

SAN FRANCISCO'S MAIN ATTRACTIONS

- One great way to explore the city is by taking a San Francisco City Tour – The front desk can arrange your tour (with or without a trip to Alcatraz) and have the tour-bus pick you up and drop you off right in front of our Inn. **Tickets are available from the front desk.** If you so choose, there are also city tours available in the following foreign languages: German, Spanish, Italian, French, Japanese and Korean. The front desk can also provide information on a number of other tour packages to sites outside of San Francisco such as Napa Valley, Sausalito, Muir Woods, and Monterey / Carmel.
- Golden Gate Bridge – 101 North, Vista Point, \$5 Toll. This beautiful old red-orange bridge has become the defining symbol of the Bay Area. The bridge is easy to approach by car or tour bus. Once you're there, walk or bicycle across to slowly savor the experience. There's no bad time to cross the bridge – unless you're a commuter in rush-hour traffic. The views are spectacular by day or night. On the north side, the Vista Point parking lot is free and open every day from 7am to 7pm, but there's a four-hour limit. The Southeast parking lot is metered, so bring some quarters. Vista Point, on the Marin side of the bridge, is one of the most popular picture-taking spots in the Bay Area.
- Fishermen's Wharf – Get up early and greet the sunrise and brisk bay air with a hearty walk on the piers and along Jefferson Street, making sure to take a turn into Fish Alley. Known for its historic waterfront, delicious seafood, spectacular sights and unique shopping, Fisherman's Wharf offers a wide array of things to do for everyone. The opening of crab season in November is a festive occasion. It is the day when the cauldrons along Fisherman's Wharf are lighted, ready to receive the boxes piled high with Dungeness crab hoisted from the decks of the first boats that come chuffing back into port. It is a time for gourmet feasting that will last through the weeks and months to follow.
- Cable Cars – Hanging off the side as you whiz down hills and around corners is a quintessential San Francisco experience. If you're in San Francisco, you've got to ride the cable cars at least once. Either hop on a cable car as you walk along its route or pick up the line at either Cable Car turnaround points (located at Fisherman's Wharf & Union Square). The system has been in place since 1873 and there are three unique lines to choose from California, Hyde-Powell and Mason-Powell. With these three unique lines you're able to see the city from a great view.
- Cable Car Barn & Museum – This museum displays the history of San Francisco's cable cars and the underground cables that actually pulled the cars along the tracks. Great place to take pictures and learn about the history of the cable cars. (FREE) It is located at 1201 Mason St @ Washington St - 415-474-1887.
- Lombard St / Crookedest Street – “The Crookedest Street in the World”, a moniker stemming from the fact that, in 1922, city engineers crammed eight cobblestone switchbacks into a single steep block of Lombard. The goal was to provide relief from the hair-raising slope; the inadvertent result was a tourist site. Hairpin turns are only part of the attraction. Lombard's crazy-curve block is lined with handsome houses and adorned with copious hydrangeas. The high point, atop Russian Hill, offers stupendous views of the San Francisco Bay, Alcatraz, and the city. Add to this the fact that the Hyde Street cable car deposits visitors at the top of the picturesque incline and the Crookedest Street could hardly have escaped notice.
- Alcatraz – Escape from the mainland to this legendary prison for a thrilling tour behind bars. Perhaps the most famous ex-jail in the world, "The Rock" draws thousands. We recommend the Blue and Gold Fleet, departing from Pier 41 up to 16 times a day. Be sure and get the audio tour, a magnificently done pastiche of history and recreation. Alcatraz is Spanish for "Pelican".
- Pier 39 – Carnival-like atmosphere that is as essential to San Francisco's allure as the Golden Gate Bridge. It's a good starting point for all sorts of fun tourist activities. You can purchase any number of items (i.e. t-shirts, postcards, etc.) to prove you were here. The local jugglers and carousel give the area a family-friendly, circus-like atmosphere. It's like stepping into several postcards of our city by the bay. You can spot Alcatraz, the Bay Bridge, the Golden Gate Bridge, the Marin headlands and the tip of the Transamerica building from the center of the pier. With more than 110 stores, 11 full-service restaurants with bay views and numerous fun-filled attractions including arcades, aquariums and snorting sea lions - Pier 39 is enjoyable for the whole family.

