boring parts). You'll get up close and personal with sinister characters including Sam Roberts, the leader of the Gangs of San Francisco, and the infamous bar owner and crimper Miss Piggott and her partner-in-crime (literally), Shanghai Kelly. It's a fully themed experience. That means 360° sets, special effects, and theatrical storytelling. On your journey you'll pass through the narrow streets of San Francisco's Chinatown, Sutter's Mill, scene of the start of the 1849 Gold Rush, the fearsome torture chamber... and see (and feel!) what your life would have been like if you had been sent to Alcatraz. Believe us, it's better than a sightseeing tour of the city!

Address : 145 Jefferson St, San Francisco, CA 94133, USA

Zipcode : 94133

Location : 37.8082296, -122.414728999999

Contact : +1 855-753-9999

Website : <https://sanfrancisco.thedungeons.com/en/san-francisco/home/>

Nearest Public Transport : Beach & Mason Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : General Admission- Adults: \$19.99, Children (age 3-12 years): \$14.99

Free for children under 2 years; Combination Tickets (Dungeon + Madame Tussauds)- Adults: \$29.99, Children (age 3-12 years): \$19.99 Free for children under 2 years.

Open & Close Timing : Hours of operations vary depending on the day of the week/month. The dungeon usually opens at 10:00hrs and closes anywhere between 19:00hrs-22:00hrs depending on the day of the week. It is advisable to check the same once you finalize the day of visit.

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.18. Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum

Experience the strange, the unusual, and the unbelievable! See in person the incredible “Believe It or Nots” you’ve read about and seen on television. With more than 70 new interactive and hands-on exhibits, San Francisco’s Believe It or Not! is the most interactive Odditorium in the world! It is home to more than 400 exhibits, 80% of which are new, in 18 themed galleries, with a new emphasis on the Bay Area. Get lost in the Mirror Maze, with more than 200 mirrors spread across nearly 2,000 square feet. Museum with kitschy oddities on display, including shrunk human heads & rare animal skeletons.

Address : 175 Jefferson St, San Francisco, CA 94133, USA

Zipcode : 94133

Location : 37.8081571, -122.41546399999

Contact : +1 415-202-9850

Website : <http://www.ripleys.com/sanfrancisco/>

Nearest Public Transport : Jefferson & Taylor Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Ripley's Odditorium- Adults: \$23, Children: \$17; Mirror Maze: Adults: \$10, Children: \$8; 3-Way Combo (Ripley's Odditorium + Mirror Maze + Lazer Race)- Adults: \$ 25, Children: \$19.84

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Congregation Sherith Israel

Congregation Sherith Israel is one of the oldest synagogues in the United States and it reflects the ambitions of early Jewish settlers to San Francisco. Visitors from all over the world are attracted to this place to see its historic sanctuary building which is one of San Francisco's most prominent architectural landmarks. The permanent congregation started in 1851. The great fire of 1851 destroyed the temple and it was rebuilt in 1854. The modern church was constructed in 1972. The congregation might charge an entry fee or ask to make a small donation.

Address : 2266 St. San Francisco, CA 94115, United States

Zipcode : 94115

Location : 37.7894927, -122.43159479999999

Contact : +1 415-346-1720

Website : <http://www.sherithisrael.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Steiner St & Sacramento St Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. The Golden Gate Bridge San Francisco

Address : Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco, CA 94129, USA

Zipcode : 94129

Location : 37.7749295, -122.4194155

Contact : +1 415-921-5858

Website : <http://www.goldengatebridge.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bowley St & Lincoln Blvd Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Twin Peaks

Address : San Francisco, CA 94114, USA

Zipcode : 94114

Location : 37.7544066, -122.44768449999999

Nearest Public Transport : Marview Way and Panorama Dr Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. The Castro

If you want to explore the City's rich and colorful gay and lesbian Culture, then the Castro is a must see neighborhood. Castro draws all types of travelers, and its cafes and restaurants are among the best in San Francisco. This was the forefront of the gay rights movement and also served as the Harvey Milk headquarters. Harvey Milk was the first open gay official in California. Visit in late October and you'll find the lively Castro Street Fair, which showcases comedy, delectable eats, crafts, and live music.

Address : San Francisco, CA 94114, USA

Zipcode : 94114

Location : 37.7609082, -122.4350043

Nearest Public Transport : Castro St & 18th St Light Rail Station

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Ferry Plaza Farmers Market

If you are in the city of San Francisco to feast on exotic delights and the scrumptious gourmet treats, then you have to take a stroll through the Ferry Plaza Farmers Market. Artisan Cheeses, Chocolate confections, Parisian style cafes, jams, Oysters, and freshly baked pastries are all lined up at the various colorful farmers market stands. The market has quality food and also offers stunning views of the Bay. Parking is also available near the marketplace. On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays until 2pm, hordes of food-obsessed locals can be found combing the crowded aisles and produce stands of the Ferry Building Marketplace, where 75 regional farmers and artisan food purveyors offer a dizzying array of organic fruit and vegetables, and gourmet goodies from olive oils, meat, cheese and bread to chocolate, jams and flowers. In addition to the tri-weekly farmer's market, homegrown brands such as Acme Bread, Cowgirl

Creamery, Hog Island Oyster Co. and Blue Bottle Coffee sell from permanent stalls.

Address : I Ferry Building San Francisco Landmark Building, San Francisco, CA 94111, United States

Zipcode : 94111

Location : 37.795581, -122.393411

Contact : +1 415-983-8030

Website : <http://www.ferrybuildingmarketplace.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Clay St and Sansome St Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 10:00hrs – 19:00hrs, Saturday 08:00hrs – 19:00hrs, Sunday 10:00hrs – 17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. South of Market

The South of Market (SoMa) neighborhood is located between Townsend and Market streets and has seen vast development in the past decade hence attracting young, hip professionals who seek a new type of nightlife in San Francisco City by the Bay. It has some of the best clubs in San Francisco and also has an assortment of upscale and mid- priced restaurants and the San Francisco Shopping Center. You can even head to the Alice Community Gardens at the intersection of Bonifacio and Lapu Lapu Streets and relax yourself.

Address : San Francisco, CA 94107, USA

Zipcode : 94107

Location : 37.7785189, -122.4056395

Nearest Public Transport : San Francisco Train Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Musée Mécanique

Muse Mecanique is considered one of the best museums within Fisherman's Wharf. The museum features hundreds of antique coin-operated mechanical instruments and vintage arcade games. Some of the favorites to most visitors include the Whack-a-mole, the old school pinball machines and the mechanical

fortune telling characters which offer predictions from the curtained boxes. The museum offers a great historical lesson to the visitors. Amusing America is the story of participatory commercial amusements in American cities - San Francisco in particular - and how they changed American life. This free attraction at Fisherman's Wharf invites residents and visitors to take a roller coaster ride into history. From the Gilded Age of the 1800's and '90s to World War II new entertainment like world's fairs, amusement parks, Ferris wheels, dance pavilions, arcades and swimming baths changed the way Americans lived. The Musée Mécanique is one of the world's largest privately-owned collections of mechanically operated musical instruments and antique arcade machines, featuring everything from turn of the century hand-cranked music boxes to modern video arcade games. Hours: 10am-7pm weekdays and 'till 8pm on weekends

Address : Pier 45, San Francisco, CA 94133, United States

Zipcode : 94133

Location : 37.8092334, -122.41594429999999

Contact : +1 415-346-2000

Website : <http://www.museemecaniquesf.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Jefferson & Taylor Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs – 20:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Union Square

Designation as a California Historical Landmark, Union Square is a 2.6-acre public plaza bordered by Geary, Powell, Post and Stockton Streets in downtown San Francisco, California. A public square in the heart of the city surrounded by shops, theaters, hotels & restaurants, it's a major tourist attraction for shopping and dining. The most preferable time of visiting the Union Square is during Christmas, when the streets are dazzling with lights and fireworks and the huge Christmas tree captures the eyes and hearts of the visitors.

