

# San Francisco: A City Resources Guide



## ***WELCOME TO SAN FRANCISCO!***

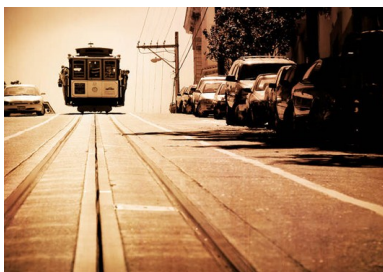
The Office of Student Life welcomes you to one of the best cities in the world! Though we might be slightly biased, we truly believe that this city offers a wide range of opportunities and activities for individuals of all ages, with different backgrounds and varying interests.

Our aim for this guide is to provide you with a “Cliff Notes” version of San Francisco, though we highly encourage you venture out and do your own exploring of the city and the Bay Area as a whole.

If you have any questions, stop by Suite 208.  
Enjoy your urban adventure!

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# ***If you're in the mood to visit the iconic sites of San Francisco...***

## **Golden Gate Bridge**

One of the most instantly recognizable bridges in the world, the Golden Gate Bridge is truly a regal sight to see, and with a bright orange coat of paint, it's surely near impossible to miss. There are view points on the north side and the south side, and there are numerous companies that rent bicycles that you can ride on the lower deck of the bridge. Make sure to bring a jacket, it gets windy!



## **Alcatraz**

A facility that once operated as a military base, a lighthouse, and prison, Alcatraz once was the home of America's most notorious mobster, Al Capone. Alcatraz became a National Historic Landmark in 1986, offering historical tours around the facility and the island. Make sure to buy your tickets ahead of time, you're competing with a lot of international tourists! The Halloween night tour is also a favorite, make sure you take it during your time in the city.

***Did you know that San Francisco has 215 historic landmark buildings, ten historical districts, and 14,000 Victorian homes?***

## **SF Cable Cars**

A little-known fact: the San Francisco Cable Car System is the last manually-operated Cable Car Systems in the world.

With a rich history in San Francisco starting in 1873, the Cable Cars now operate on three lines close to downtown. The most popular line, the Powell-Hyde line, runs from Union Square (Powell and Market) all the way down to Fisherman's Wharf (Beach and Hyde) offering pristine views of the Bay. Hang onto the bars as you go up the hills – they're incredibly steep!





## Alamo Square/Painted Ladies

The Painted Ladies at Alamo Square are mostly known not only for their beauty and elegance, but from the opening credits scene of the late 80s/early 90s American television show *Full House*. Put simply, a Painted Lady is a term used for Victorian and Edwardian houses and buildings painted in three or more colors that enhance their architectural beauty. Most noted houses (including Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin’s old houses on Central) are clustered around the Haight neighborhood, but there are several other Painted Ladies scattered throughout the city.

## Lombard Street

Featured in multiple films and TV shows, the steep and beautiful Lombard Street is indeed as steep and beautiful as you imagine it to be—and more! You’ll pass this street on your Cable Car Ride down to Fisherman’s Wharf.



## Pier 39

Pier 39 is a busy hub of the Fisherman’s Wharf neighborhood, full of shops, tourist attractions, restaurants, and street performers. Pier 39 is most notably known for its Sea Lions that come and sprawl out on the docks every year.



## Haight/Ashbury

Most known as the incubator of the 1967 Summer of Love, the Haight-Ashbury (also known as the Upper Haight) neighborhood once drew out thousands of hippies and revolutionaries from all of the country. Today, it is still true to its history and maintains a bohemian ambiance, although there are a number of franchises that have made their home on the famous Haight Street. Great for shopping, people watching, and close walking distance from Golden Gate Park, the Haight-Ashbury is a fun neighborhood that demands a visit.



## Iconic Sites, Continued...

### Mission Dolores

Mission Dolores has always had a central place in the religious, civic, and cultural life of San Francisco. Misión San Francisco de Asís was founded June 29, 1776, under the direction of Father Junipero Serra and is both the oldest original intact Mission in California and the oldest building in San Francisco. Today, the Mission Dolores Parish comprises both the Basilica and the Old Mission. The Old Mission's religious, historic, and architectural significance makes it a unique and memorable destination for visitors to San Francisco; it located at the intersection of 16th and Dolores Street.