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- Chinatown – Much more than a tourist attraction - one of the city's most culturally aware, culinary delectable neighborhoods. With its crowded streets, bustling markets, mysterious alleys, hidden temples and busy restaurants, Chinatown is San Francisco's most colorful neighborhood. It is also among the most famous, and therefore teems with visitors. A formal tour of Chinatown starts at the Chinatown Gateway, a dragon-crowned portal located on the corner of Bush and Grant. Originally known as Dupont Street, the road was notorious for its opium dens and gambling halls. Today, Grant Avenue is notorious for its number of shops selling jade jewelry, clay Buddha statues, electronics and kites. The hustle and bustle of Chinatown's daily life can be found on Stockton Street, where the sights and smells of the herbalist shops and the fish and produce markets recall Shanghai circa 1930.
- San Francisco City Hall – Designed in 1915 by architect Arthur Brown, this French Renaissance-style Beaux Arts landmark is considered by many to be San Francisco's most beautiful structure. The 24-carat gilded dome soars 306 feet above the newly refurbished building, reopened in January 1999. Internal highlights include birdcage elevators, crystal chandeliers, oak paneling and skylights, all of which have survived three fires and a major earthquake. City Hall features art exhibits on the ground floor, including photography, painting and crafts. Free tours highlighting building history, art and architecture are available daily. For more information call the Docent Tour Hotline at 415-554-6023.
- Golden Gate Park – This Park is most easily accessed off 19th Avenue. Since parking is often difficult, public transportation is the best way to go. Go any day, any time, although Sundays are especially nice because cars are not allowed on John F. Kennedy Drive, the park's main thoroughfare. Golden Gate Park offers gardens, lakes, waterfalls, a Victorian conservatory, a bandstand concourse, the Japanese Tea Garden (\$4.00 admission) 8:30 am – 5:30 pm 415-668-0909, a polo field, a golf course, massive lawns and athletic fields, and a first-rate children's playground.
- Palace Of Fine Arts – A remnant of San Francisco's glorious past, this exquisite arts and science complex pulses in the heart of the Marina District. Designed by architect Bernard Maybeck, the Palace of Fine Arts was built in 1915 for the Panama Pacific Exposition that celebrated both the completion of the Panama Canal and the rebirth of San Francisco following the 1906 earthquake. Built as a temporary structure, however, it soon began to crumble and was eventually reconstructed-in a stripped-down version of Maybeck's original-in the early '60s.
- Coit Tower – An eye-catching landmark featuring “Work Progress Administration” murals and beautiful views. As a tribute to the men who tried to save San Francisco in 1906, Lilly Coit designated that her legacy be used for the beautification of her beloved city. The views here are spectacular, but if you want to look out from the tower's top, you'd best go during daylight, as Coit Tower generally closes at 5pm. Though the mural gallery and gift shop are free, it'll cost you \$4.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children to ride the elevator to the top. If you don't like heights, look in nearby trees; believe it or not, a flock of wild parrots lives in the neighborhood. For more information call 415-362-0808.
- SF MOMA – With a finger on technology's pulse, this premier West Coast modern-art venue just keeps getting better. The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art put itself back on the map in January 1995, the day it moved downtown into Mario Botta's fab postmodern jewel with the brick facade and striped oculus skylight. The move unleashed an unprecedented flood of important acquisitions and renewed public interest. In addition to showcasing its far-ranging permanent collection, the museum serves as a frequent stopping-off point for prestigious traveling blockbusters. The museum is also a hot spot for the latest digital and high-tech installations. If you really want to see the museum, make a day of it. SF MOMA has the second-largest exhibition space of any modern museum in the country, just behind New York City's Museum of Modern Art. It is located at 151 Third St - 415-357-4000.
- Asian Art Museum – The Asian Art Museum is one of the largest museums in the Western World devoted exclusively to Asian art. Its holdings include nearly 15,000 treasures spanning 6,000 years of history, representing cultures throughout Asia. The museum's new home is the result of the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the city's former Main Library, a 1917 beaux arts-style building. Admission is only \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$7 for children twelve and up and children under twelve are free. Renowned architect Gae Aulenti oversaw the dramatic transformation of the building which now features 40,000 square feet of gallery space. It is located at 200 Larkin St - 415-581-3500 Sunday-Saturdays.

WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO IN SAN FRANCISCO?

Performances

- San Francisco Opera – 301 Van Ness Ave @ Grove St - 415-864-3330.
- San Francisco Symphony – Multiple locations - Grove St @ Van Ness Ave - 415-864-6000.
- Herbst Theater – 401 Van Ness Ave @ McAllister St - 415-392-2545.
- San Francisco Theatrical Performances – Multiple locations - 415-398-6449.
- Golden Gate Theatre – 1 Taylor St @ Golden Gate Ave - 415-551-2050 or Ticketmaster 415-512-7770.

Movie Theaters

- AMC 1000 Van Ness – 1000 Van Ness Ave @ O'Farrell St - 415-922-4262 - Validated parking is available.
- IMAX Sony at Metreon – 101 Fourth St @ Mission St - 415-369-6201 or 1-800-326-3264 (Express Code 705#).

Shopping

- Union Square – Appropriately located in the heart of San Francisco – Home to all of the major brands and flagships stores.
- Union Street – Boutique clothing, jewelry and antique stores - perfect for window shopping and located just blocks away.
- Stonestown Galleria – Large mall with over 130 stores under one roof including Macy's, Gap, Banana Republic, Border's Bookstore and the Pottery Barn.
- Polk Street – Antique stores, jewelry stores, restaurants – good place to hang out and window shop and/or eat.

Sporting Events

- Football – San Francisco 49ers - Ticket office - 415-656-4900 or Ticketmaster 415-421-8497.
- Football – Oakland Raiders - Ticket office - 510-625-8497 or 1-800-724-3377.
- Baseball – San Francisco Giants - Ticket office - 415-972-2000 or 1-877-473-4849.
- Baseball – Oakland Athletics - Ticket office – 510-638-4627.
- Basketball – Golden State Warriors - Ticket office - 1-888-479-4667.
- Ice Hockey – San Jose Sharks - Ticket office – 408-998-8497.

Places of Worship

- Buddhist – Shinnyoen California - 1400 Jefferson St @ Scott St - 415-346-0209.
- Catholic – St Peter's and Paul's Church - Facing Washington Square - Filbert St @ Stockton St - 415-421-0809.
- Community – Bethel Cathedral Church of God - 1229 Egbert St @ Third St - 415-822-9936.
- Episcopal – Grace Cathedral Episcopal Church - 1100 California St @ Taylor St - 415-749-6300.
- Methodist – Glide Memorial United Methodist - 330 Ellis St @ Taylor St - 415-674-6000.
- Moslem Mosque – Muslim Community Center - 850 Divisadero St @ McAllister St - 415-563-9397.
- Presbyterian – Old First Presbyterian - 1751 Sacramento St @ Van Ness Ave - 415-776-5552.
- Roman Catholic – St. Mary's Cathedral - 1111 Gough St @ Geary St - 415-567-2020.
- Roman Catholic – Mission Dolores Basilica - 16th Street St @ Dolores St - 415-621-8203.
- Synagogues – Congregation Emanu-El - 2 Lake St @ Arguello St - 415-751-2535.

I m p o r t a n t P h o n e N u m b e r s

- **In the event of an Emergency; Dial 9 on your touch tone phone – wait for the dial tone and then dial 911.**
- From a cell phone call 415-553-8090 for life threatening matter.
- For a non-emergency call the San Francisco Police Department - 415-553-1984 or 415-626-4357.
- San Francisco Fire Department 415-861-8000 or SF Medical Service 415-431-2800.
- Muni (San Francisco Public Transit) - 415-673-6864.
- Bart (Regional Public Transit) - 510-465-2278.
- Visitor Information Hotline - 415-391-2000.
- Visitor Information TDD - 415-392-0328.
- Recorded listing of events throughout the city - 415-391-2001.