Address : 333 Post St, San Francisco, CA 94108, United States

Zipcode : 94108

Location : 37.787994, -122.407437

Contact : +1 415-477-2610

Website : <http://www.visitunionsquaresf.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Post St & Powell St Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs - 23:30hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Lombard Street

Address : Lombard St, San Francisco, CA 94133, USA

Zipcode : 94133

Location : 37.802139, -122.41874

Nearest Public Transport : Van Ness Ave & Greenwich St Bus Station (Not recommended)

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. PIER 39

Pier 39 is a shopping center including shops, restaurants, a video arcade, street performances, the Aquarium of the Bay, virtual 3D rides, and views of California sea lions hauled out on docks on Pier 39's marina. Just as North Beach is known for its pasta, PIER 39 is famous for its seafood. Home to 14 full-service restaurants, PIER 39 is known for serving up some of the freshest and most-delicious dishes. The allure of Pier 39 can't be denied despite the fact that many locals avoid the Fisherman's Wharf area. The complex has street performers, restaurants, shops, attractions, best views of the sea lions, and a five-acre waterfront park that has a 300 berth marina. Pier 39 is the place to go for the annual Tulipmania every February. Members of the landscaping team give free tour throughout the week, with refreshments at the end. Street performers are multi-talented tricksters, magicians, jugglers and comedians who entertain PIER 39 visitors daily at the Crystal Geyser ALPINE SPRING WATER Stage. Guests marvel as these zany performers bring laughter and cheer to thousands! Shows are weather-permitting and free to the public. Come try Frequent Flyers - a fun-filled bungee trampoline for all ages. Participants can safely jump up to 20 feet in the

air and try their hand at some aerial acrobatics. Jumpers must be at least 30 pounds and under 230 pounds. Experience amazing fun for the whole family at Magowan's Infinite Mirror Maze! Challenge yourself to find your way through the infinite hallways, endless circles and dead-ends of the most fascinating maze in San Francisco. Make your own music on PIER 39's Musical Stairs, the interactive art exhibit presented by Artist Remo Saraceni, creator of the floor piano in the Tom Hank's movie Big. To enjoy the music, please take a walk up (or down) these magical stairs. The San Francisco Carousel, handcrafted in Italy, is intricately hand-painted and depicts famous San Francisco landmarks, including the Golden Gate Bridge, Coit Tower, Chinatown, Lombard Street, Alcatraz and the popular California sea lions at PIER 39. It is the only carousel in the country that has artistic renderings of its home city. The sea lions camped out in PIER 39's West Marina have been endearingly coined, "Sea Lebrities." These boisterous barking pinnipeds started arriving in droves, taking over the docks in January 1990 shortly after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. At first they numbered from 10-50, but due to a plentiful herring supply, available dock space and the marina's protected environment, the population grew to more than 300 within a few months. Each winter, the population can increase up to 900 sea lions, most of which are male. During the summer months, the sea lions migrate south to the Channel Islands for breeding season, but in recent years a small group stays year-round at PIER 39's K-Dock.

Address : Beach Street & The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94133, USA


Zipcode : 94133

Location : 37.808673, -122.40982099999999

Contact : +1 415-705-5500

Website : <http://www.pier39.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Fisherman's Wharf / Pier 39 Bus Stop

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs  21:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. City Art Cooperative Gallery

City Art Cooperative Gallery is where you will get work by locals. More than 200 local artists are members of this gallery. One can find brilliant photographs,

sculptures, printmaking, paintings and jewelry in this gallery. Art lovers shall pay this gallery a visit.

Address : 828 Valencia St, San Francisco, CA 94110, USA

Zipcode : 94110

Location : 37.759477, -122.421737

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Canton Bazaar

Canton Bazaar is where you will get silk lanterns, brocade, rattan trays, silk kimonos, jacquards and incense stands. One can find all the extraordinary items in this mall.

Address : 616 Grant Ave, San Francisco, CA 94108, USA

Zipcode : 94108

Location : 37.7931151, -122.4058969

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Stonestown Galleria

Stonestown Galleria is one of America's finest. You will get big box stores like the Nordstrom and Macy's to the smaller ones like Brookstone, H&M, Body Shop and Pandora. Their food court has everything for you to dine on from Panda Express to Field's Cookies. There are several movie theatres where you can enjoy watching some blockbusters after your shopping.

Address : 3251 20th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94132, USA

Zipcode : 94132

Location : 37.7279003, -122.4770551

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. North Point Centre

North Point Shopping Center has plenty of space for tourists to do their shopping and it has more practical items you might need on your trip. This shopping center is great for grocery shopping from some quality stores like

Trader Joe's, and Safeway.

Address : 320 Bay St, San Francisco, CA 94133, USA

Zipcode : 94133

Location : 37.8061912, -122.4129267

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Westfield San Francisco Centre

Location : 37.7837674, -122.4074885

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.16. Metreon

Location : 37.7842717, -122.40315859999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.17. Ghirardelli Square

Address : 900 North Point St, San Francisco, CA 94109, USA

Zipcode : CA 94109

Location : 37.8059759, -122.42298779999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.18. Golden Gate National Recreation Area

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) is a U.S. National Recreation Area protecting 80,002 acres (32,376 ha) of ecologically and historically significant landscapes surrounding the San Francisco Bay Area. It contains famous tourist attractions such as Muir Woods National Monument, Alcatraz, and the Presidio of San Francisco. Though the entrance to the national park is free, few attractions within require an admission fee.

Address : California Hwy 1, San Francisco, CA 94123, USA

Zipcode : 94123

Location : 37.8090544, -122.47627349999

Contact : +1 415-561-4700

Website : <https://www.nps.gov/goga/index.htm>

Nearest Public Transport : Golden Gate Bridge Bus Station

Time Required : 6

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.19. Lands End

Lands End is a coastal park that offers some of the most varied vistas in a city full of spectacular views. One can explore the ruins of the Sutro Baths along the water. Sutro Baths is a Victorian bathhouse which got burnt in 1966. Observe and watch as the waves hit and crash against the rocks below the mouth of the cave and wander through the adjacent tunnel. Watch out for wildlife as well since over 250 species of birds roost in this place including brown pelicans, Brandt's cormorants, and red-winged blackbirds. You might also spot sea lions, migrate gray whales, dolphins, or brave surfer in the water below if you are lucky. This attraction may charge an entry fee.

Address : As, 680 Point Lobos Ave, San Francisco, CA 94121, USA

Zipcode : 94121

Location : 37.7848836, -122.50751

Contact : +1 415-426-5240

Website : <https://www.nps.gov/goga/planyourvisit/landsend.htm>

Nearest Public Transport : Point Lobos Ave & 46th Ave Bus Station (not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.20. Ocean Beach

The Ocean Beach is San Francisco's longest beach and is reliable for surfing. Whether you are a surfer, or you've never tried it, the Ocean Beach is one of the best places you need to spend a sunny afternoon at. Many locals visit this place to

fly kites, skimboard, ride bikes, skate and stroll on the dunes. The nearby restaurants are the best place to warm yourself up with a cup of coffee or tea.

Address : San Francisco, CA 94122, USA

Zipcode : 94122

Location : 37.7593921, -122.510734

Nearest Public Transport : Morena/Linda Vista Light Rail Station (not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.21. Russian Hill

The Russian Hill is a lovely neighborhood with lots of hidden charms. Moving across from Lombard Street (its curved section) is Alice Marble Tennis Courts that is set on a steep block offering park benches and a view of the Coit Tower, Bay Bridge, and the Golden Gate Bridge with Alcatraz at a distance and Marina on the other side. Named after California's first Poet Laureate, the Ina Coolbirth Park is a tiny, grassy spot that very few people know about. So it's worth your visit for the inspiring and isolated view of the skyline and the Bay, seeing fireworks on the 4th of July, or for an impromptu picnic.

Address : San Francisco, CA 94109, USA

Zipcode : 94109

Location : 37.8010963, -122.4195558

Nearest Public Transport : Jefferson St & Powell St Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Opening 24 Hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.22. Harvey Milk Photo Center

The Harvey Milk Photography Center was established in the 1940s and hosts lectures, exhibitions, and photo walks. This photography spot is committed and dedicated to the collection, preservation, and exhibition of photography. Though it offers free admission, appointment needs to be taken.

Address : 50 Scott St, San Francisco, CA 94117, United States



Zipcode : 94117

Location : 37.769597, -122.4347088


Contact : +1 415-554-9522

Website : <http://harveymilkphotocenter.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Duboce Ave & Church St Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday 16:00hrs  21:00hrs Thursday 13:00hrs 

21:00hrs Friday Closed Saturday 10:00hrs  17:00hrs Sunday 12:00hrs  18:00hrs

Monday Closed Tuesday 16:00hrs  21:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.23. Billy Goat Hill

If you want to experience some exciting adventure, fly out on a ten-meter rope swing. Hung from a eucalyptus tree atop a rugged, steep slope in Glen Park, the neighborhood swing gives a breathtaking view of the sky, specially at the night time. The ride is more exciting during the day as you are able to see across to Mount Diablo in the East Bay and watch the gliding American kestrels. Get to 300 Beacon Street to learn more. Open daily and may charge an admission fee.

