A Visit to Grace Cathedral, According to TripAdvisor

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When it comes to great travel tips for visiting the cathedral, look no further than TripAdvisor reviews: travelers on the site seem to cover all our highlights.

On our TripAdvisor page, user Miriam D called the cathedral, "A must visit. Even if you are not religious, this place makes you feel comfortable. Take the self guided tour."

Miriam is referring to GraceGuide, our self-guided tour app lets visitors experience the cathedral in four fascinating ways, including a treasure hunt for families with a hidden prize at the end. Just search for "GraceGuide — Tours of Grace Cathedral San Francisco" in the Apple or Google Play app stores. We are thrilled to be receiving such great feedback on our tour app, which was released this year.

Another user, Travelingteapots was lucky enough to visit the cathedral during a choir rehearsal. "Truly a highlight of our week," she said. Our world-class Choir of Men and Boys offers an Evensong service on Thursdays from mid-September through June. We encourage visitors interested in the cathedral's music to attend. The beautiful choral service offers both a glimpse into one of our Anglican traditions and a spirituallyuplifting experience in the majesty of the cathedral.

Grace Cathedral's AIDS Interfaith Memorial Chapel, featuring the altar piece by artist and activist Keith Haring, is one of a handful of such chapels in the United States. It serves to remember those impacted by AIDS, and also to remind us of our shared humanity. User Pdwschmidt described how his visit to the chapel helped him find a way to discuss social justice with his child. "It can be difficult to learn about and tell the social history / story of San Francisco—I had my 11 year old boy along with me on this trip—but there's no better way of talking about these issues, such as the AIDS epidemic, than through the positive work of this cathedral community."

For the selfie obsessives, "photo opportunities are just everywhere," COLOtraveler2012 said. The cathedral contains so many beautiful and inspiring works of art. Many TripAdvisor reviewers fondly mentioned our beloved Ghiberti Doors, Chapel of the Nativity, murals and labyrinths.

Traveler lilliank115 mentioned our constant cultural and music events, saying, "If one plans ahead, it may be possible to obtain tickets for a concert in the cathedral." The cathedral's broad cultural program attracts musicians, speakers and theater productions from around the world. Visit our event calendar to see upcoming events.

Whether you are a visitor or a native, a visit to Grace Cathedral always makes for a stop both serene and stimulating. Our TripAdvisor page is here.