S t a f f T i p s

Whether you plan on riding the bus or jumping on the Cable Cars – consider buying a One, Three or Seven day “unlimited usage” passport for the public transportation systems (\$11, \$18 and \$24 respectively). These passes can be purchased from the Holiday Inn gift shop located at 1500 Van Ness Ave @ California St or at the Cable Car turnaround points at Fisherman’s Wharf and Union Square. Otherwise, the cost of the Cable Car is \$5 per person per ride and the bus is \$1.50 for Adults and Children, and .50c for Senior Citizens. **Remember that in San Francisco, no matter how sunny it is out-side, take a sweater because the wind is lurking just around the corner!**

W H E R E T O S T A Y I N S A N F R A N C I S C O ?

There are a number of wonderful hotel options in San Francisco. Each traveler is different depending on your ideal location, price and favorite amenities. Please go to www.staysf.com and click on the lower left box – “Places to Stay” for our recommendations of the perfect hotel for you.

RESTAURANT & BAR RECOMMENDATIONS

Local Bars / Clubs

Name of Bar / Club	Staff Favorites	Within Walking Distance (Less than 5 Blocks)
Biscuits & Blues – 401 Mason St @ Geary St - 415-292-2583	**	No
Bubble Lounge – 714 Montgomery St @ Jackson St - 415-434-4204	**	No
Greens Sports Bar – 2239 Polk St @ Green St - 415-775-4287	**	Yes
Harry Denton’s Rouge – 1500 Broadway @ Polk St - 415-346-7683	**	Yes
Harry Denton’s Starlight Room – 450 Powell St @ Sutter St - 415-395-8595	**	No
Royal Oak – 2201 Polk St @ Vallejo St - 415-928-2303	**	Yes
Ruby Skye (Dance Club) – 420 Mason St @ Post St - 415-693-0777	**	No
Tonic – 2360 Polk St @ Union St - 415-771-5535	**	Yes

Local Restaurants

Name of Restaurant	Staff Favorites	Within Walking Distance (Less than 5 Blocks)
Betelnut – 2030 Union St @ Buchanan St - 415-929-8855 - \$\$ - Asian Fusion	**	No
Street – 2141 Polk Street @ Vallejo St. – 415-775-1055 \$\$ - Cal Cuisine	**	Yes
Poncho’s – 1639 Polk Street @ Clay St. – 415-474-2280 - \$ - Mexican	**	Yes
Harris’ – 2100 Van Ness Ave @ Pacific Ave - 415-673-1888 - \$\$\$\$ - Steak	**	Yes
House of Prime Rib – 1906 Van Ness Ave @ Jackson St - 415-885-4605 - \$\$\$ - Steak	**	Yes
Little Thai – 2065 Polk St @ Broadway - 415-771-5544 - \$ - Thai	**	Yes
Milano’s – 1448 Pacific Ave @ Hyde St - 415-673-2961 - \$\$ - Italian	**	Yes
Nick’s Taco’s – 1409 Polk St @ Broadway - 415-409-8226 - \$ - Mexican	**	Yes
Pesce – 2227 Polk St @ Bonita - 415-928-8025 - \$\$ - Seafood	**	Yes
Peter D’s – 2201 Van Ness Ave @ Broadway - 415-771-8505 \$ Breakfast/Burgers	**	Yes
Polkers – 2226 Polk St @ Vallejo - 415-885-1000 - \$ - Breakfast/Burgers	**	Yes
Star India – 2127 Polk St @ Broadway - 415-292-6699 - \$ - Indian		Yes
Starbucks – 2163 Polk St @ Vallejo St - 415-921-1351 - \$ - Coffee	**	Yes
Tai Chi – 2031 Polk St @ Broadway - 415-441-6758 - \$ - Chinese	**	Yes
The Bell Tower – 1900 Polk St @ Jackson St - 415-567-9596 - \$\$ - American	**	Yes
Yabbies – 2237 Polk St @ Green St - 415-474-4088 - \$\$ - Seafood	**	Yes
Yuet Lee – 1300 Stockton St @ Broadway (China Town) - 415-982-6020 - \$ - Chinese	**	No