Address : Castro St & 30th St, San Francisco, CA 94131, USA


Zipcode : 94131

Location : 37.741492, -122.4329806

Contact : +1 415-831-6331

Website : <http://sfrecpark.org/destination/billy-goat-hill/>

Nearest Public Transport : Church St and Day St Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 05:00hrs  00:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.24. Misión San Francisco de Asís

Founded in 1776, Misión San Francisco de Asís is San Francisco's oldest building and has survived both the 1906 and the Loma Prieta earthquakes. The church features a small museum which displays ancient manuscripts and mission artifacts. This attraction may charge an entry fee to the visitors.

Address : 3321 16th St, San Francisco, CA 94114, United States

Zipcode : 94114

Location : 37.7643873, -122.42689689999

Contact : +1 415-621-8203

Website : <http://missiondolores.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Church St and 18th St Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs - 16:30hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.25. Seward Mini Park

Featuring steep concrete children's slides, Seward Mini Park is a community garden with lots of native plants. Make use of the sloping terrain in San Francisco by zipping downhill the curvy Seward Street Slides. It might feel as though it's merely a child's play but these slides are a show of neighborhood activism. The Seward Street Minipark was born when the community decided to save a patch of green from being turned into an apartment building after several years of protests in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Address : 30 Seward St, San Francisco, CA 94114, United States

Zipcode : 94114

Location : 37.7576585, -122.43999259999

Contact : +1 415-831-2700

Nearest Public Transport : Castro Street MUNI Metro Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs - 22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.26. San Francisco Railway Museum

The San Francisco Railway Museum is a local railway museum featuring the city's rail history with interactive exhibits. This is a small museum with quality information on the establishment of muni, SF street cars, and children would love to spend some time here and get acquainted with the facts and history.

Address : 77 Steuart St, San Francisco, CA 94105, USA

Zipcode : 94105

Location : 37.7938256, -122.3935533

Contact : +1 415-974-1948

Website : <https://www.streetcar.org/museum/>

Nearest Public Transport : San Francisco Ferry Building Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs - 17:00hrs (Monday Closed)

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.27. Fort Funston

Fort Funston park is one of the top hang-gliding launch points in the United States due to the steady Coastal Winds and the 60 meter high bluffs. People, mainly locals, come to this site for horseriding, run their dogs, and walk on the trails running from the cliffs to the beach and the Peninsula's largest dune field remaining. Fort Funston may charge an entry fee.

Address : Fort Funston Rd, San Francisco, CA 94118, USA

Zipcode : 94118

Location : 37.7138804, -122.4994575

Contact : +1 415-561-4700

Website : <https://www.nps.gov/goga/planyourvisit/fortfunston.htm>

Nearest Public Transport : Lake Merced Blvd & Lake Merced Hill Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.28. Presidio

Presidio is a former military base in San Francisco peninsula's north tip. It encompasses the rugged Marshall's Beach and the cozy Baker Beach as well as the forest that was planted by the army in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. The site is always open on Saturdays, and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm with an additional hour during weekdays by appointment. They may also charge an admission fee. The Presidio was used at different points in its 230-year history to house soldiers from Spain and Mexico before it became a U.S. military base. Its armed past notwithstanding, you won't find a more bucolic spot in the city, thanks to its abundant eucalyptus trees and yawning lawns. If, at this point, you want to fortify yourself with a cocktail or dinner, a great place for both is the

Presidio Social Club, an urban hipster kind of a joint, which was once an enlisted-mens' barracks. The Presidio has a rich history spanning back to the time of the native Ohlone people. The Spanish arrived in 1776 to establish the northernmost outpost of their empire in western North America. The Presidio fell under Mexican rule for 24 years before the U.S. Army took control in 1846. Over 148 years, the U.S. Army transformed the Presidio grounds from mostly windswept dunes and scrub to a verdant, preeminent military post. In 1962, the Presidio was designated a National Historic Landmark and the site has been part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area since 1994. Learn of the people that lived here, and stories of how they interacted with places around the Presidio and the world. Or you may want to explore our collections of military objects and structures,

Address : Presidio Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94129, United States

Zipcode : 94129

Location : 37.7988737, -122.4661937

Contact : +1 415-561-5301

Website : <http://www.presidio.gov/places/andy-goldsworthys-wood-line>

Nearest Public Transport : Richardson Ave & Francisco St bus Station (Not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.29. Fisherman's Wharf

Address : Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, CA, USA

Zipcode : 94133

Location : 37.8079996, -122.4177434

Nearest Public Transport : Stockton & Beach Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.30. Chinatown

As old as San Francisco itself, Chinatown is the second-largest Asian community in North America. Perennially popular, it's both a legitimate dining destination and a wonderland of interesting sights. If there's a trick to enjoying it fully, however, it's to recognize that there are actually two Chinatowns centered on parallel blocks: Grant Avenue (for tourists) and Stockton Street (for locals). Hilly and full of alleys, Chinatown rewards the curious wanderer. Get a taste of San Francisco's Chinatown with this one-day itinerary filled with food, history, shopping and more. Present-day Chinatown is a square mile in the center of the city boasting a diverse mix of housing, temples, shops, markets, bakeries and more serving the local Chinese community—including some of the best things to do in San Francisco. And while eating at the best Chinese restaurants and shopping for hours are undoubtedly part of the draw and experience of the place, crowded, chaotic and compact, Chinatown contains some impressive historic sites and is undoubtedly one of the most densely packed cultural areas in the city. Crowded, chaotic and compact, San Francisco's Chinatown is a feast for the senses. Enter on Grant Avenue near Bush Street through the ornate Chinatown Gate with its carved foo dogs (to ward off evil spirits) and browse the souvenir stops along Grant Avenue for kitschy trinkets and imports. Then head to Stockton Street for a taste of the real, working Chinatown, where residents shop for ginseng and herbal remedies, dried fish parts and delicacies such as live quail and water eels. For a glimpse of pre-20th century Chinatown, walk up the narrow stairs to the Tien Hau Temple (125 Waverly Pl) above Grant Avenue, on the alley known as the Street of Painted Balconies. Purportedly the oldest Taoist temple in the U.S. (circa 1852), it's festooned with gold paper lanterns, calligraphy, incense, hundreds of candles and miniature shrines featuring photos of departed loved ones. Stop for a bite at one of innumerable eateries, including Yuet Lee for superb seafood, House of Nanking (919 Kearny St between Jackson St and Pacific Ave, houseofnanking.net) for Shanghai-style cooking and R&G Lounge (631 Kearny St between Clay and Commercial Sts, 415-982-7877) for specialties such as salt-and-pepper crab. Don't miss the Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Factory (56 Ross Alley, 415-781-3956), where some 20,000 fortune cookies are made every day—folded by hand as they come off an ancient-looking cookie conveyor belt.

Address : Chinatown, San Francisco, CA, USA

Zipcode : 94108

Location : 37.7941377999999, -122.4077914
Nearest Public Transport : Market St & 2nd St Light Rail Station
Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours
Time Required : 1
Buy Ticket : No

7.2.31. San Francisco Ferry Building

Address : San Francisco Ferry Bldg, 1 Sausalito - San Francisco Ferry Bldg, San Francisco, CA 94111, USA
Zipcode : 94111
Location : 37.7955703, -122.39332079999
Nearest Public Transport : The Embarcadero & Washington St Light Rail Station
Time Required : 0.5
Buy Ticket : No

7.2.32. San Francisco – Oakland Bay Bridge

Connecting the city of San Francisco to Oakland, the Bay Bridge as it is popularly known among the locals, is one of the longest bridges in the country. Crossing the San Francisco Bay, this majestic structure boasts off one of the largest lights show in the world with over 25,000 LED illuminating the bridge every dusk making it a sight to behold. Visit the shoreline near the ferry building during the sundown and be fascinated by the ever-changing display of flying birds, waterfalls, geometric patterns and more that are formed by "The Bay Lights" show. This architectural gem with its asymmetric structure, pedestrian walkways, bicycle paths and 525-foot tall tower offers spellbinding views of the bay.