### Chinatown

Practically a city within a city, San Francisco's Chinatown is the oldest Chinatown in North America and hoses the largest Chinese community outside of Asia. Since Angel Island (the Ellis Island of the Western United States) is not too far away from San Francisco, Chinese immigrants came here to establish their own community. Chinatown continues to hold on to a lot of historically formed organizations that thrive in this ethnic enclave. With stunning architecture, curious stores and plenty of people-watching, Chinatown is most certainly worth the visit.



## If you're in the mood for park explorations...

San Francisco is home to a number of parks that offer a get-away from the hustle and bustle of city life. Whether it's a long afternoon stroll through Golden Gate Park, a Lord-of-the-Rings-like quest up Twin Peaks or Corona Heights, or simply laying out in the sun atop Alamo Square, you'll be sure to find a park in your neighborhood that fits your lifestyle. The following are a list of well-known parks in San Francisco.

### Golden Gate Park

Often referred to as the "Central Park of the West Coast," Golden Gate Park spans 1.5 square miles in the north west quadrant of the city. With an estimate of 13 Million visitors annually, Golden Gate Park is the 3rd most visited park in the United States. There are so many places to go and see inside the park that each trip will offer a new experience: a tea ceremony at the Japanese Tea House, a breathtaking museum exhibit, an encounter with Bison, a music festival, or anything else in between. A list of some highlights in the park can be found below. For more information on events and to download a comprehensive map of the park, visit [www.golden-gate-park.com](http://www.golden-gate-park.com).



*Birds-eye view of Golden Gate Park*

## Dolores Park

This Park is a lazy haven in the Mission-Dolores neighborhood. Located next to the historic Mission Dolores, this park draws everyone and anyone looking to relax and curl up in a sunbeam. Dolores Park is host to numerous festivities throughout the year, including SF Pride Festival, the Hunky Jesus Competition, and the Fourth of July. In addition to the sunny fields, there are basketball courts, tennis courts, and frequent food truck visitors. There is no other park quite like Dolores, so it begs to be checked out. The park is located between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> streets on Dolores Street.



## The Presidio

The Presidio is a beautiful and somewhat secluded park area of San Francisco that once served as an Army Post for 2 nations. The Presidio is home to numerous hiking and walking trails, a golf course, old forts and barracks, and rows of Eucalyptus trees that permeate the air with zesty refreshment. Towards the northern part of the park are beaches and stunning views of the Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge, which actually emerges from the Presidio, not Golden Gate Park which some might assume! This park is truly dazzling and deserves a visit.



## Sutro Baths/Land's End

Located at the top left corner of the city, the Sutro Bath Ruins are a beautiful sight to see. The Sutro Baths was, at one time, the world's largest indoor swimming pool establishment. Unfortunately it burned down in the late 1960s, and all that is left of them are the ruins in a cove that opens up to the Pacific Ocean. These ruins are adjacent to Land's End Park which offers peaceful scenic trails along the coast.

### Sutro Baths

Point Lobos Ave at 48th Avenue  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
San Francisco, CA 94121



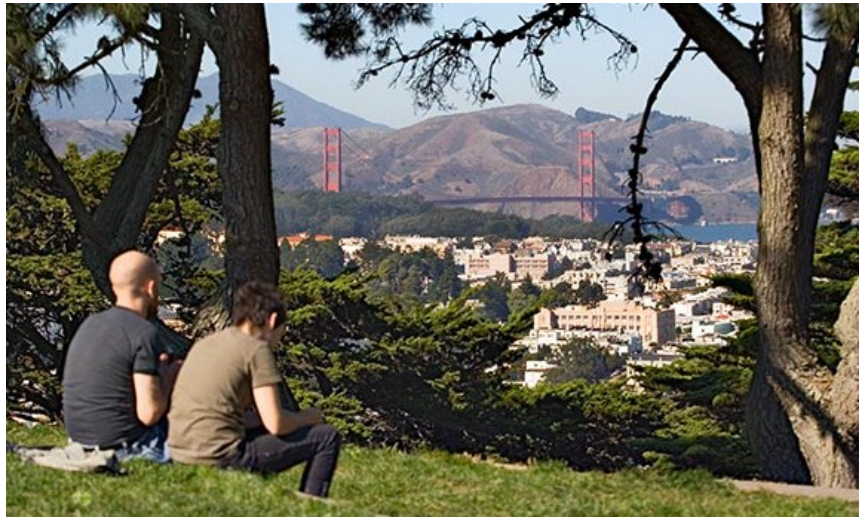
## ***Parks, Continued...***

### **Buena Vista Park**

Buena Vista Park is the oldest official park in San Francisco, offering stunning views of the City's northern quadrant. Bordered by Haight Street to the north, this park is convenient to get to and to explore.