TRAVEL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Car Rental Companies

Enterprise - 1133 Van Ness Ave @ Geary St	(415) 441-3369
Hertz - 1644 Pine St @ Van Ness Ave	(415) 923-1119
Budget - 1600 Van Ness Ave @ California St	(415) 775-6607
Avis - 500 Beach St. #201 @ Jones St	(415) 441-4141

Airports & Airlines

San Francisco International Airport	(650) 821-8211
Oakland International Airport	(510) 577-4000
San Jose Airport	(408) 501-7600
Air Canada	(888) 247-2262
Air China	(800) 986-1985
Air France	(800) 237-2747
Air New Zealand	(800) 262-1234
Alaska Airlines (Domestic & Canada Flights)	(800) 426-0333
America West Airlines	(800) 235-9292
American Airlines	(800) 433-7300
ATA (American Trans Air)	(800) 435-9282
British Airways	(800) 247-9297
Canadian Air	(888) 247-2262
Cathay Pacific Airways	(800) 233-2742
China Airlines	(800) 227-5118
Continental Airlines	(800) 525-0280
Delta Airlines	(800) 221-1212
Hawaiian Airlines	(800) 367-5320
Japan Airlines	(800) 525-3663
Korean Air	(800) 438-5000
Mexicana	(800) 531-7921
Midwest Express	(800) 452-2022
National Airlines	(888) 757-5387
Northwest (Domestic)	(800) 225-2525
Northwest (International)	(800) 225-2525
Philippine Airlines	(800) 435-9725
Singapore Airlines	(800) 742-3333
Trans World Airlines (TWA)	(800) 221-2000
United Airlines (Domestic)	(800) 241-6522
United Airlines (International)	(800) 241-6522
United Shuttle	(800) 241-6522
US Airways	(800) 428-4322

S A F E T Y

Tips for Tourists

- Sightseeing
 - Plan your route out in advance.
 - Be aware of your surroundings.
 - Ask for directions from hotel desk staff.
 - If you get lost, find an open business for directions.
- Avoiding Pickpockets
 - Carry shoulder bag under your arm, not by the handle.
 - Carry your wallet in the inside front pocket of your pants or jacket.
 - Carry some cash or credit cards in another wallet or pocket.
 - Use credit cards or traveler's checks whenever possible, and carry only the cash you will need.
- Crossing Streets/Jaywalking
 - Cross only at crosswalks and obey all traffic and pedestrian signals.
 - Traffic police do issue citations for jaywalking or crossing against traffic signals.
- Hotel Security
 - Use the door viewer to identify anyone requesting entry to your room.
 - Keep your room key with you at all times.
- Shopping Alerts
 - Check out refund policies before making purchases.
 - When paying with a credit card, the stores can not charge you an extra fee.
 - When purchasing merchandise just remember here in California that the sales tax is 8.5%.
 - Request a written refund or exchange policy and warranties before leaving.
 - Ask about electrical compatibility for use in other countries.
- Vehicle Safety
 - Place maps, travel brochures and valuables out of sight in the truck. Never leave wallets, credit cards, check books and/or purses in the vehicle.
 - Always lock your vehicle and take the keys.

E a r t h q u a k e M e s s a g e

- Stay Calm.
- Do not light any matches or cigarette lighters.
- Take cover under mattress, table, desk, vanity in the bathroom or door frames.
- Remain in the area until shaking stops – do not run outside.
- Stay away from windows and mirrors.
- Upon leaving the area, make sure that you are wearing sturdy shoes.
- If possible, take valuables and medications with you.
- Do not use elevators.
- If you access through exit doors, wait for rescue team.
- Do not use telephones.
- Do not touch any wires if you are able to exit your area.
- Do not leave building until you're told it is safe to do so.