Address : San Francisco – Oakland Bay Bridge, San Francisco, CA, USA
Zipcode : 94105
Location : 37.7982799, -122.37781819999
Website : <http://baybridgeinfo.org/>
Nearest Public Transport : The Embarcadero & Harrison St Light Rail Station
Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours
Time Required : 0.5
Buy Ticket : No

7.2.33. Painted Ladies

Historical row of Victorian houses well-known for appearances on movies, TV shows & postcards. Don't forget your camera: historic Alamo Square offers quintessential scenes of the City, including the famous 'Painted Ladies' of Postcard Row. This photogenic hilltop has appeared in numerous TV and film productions, such as the sitcom 'Full House.' Fame aside, the abundant lawns, flowerbeds and willows have made this park a well-loved play space for generations. Youngsters flock to the dual-level playground, while the off-leash area is popular with dogs (and dog parents). Look for the unusual Shoe Garden, where castoff high heels and ski boots are repurposed as landscape art. Full tennis court, walking trails and picnic area. The famous "Painted Ladies of San Francisco", otherwise known as "Postcard Row" or the "Seven Sisters", are a row of colorful Victorian houses located at 710–720 Steiner Street, across from Alamo Square in the neighborhood of Haight Ashbury. These Queen Anne-style homes are one of the thousands built in San Francisco during its booming growth at the end of the 19th-century. Their brightly colored edifices have become a pop culture staple, and are one of the most well-recognized examples of California Victorian architecture. One of the most photographed locations in San Francisco, Alamo Square's famous "postcard row" at Hayes and Steiner Streets is indeed a visual treat. A tight, escalating formation of Victorian houses is back-dropped by downtown skyscrapers, providing a stunning contrast. The grassy square itself is an ideal midday break. One of 11 historic districts designated by the Department of City Planning, the area includes several bed and breakfast inns. The Painted Ladies are an iconic site in San Francisco you cannot miss, just like our walking tours! San Francisco is known for sweeping viewpoints, gorgeous architecture, and overall being an aesthetically pleasing place to visit. Encapsulated in this description fit the "Painted Ladies", also known as the "Seven Sisters." A row of archetypal Victorian homes from the 1890's climbing one of San Francisco's many hills, visitors come from far and wide to photograph these beautiful structures.

Address : Steiner St, San Francisco, CA 94117, USA

Zipcode : 94117

Location : 37.7762592999999, -122.432758

Contact : +1 415-218-0259

Website : <http://sfrecpark.org/destination/alamo-square/>

Nearest Public Transport : Hayes St & Steiner St Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Key sites sports & adventure

San Francisco has an ideal climate, ample recourses and opportunities for participatory sports and recreation.

- **Golf -**

Address : 2100 Sunnydale Ave, San Francisco, CA 94134, United States

Location : 37.7156066,-122.4247168

Contact No : +1 415-587-2425

Website : <http://www.gleneaglesgolfsf.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Prague St & Russia Ave Bus Station (Not recommended)

Entry Fees : The Greens fee is \$ 24 for 9 holes and \$ 35 for 18 holes

Time Required : 1.00

Wait Time : 20 mins

- **Surfing -**

Address : 800 Great Hwy, San Francisco, CA 94121, USA

Location : 37.772769,-122.51069819999998

Contact No : +1 415-750-9473

Website : <http://www.wisesurfboards.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Cabrillo St & La Playa St Bus Station

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs; Saturday and Sunday: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2.00

Wait Time : 15 minutes

- **Kayaking and Stand-up Paddleboarding -**

Address : Pier 40, 89 King St, San Francisco, CA 94107, USA

Location : 37.7817178,-122.38635149999999

Contact No : (888)966-0953

Website : <http://citykayak.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : King St & 2nd St Light Rail Station

Entry Fees : The rental fee varies depending on the type of boards rented and the number of hours they are rented for. The price ranges from \$35 to \$125 for 1 hour; from \$39 to \$129 for 2 hours; from \$49 to \$139 for 3 hours; and from \$69 to \$179 for a day.

Open / Close Time : Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday: 12:00hrs-17:00hrs; Tuesday to Thursday: Closed

Time Required : 2.00

Wait Time : 15 minutes



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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Levi's Stadium is an all American football stadium located in Santa Clara, California (San Francisco Bay Area). It currently serves as the home to the 49ers since the year 2014. This stadium is about 40 miles from the heart of San Francisco. The staff there is major football lovers, the private suites are cozy and the games are awesome! The tickets are also affordable and the food is great. In World War II it served as the port of embarkation for service members going to the Pacific Theater. In 1945 the UN Charter was drafted and signed in San Francisco, which created the UN. The Treaty of San Francisco, signed in 1951, officially ended the war with Japan. After the war there was a rise of hippie counterculture. The Summer of Love and the gay rights movement arose, and San Francisco became a center of liberal activism in the US. Politically, it votes for a liberal Democratic Party. Originally known as the New York Gotham's from 1958, the San Francisco Giants are the Professional baseball team of the city; discounted tickets can be purchased here year round: http://sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com/ticketing/index.jsp?c_id=sf.

- **Kezar Stadium:**

Address : 670 Kezar Dr, San Francisco, CA 94118, USA

Location : 37.7667984,-122.45604500000002

Website : <http://sfrecpark.org/>

- **Cow Palace:**

Address : 2600 Geneva Ave, Daly City, CA 94014, USA

Location : 37.7067668,-122.41880070000002

Contact No : +1 415-404-4100

Website : <http://www.cowpalace.com/>

Open/Close time : Monday-Friday 08:00hrs - 17:00hrs (Saturday, Sunday Closed)

- **Levi's Stadium:**

Address : 4900 Marie P DeBartolo Way, Santa Clara, CA 95054, USA

Location : 37.40319879999999,-121.96983929999999

Contact No : +1 415-464-9377

Website : <http://www.levisstadium.com/>



10. Spas and relaxation

San Francisco is well known for its great spas and self-time centers such as the Champagne Salon & Day Spa this place is great to unwind and feel rejuvenated.

- **Clouds Rest Healing Center:**

Address : 2717 Judah St, San Francisco, CA 94122, United States

Location : 37.76093360000001,-122.49128740000003

Contact No : +1 415-661-0608

Website : <http://cloudsresthealing.com/>

- **Yoga Garden San Francisco:**

Address : 286 Divisadero St, San Francisco, CA 94117, United States

Location : 37.7719854,-122.43692770000001

Contact No : +1 415-552-9644

Website : <http://www.yogagardensf.com/>

- **Champagne Salon & Day Spa:**

Address : 1 Blackfield Dr, Belvedere Tiburon, CA 94920, United States

Location : 37.89952419999999,-122.5006323

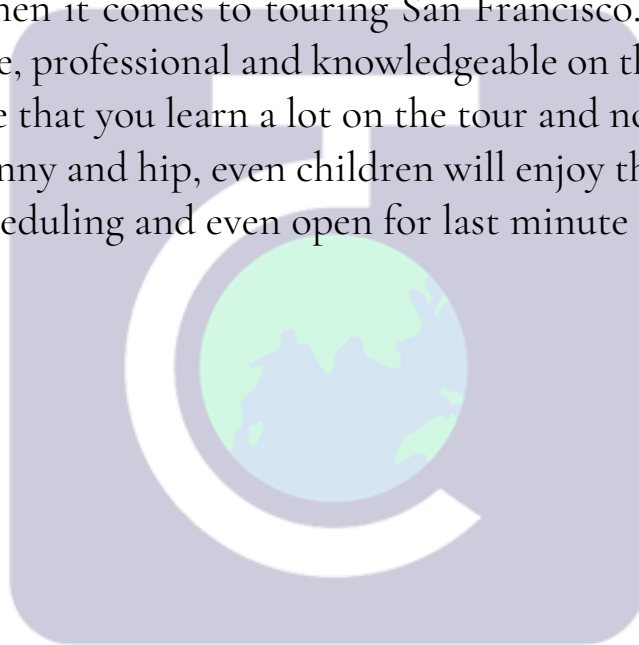
Contact No : +1 415-380-9111

Website : <http://www.champagnesalonanddayspa.com/>

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11. Key local guides and tours

Are you looking to tour San Francisco on a bus? Big Bus Tours London is a great way to see lots of attractions in a short space of time. The tour guides are very informative and welcoming. Enjoy the tour from the open top of the bus or the closed bottom level. The best time to take this tour bus is during warm weather, due to the open top of the bus, it can cause it to be chilly in lower temperatures. Caesar is a legend when it comes to touring San Francisco. Caesar just loves his job and is very mature, professional and knowledgeable on the insights of the city. Caesar will make sure that you learn a lot on the tour and no not in a boring way, he's ultra-friendly, funny and hip, even children will enjoy the tour. Caesar is very flexible with tour scheduling and even open for last minute appointments.



12. Transportation hubs

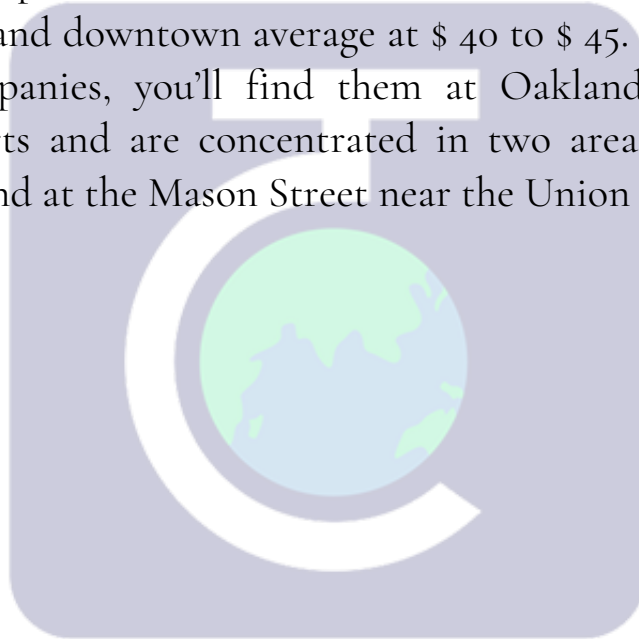
The San Francisco International Airport is situated 21 km south of downtown San Francisco. It offers flights throughout North America, Europe and Asia. This airport is the largest in the San Francisco Bay Area and is the second busiest in California. It serves as a hub to Virgin America and United Airlines. It also houses the Louis A. Turpen Aviation museum. Most international flights land at the San Francisco International Airport. You can shop for some great duty free novelty items at this airport. This is a busy airport with stringent rules, so ensure all your paper work and documents are in place during your travel. San Francisco is considered one of the easiest cities in the world to navigate. Since the city is compact, transportations options are abound including the world-famous cable cars, public transportation and ride sharing. San Francisco is not famous for its public transport services, however it does have a number of bus and train services that function on a daily basis. If you're looking for affordable modes of transportation then you can opt in for these services. There is a huge price difference between the bus and train fares in comparison to the taxis which are more popular in San Francisco. Ground transportation includes Amtrak train services, Thruway bus service, Bay Area Rapid Transit, Big Bus Tours and rent a bike. The rent a bike option is a great way to get to places once you've figured out the roads in San Francisco. This is an affordable and easy method to travel. Bikes are common in San Francisco and most people opt for it as a daily transport method. Major Stations in San Francisco are San Francisco Train Station and Transbay Temporary Terminal Bus Station.

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13. Transportation cost

San Francisco is quite a compact city comprising of an extensive public transportation network which makes getting or moving around without a car as a preferred method of seeing the city. The San Francisco Bay Area doesn't have an integrated transit system, hence you may use services operated by several agencies during your visit. If you are within San Francisco, you can call 311 any time from your phone and speak with a live operator on information about Muni and other bus services in the city. The primary transit operator within the San Francisco area is known as Muni. Muni has an extensive network of bus, streetcar, cable car, and trolleybuses serving every tourist destination, initial neighborhood, and shopping district located within the city limits. You can check for schedules and route maps online. You can also purchase system maps at selected retail locations. Most of the bus stops have posted system maps that you may also use. Busy stops across the transit system have electronic NextBus displays which announce real-time arrival. Muni has 1-day, 3-day, and 7-day visitor passports going for \$ 20, \$ 31, \$ 40 respectively. With these passports, you can access or rather have unlimited rides on the buses, streetcars, trolley buses, and cable cars for the days subscribed for. Important to note is that you need to use the passports for subsequent days. These passports offer convenience, but your trip should include some cable car riding for you to be given any meaningful discount. One-way fare (Cable car) is \$ 7 for all ages except for seniors and persons with disabilities who pay \$ 3. Visit <https://www.sfmta.com/getting-around/transit/fares-passes/visitor-day-passes> for more information. Don't be surprised when buses come late or even do not show at all. Muni service is unreliable. Most of its vehicles are usually very crowded and you'll see drivers and the passengers often indifferent to each other. San Francisco has ferry services with several lines offering a scenic, practical way for venturing out of the city. The famous tourist destinations are Alcatraz and Sausalito. There are additional ferries to Angel Island, Vallejo, Larkspur, Tiburon, Oakland, and Alameda. You can use other transit operators which operate from San Francisco to various points in the Bay Area. They include the AC Transit bus service available to and from the East Bay, the Golden Gate Transit service available to and from the North Bay, and the San Trans bus service available to and from

Peninsula. PresdiGo shuttle service is also available from downtown San Francisco to Presidio. When it comes to parking, rates range from \$ 20 to \$ 50 per day. It depends with the location. That's quite expensive. Isn't it? You won't need a car until you are ready to explore the outside of the city. Visit www.sfcарfree.org for information about car - free travelling in San Francisco. Taxis can be found throughout San Francisco though they are relatively expensive. Cab fares start from \$ 3.5 with an additional \$ 2.75 for each mile travelled (Billed in 1/5 mile increments at \$ 0.55), the waiting time rate is \$ 0.55 per minute, and a subcharge of \$ 2.00 applies for trips from the San Francisco International Airport. Taxi fares between the airport and downtown average at \$ 40 to \$ 45. If you consider going for Rental car companies, you'll find them at Oakland and San Francisco International Airports and are concentrated in two areas within the city: in Fisherman's Wharf and at the Mason Street near the Union Square.



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14. Baggage allowance

SF MUNI Potrero Division is the public bus transportation service here in San Francisco, California. With SF MUNI Potrero Division Carry-ons are free of charge however large carry-on items and checked baggage isn't allowed on board except strollers and infant car seats. Yellow Cab Co-op is an easy to use taxi service, being that they have an app it makes booking a cap for now or later a breeze! The app features Card-On File payments for a more secure and safe transaction, and a no surge or booking fee! Getting around San Francisco with Yellow Cab Co-op has never been easier. Yellow Cab Co-op Doesn't Charge for checked baggage or Carry-ons, if it fits its free of charge. Cal Train is the train station that services San Francisco, California; they have special types of on board amenities such as a luggage car for checked baggage and a bicycle car for those that traveled with a bike. Carry-ons are free of charge as well as checked baggage, just make sure to on board a train with a luggage car if you are bringing large items or checked bagged along with you.

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15. Must try food and local savouries

Looking for a great breakfast burrito? Sweet & Savory is the place here in San Francisco. This place is relatively easy to get to, depending on traffic. The staff love what they do at Sweet & Savory with passion and are very welcoming. Have a sweet tooth? The sweets at Sweet & Savory are endless and the Chocolate chip cookies are to die for! The best dish to try in San Francisco that isn't a burrito would be the Tahiti French toast at zazie. Who doesn't love breakfast for dinner? Just in case you haven't heard this already, but San Franciscans love to wait in line for their brunch! This French café located in Cole Valley, offers dinner options too if you're not a breakfast fan. The first bite of this delicate Tahiti French toast topped with walnuts and bananas will teleport your taste buds to an all tropical dimension.



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16. Restaurant & Nightlife

The neighborhoods have restaurants and venues to cater to the needs of the residents and visitors. For the best places to eat and night life, San Francisco's areas like Union Street in Cow Hollow, Valenica Street in the Mission, 24th Street in Noe Valley, Irving Street in the Inner Sunset and Grant Avenue in North Beach, are well-known as the centres of the city's nightlife. Union Square restaurants are some of the best in San Francisco. They offer a wide variety of cuisines from Japanese to Mexican food to fresh, local California cuisine.

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- **Sweet & Savory:**

Address : 5685 Gibraltar Dr, Pleasanton, CA 94588, USA

Location : 37.6914154,-121.8906150

Contact No : +1 925-847-2911

Website : <http://www.sweetandsavory.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Friday 06:30hrs – 15:30hrs (Saturday, Sunday Closed)

- **Zazie:**

Address : 941 Cole St, San Francisco, CA 94117, United States

Location : 37.7652548,-122.4500069

Contact No : +1 415-564-5332

Website : <http://www.zaziesf.com/>

Open / Close Time : Thursday 08:00hrs-14:00hrs 17:00hrs – 21:30hrs

Friday 08:00hrs-14:00hrs 17:00hrs – 22:00hrs Saturday 09:00hrs- 15:00hrs

17:00hrs – 22:00hrs Sunday 09:00hrs- 15:00hrs 17:00hrs – 21:30hrs Monday

08:00hrs-14:00hrs 17:00hrs – 21:30hrs Tuesday 08:00hrs-14:00hrs 17:00hrs

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- **Eats:**

Address : 50 Clement St, San Francisco, CA 94118, USA

Location : 37.7832869,-122.4600222

Contact No : +1 415-751-8000

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs- 14:30hrs

- **Manresa:**

Address : 320 Village Ln, Los Gatos, CA 95030, United States

Location : 37.2273788,-121.9808363

Contact No : +1 408-354-4330

Website : <http://www.manresarestaurant.com/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday-Sunday 17:30-21:00hrs (Monday, Tuesday closed)

- **Saison:**

Address : 178 Townsend St, San Francisco, CA 94107, United States

Location : 37.7795354,-122.3922630

Contact No : +1 415-828-7990

Website : <http://saisonsf.com/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Saturday 17:30hrs-21:30hrs (Sunday, Monday Closed)

- **Bartlett Hall:**

Address : 242 O'Farrell St, San Francisco, CA 94102, United States

Location : 37.786495300,-122.4087511

Contact No : +1 415-433-4332

Website : <http://bartletthall.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Friday 11:30hrs – 01:30hrs (Saturday, Sunday 10:30hrs – 01:30hrs)

- **Benjamin Cooper:**

Address : 398 Geary St, San Francisco, CA 94102, United States

Location : 37.7873824,-122.4097362

Website : <http://www.benjamincoopersf.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Friday 17:00hrs – 02:00hrs (Saturday 18:00hrs – 2:00hrs, Sunday Closed)

- **Biscuits & Blues:**

Address : 401 Mason St, San Francisco, CA 94102, United States

Location : 37.787294,-122.4101609

Contact No : +1 415-292-2583

Website : <http://www.biscuitsandblues.com/>

Open / Close Time : Friday 17:30hrs – 23:30hrs Saturday 17:30hrs – 23:30hrs Sunday 17:00hrs – 22:30hrs Monday Closed Tuesday 17:30hrs – 23:00hrs Wednesday 17:30hrs – 23:00hrs Thursday 17:30hrs – 23:00hrs

- **NorthStar Cafe:**

Address : 1560 Powell St, San Francisco, CA 94133, United States

Location : 37.7992152,-122.4104049

Contact No : +1 415-397-0577

Open / Close Time : Monday-Friday 13:00hrs – 02:00hrs (Saturday,
Sunday 12:00hrs – 02:00hrs)



Index**17. Average meal cost**

San Francisco is one of the most beloved tourist cities in the world. It turns out to be one of the most expensive cities when it comes to meals. Budget breakfast goes for \$4.00- 8.00; budget dinner is at \$10.00 – \$18.00; budget lunch is at \$6.00 - \$10.00. Buying beer in local markets is cheaper than buying the same in bars as they tend to be fairly expensive. Beer costs for between \$1.00 and \$5.00, depending on where it is bought.



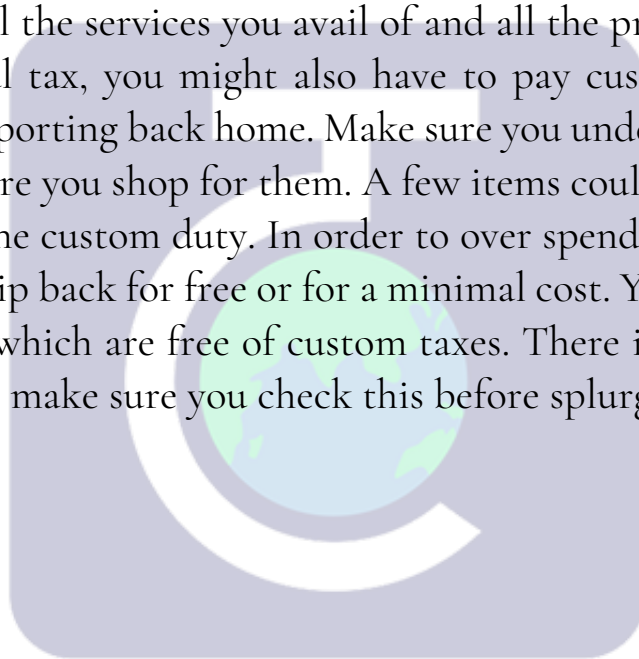
Index**18. Shopping**

There are several shopping malls and areas where you can do your shopping in San Francisco. It offers a wealth of shopping opportunities for you. Shopping options range from vast factory outlet malls to departmental stores in the Bay Area. Whatever you are looking for, San Francisco has got it for you.



19. Tourist benefits

San Francisco is common for tourist. A number of tourist flock the city each year to visit some famous places here. If you're planning a trip to San Francisco, you need to remember that although you will find some great deals for hotel stay and travel, you won't get any tax exemptions in the city. VAT refund is not something that is common in San Francisco unless you are travelling here for business. You will be charged for all the services you avail of and all the products you purchase. Apart from the usual tax, you might also have to pay custom duty for certain items you plan on importing back home. Make sure you understand the norms for importing items before you shop for them. A few items could get really expensive when clubbed with the custom duty. In order to over spend, check online for the items that you can ship back for free or for a minimal cost. You can shop for some goods at the airport which are free of custom taxes. There is a limit to the items you purchase here, so make sure you check this before splurging at the airport.



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20. Essential local apps

Travel apps have become a necessity to both residents and tourists of big cities. Tourists will need these apps for countless purposes to survive the busy city. The most popular and widely used apps in San Francisco include Moovit (public transit app), Routesy (the app helps one to find one's way around the top transit systems), PayByPhone (payment operator for parking), OpenTable (app to discover, reserve, and manage restaurant reservations), Off the Grid (the app provides the users with the information, schedules and updates about upcoming street food markets and available vendors in the vicinity), and lots more. The apps could be used for a lot of purposes ranging from picking a good spot to eat to booking a plane ticket or finding a place to park. Most of these apps are available for Android and IOS platforms and are free.

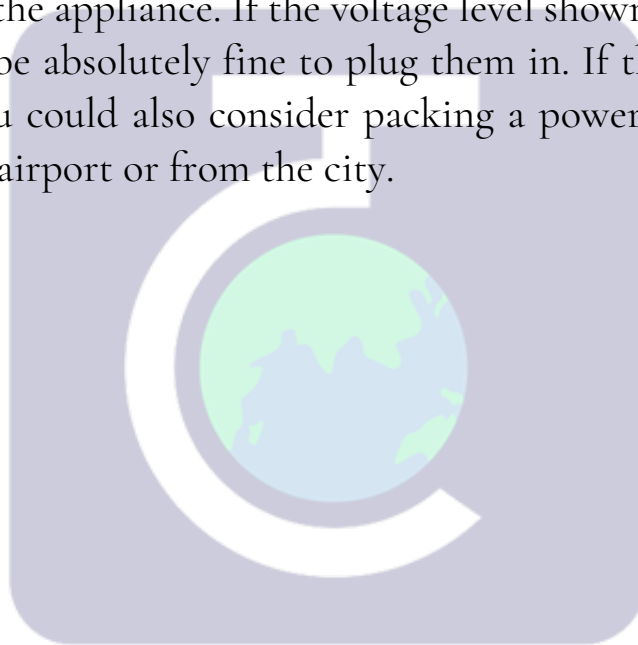


21. Driving

Driving around in the city is not a good idea if you are a tourist who is not too familiar with the city, since fog is a persistent issue. Hence it is better to opt for cabs or public transport. As is the case of any state or city in the U.S obtaining a permanent driver's license is subject to several procedures and conditions in San Francisco. Only a person above the age of 16 is allowed to apply for the license. He/she shall first be granted a learners permit following which the applicant will have to practice on the road. After this the applicant is required to clear the road test. The license will be granted to the applicant after a six month probation period following the road test. If you are in San Francisco for a short while, then you could apply for a temporary license. The applicant will have to submit the details and copies of his/her immigration documents. The license granted, after due consideration of such documents will have the words "temporary visitor" printed on it. It will also state the date of expiry of immigration documents. In case a need to renew such license arises, the applicant will have to submit the immigration documents once again.

Index**22. Travel essentials**

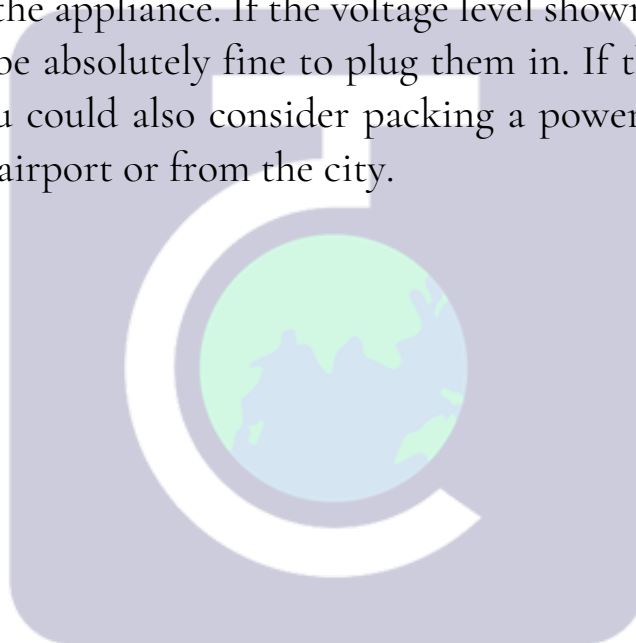
The plug points are standard primary sockets. They may be two pin or three pin. The voltage level is set at 110 V and the allowable frequency is 60Hz. By default, most electrical and electronic appliances are compatible with this voltage and frequency. So it is fine to take cameras, lap tops and other appliances. If you have any doubts regarding whether the voltage levels in your city or country differ, just check the bottom of the appliance. If the voltage level shown is between 110V and 240V then it should be absolutely fine to plug them in. If they vary, then, take a power converter. You could also consider packing a power plug adaptor; if you could buy one at the airport or from the city.



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23. Essential clothes

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Index**24. Local currency**

The local currency of the city of San Francisco is U. S. Dollars.



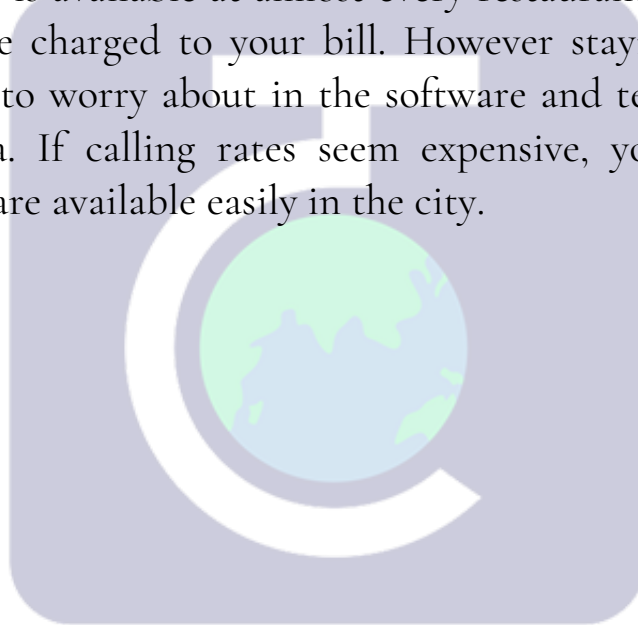
Index**25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Since the city is well developed and busy, you could easily locate several teller machines and banks. The transaction fee may come up to 5 Dollars. It might be cheaper at gas stations. Almost every hotel and restaurant accepts cards. So you could use your credit card or debit card for most activities. The cards can also be used for shopping as all shop outlets accept cards. So it is best not to burden yourself with the risk of carrying too much cash. Just carry enough cash for use of public transport and for trying out street stalls and food trucks. You may also need cash in small and less established shop outlets.



26. Staying connected

AT&T network provides the best coverage. It offers a wide range of plans for international calling. Some of these plans even come with free mobile data. The calling plans might seem expensive for visitors from U.K and Asia as calling plans in U.S are expensive as compared to other countries. The T Mobile network also offers good calling plans and good coverage though it is not preferred. WI-FI and internet connectivity is available at almost every restaurant, café and hotel. The cost of usage may be charged to your bill. However staying connected is not something you need to worry about in the software and technology driven San Francisco, California. If calling rates seem expensive, you could buy cheap, prepaid phones that are available easily in the city.



27. Time Zone

The city of San Francisco follows Pacific Time Zone with UTC – 08:00.



Index**28. Languages**

English is the main language that most of the people in San Francisco use. The other languages are Filipino, Chinese and Spanish.



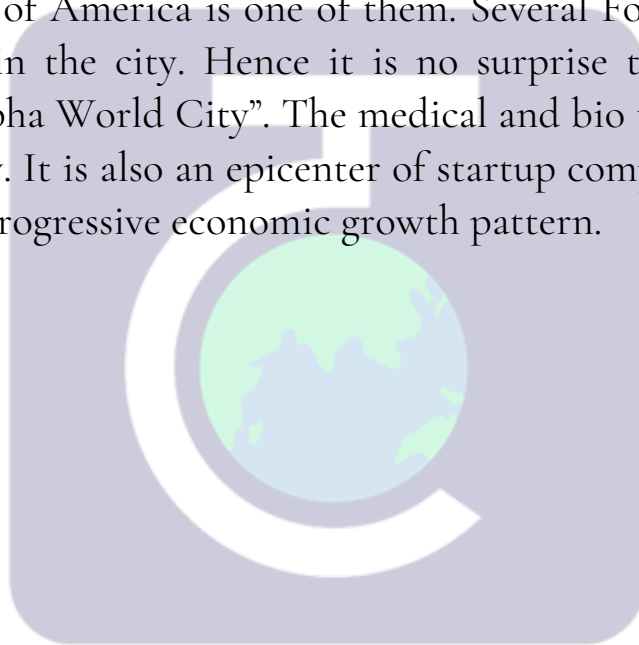
Index**29. Political Scenario**

San Francisco is a “consolidated city county” and is officially part of the San Francisco County. The mayor is the highest ruling authority. San Francisco is a charter city. San Francisco citizens are primarily supporters of the Democratic Party. The city is currently represented by democrats at the federal level and at state level. However the city has the highest percentage of “no party preference” voters. The city has a progressive perspective when it comes to politics. The approach followed by the citizens is quite liberal and forward.



Index**30. Economic Scenario**

San Francisco is considered the banking and financial hub of the west coast. The economy is nourished mainly by the service sector. The main source of income of the economy is from the professional service sector. This includes income from banking and financial services and high technology services. Several of the most prestigious banking institutions of the country have their headquarters in San Francisco. The Bank of America is one of them. Several Fortune 500 companies have been founded in the city. Hence it is no surprise that San Francisco is designated as an “Alpha World City”. The medical and bio technology industries also thrive in the city. It is also an epicenter of startup companies. San Francisco has been showing a progressive economic growth pattern.



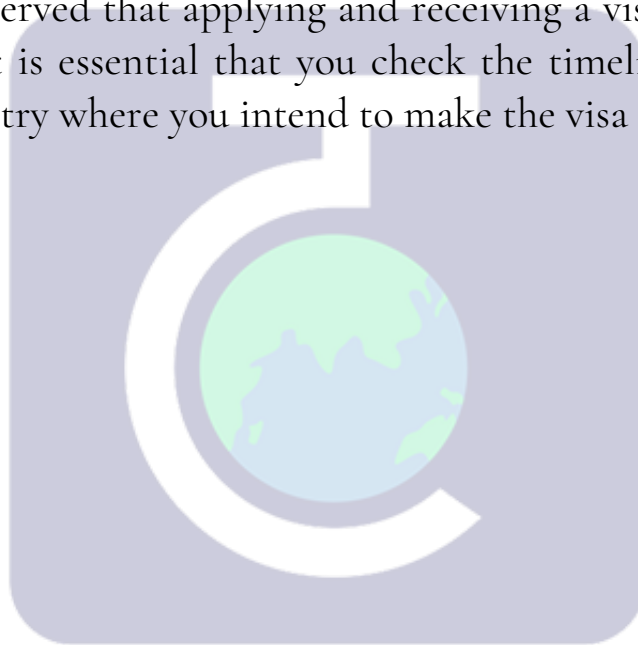
Index**31. Religious belief**

San Francisco people are religious by nature with 35.31% belonging to a religion. Out of this, 16.60 percent are Catholics, 0.76 percent are LDS, 1.95 percent are another Christian faith, 1.60 percent are Jewish, 2.59 percent are an eastern faith, and 0.83 percent are affiliated to the Islamic faith.



Index**32. Visa requirements**

If you are planning to visit San Francisco on a holiday, you need to get a travel visa. The B1 or B2 visa is usually issued for a tourist and in order to get this visa you need to contact the embassy. If you have a connecting flight via San Francisco you will need a transit visa if you plan to step out of the airport. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.



Index**33. Essential vaccination**

No vaccinations are required for entry to the states but you may want get a tetanus booster just to be safe.



Index**34. Theft and Safety**

Like all major cities, San Francisco has some neighborhoods that you should avoid. Majority of the city's homeless population are concentrated in the major areas of the city that are frequented by tourists. Although these homeless people are not dangerous many of them are mentally ill. The best way to avoid them is to not give them money and not to engage with them in any way. Violent crimes are not prevalent in San Francisco except in certain neighborhoods. The best way to counter unforeseen circumstances is to always carry a good street map and a cell phone that you can use to call up your hotel in case you get lost.



Index**35. Embassy/Consulate**

In order to visit San Francisco you need to apply for a visa. These visas are issued by the embassy or the consulate after an interview to confirm the reason of your travel. There are various embassies all over the world. You need to figure out which embassy you need to visit in order for them to issue a visa for your travel. Some of the embassies for San Francisco are located in Northern California, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. For more information, visit <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/united-states>.



Index**36. Accessibility**

Although San Francisco is one of the hilliest cities in the USA, it is certainly accessible for wheelchair travel. While power wheelchairs will have more freedom to explore the inner neighborhoods of San Francisco, manual chairs may need to be pushed at certain points of visit. Visitors can also rely on multiple accessible public transportation options like buses, taxis and even light rails.



Index**37. Emergencies**

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was passed in 2010 which means any traveler with a travel insurance is covered for medical expense. It's a smart thing to opt in for the travel insurance in order to avoid unnecessary medical expenses. For any SOS services, call 911. San Francisco has a number of health care facilities, however getting treated here without a cover gets expensive. Foreign visitors are not eligible for free medical care and the emergency rooms aren't free either. The major hospitals in San Francisco are California Pacific Medical Centre, UCSF Medical Centre and Saint Francis Memorial Hospital .



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38. Do's and Don'ts

Do's: 1) One should be very careful while walking down the lanes of Bayview-Hunters Point, Visitacion Valley, Sunnydale, Ingleside, and Potrero Hill in Southeast San Francisco, as well as the Tenderloin, parts of Western Addition (including the Fillmore District), and parts of the Mission. 2) If someone begs from you, you should politely refrain from giving them cash or just keep walking without paying any attention to them and they'll leave on their own. 3) Try to park your vehicles in secured parking garages since they are safer from public street parking; though not completely safe from the crime. 4) Do check for ticks after hiking in the fields in Bay Area. There are chances of lyme disease transmission in the Bay Area. 5) If a bulls' eye rash develops at the tick bite site, immediately visit medical center for help and treatment with antibiotics rather than dealing it with self-knowledge. 6) Arrange for sufficient medicines to meet your personal medical needs. Check with the embassy of the country you are visiting to ensure your medicine is legal in the countries you are travelling to. Obtain a doctor's letter stating who the medicines are for, what they are, the dosage, and leave medicines in their original packaging. Don'ts: 1) Since pickpocketing, purse snatching, and other forms of petty crime are common happenings in the large areas of San Francisco, do not leave your belongings unattended while travelling on crowded Muni train and buses. 2) Do not leave your valuables and belongings in your vehicle, especially when the vehicle is parked on public streets. 3) Be cautious and do not take things easy while wandering in heavily touristed areas such as Fisherman's Wharf, especially during the busy holiday shopping season. 4) It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.

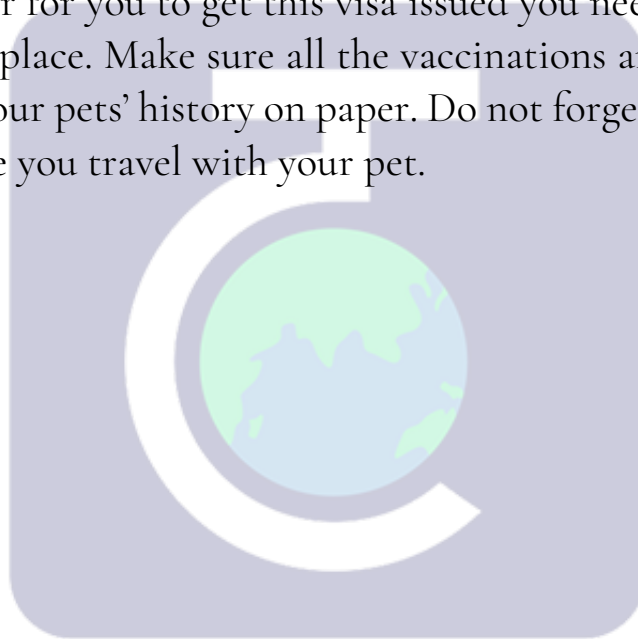
Index**39.Tipping basics**

Tipping might seem like a generous act of kindness, but it could get awkward when you're in San Francisco. Most of the restaurants here charge a service fee which means you do not have to tip. Waiters here are not used to being tipped and could even refuse a tip. Some of them could lose their jobs if they accept a tip which is why you need to check your bill before tipping them. You could however tip the taxi service, the maid and the doorman. Hotel staff such as the bell boy and room service too can be tipped.



Index**40.Pet info**

There are a number of travelers who love to take their pets along with them on vacation. San Francisco is a pet friendly city, so getting your pet along with you on vacation is a good idea. There are a number of hotels that provide pet services and allow guests to get their pets along. You can get some research done about the hotels and restaurants that allow pets. While travelling make sure you get your pet visa. In order for you to get this visa issued you need to get all the paper work for your pet in place. Make sure all the vaccinations are up to date and you have mentioned all your pets' history on paper. Do not forget to mention your pet age and nature before you travel with your pet.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

San Francisco has many nicknames like, "The City by the Bay", "San Fran", "Fog City", and "Frisco", as well as older names like "The City that Knows How", "The Paris of the West", and "Baghdad by the Bay". A large number of tourists visit San Francisco. It has fog, cool summers, steep rolling hills, many landmarks and notable architecture. Located on the West Coast of the US, at the north end of the San Francisco Peninsula it has a significant stretch of the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay within its boundaries. Many picturesque islands like Treasure Island, Alcatraz, Yerba Buena are a part of the city. There are more than 50 hills in the city. The Twin Peaks is a pair of hills. It is one of the city's highest points and provides a popular viewing spot. Mount Davidson is San Francisco's tallest hill. It has a 103 foot (31m) tall cross which was built in 1934. Market Street and the waterfront are the historic center of San Francisco. The Financial District is centered here. The Union Square is the main shopping and hotel district. The cable cars carry people up the steep inclines of the Nob Hill, and down to the tourist attractions of Fisherman's Wharf, and Pier 39. There many restaurants offer Dungeness crab got from the fishing industry. The Russian Hill is a residential neighborhood which has the famous crooked Lombard Street. North Beach is the city's Little Italy which was earlier the center of the Beat Generation. The main feature of the Telegraph Hill is the Coit Tower. The "Painted Ladies" near Alamo Square is famous. Haight Ashbury is known for the 1960's hippie culture. Now it has some expensive boutiques, some controversial chain stores and retains its bohemian character to some extent. The Transamerica Pyramid is San Francisco's tallest building. The best performing arts companies in the U.S. perform at San Francisco's War Memorial and Performing Arts Center. The San Francisco Opera, which is the second largest opera company in North America, and the San Francisco Ballet give performances in the War Memorial Opera House. The San Francisco Symphony performs in the Davies Symphony Hall. There are a large number of theaters and live performance venues. Contemporary and 20th century works of art can be seen in the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. European antiquities and works of art can be seen in the Palace of the Legion of Honor. American decorative pieces and anthropological artifacts can be seen in the de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park. There is a Cable Car Museum on Nob Hill. San Francisco has more than 220 parks. The Golden Gate Park is the largest and most famous amongst them. It has cultural and natural attractions like, Japanese Tea

Garden, Conservatory of Flowers and San Francisco Botanical Garden. San Francisco has numerous culturally rich streetscapes and has been ranked the second "most walkable" city in the U.S. It has an ideal climate for outdoor activities. There are more than 200 miles of bicycle paths and lanes in the city. The popular activities on San Francisco Bay include boating, sailing, windsurfing and kitesurfing. So you can enjoy sightseeing and participate in activities as well, with your friends and family.



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