**Buena Vista Park**

Haight Street & Buena Vista East  
San Francisco, CA 94101



### **Coit Tower**

Offering some of the best views of the city, this 210 foot tower is located in the Telegraph Hill neighborhood of San Francisco. Once you hike up the steep hills to get to the tower (it's accessible by car....) you can take an elevator up the tower to check out the views.

**Coit Tower**

1 Telegraph Hill Blvd  
(at Greenwich St)  
San Francisco, CA 94133



### **Twin Peaks**

If San Francisco were a Cartesian Axis, Twin Peaks would be the origin. Practically in the geographical center of the city, Twin Peaks offers 360 degree panoramic views of the entire city. Bring a jacket, it gets windy up there!

**Twin Peaks**

501 Twin Peaks Blvd  
(between Burnett Ave & Christmas Tree  
Point Rd)  
San Francisco, CA 94114



## *If you're in the mood for the Beach...*



### **East Beach**

Marina/Cow Hollow, North edge of Crissy Field. Golden Gate is to your left and Alcatraz to the right and Tiburon right in front of you.



### **Baker Beach**

A public beach, roughly a half mile long, the north end is considered "clothing optional." Located just southwest of the Golden Gate Bridge, it boasts a stunning, close-up view!



### **China Beach**

Small cove in San Francisco's Sea Cliff neighborhood. This is one of the cleanest in the state. Robin Williams and other famous celebrities have houses nearby.



### **Ocean Beach**

Runs along the west coast of San Francisco at the Pacific Ocean. Part of Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Great Highway runs along the beach and the Cliff House and former Sutro Baths are at the northern end.

For more information about San Francisco Parks, please visit the San Francisco Recreation and Parks website [www.sfrecpark.org](http://www.sfrecpark.org)

## *If you're in the mood for the Arts...*

San Francisco is overflowing with museums and cultural centers. From the Contemporary Jewish Museum to the Museum of Modern Art, there is an exhibit somewhere in the city for your specific interests. The following is a list of some of the well-known museums in the city; please note that there are dozens more that are not listed here.



CALIFORNIA  
ACADEMY OF  
SCIENCES

### California Academy of Sciences

Featuring an Aquarium, a Planetarium, a natural history museum and more.

[www.calacademy.org](http://www.calacademy.org)



### San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

Currently exhibiting over 26,000 contemporary works of art with new exhibits coming every few months, this museum will be sure to leave your senses stimulated.

[www.sfmoma.org](http://www.sfmoma.org)



### Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

A contemporary art center featuring visual art, performance, and film/video celebrating local, national and international artists.

[www.ybca.org](http://www.ybca.org)



### Exploratorium

Now at their new home on Pier 15, this center builds innovative exhibits that foster creativity and encourage exploration.

[www.exploratorium.edu](http://www.exploratorium.edu)



### Legion of Honor

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Legion of Honor has a collection of more than 6,000 years of ancient European Art.

[www.legionofhonor.famsf.org](http://www.legionofhonor.famsf.org)



connecting art, people, and ideas

### Contemporary Jewish Museum

Established in 1984, this museum offers contemporary perspectives on Jewish culture, history, art, and ideas

[www.thecjm.org](http://www.thecjm.org)

### de Young

Fine Arts Museums  
of San Francisco

#### deYoung Museum

Located in Golden Gate park, the deYoung museum showcases International art from the 17th through the 21st

[www.deyoung.famsf.org](http://www.deyoung.famsf.org)



### Oakland Museum of California

OCMA showcases California's Identity and character through cultural diversity, creativity, and innovations.

[www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org)



## Arts, Continued...



### Asian Art Museum

Located in the Civic Center, the Asian Art Museum is filled with stunning exhibits; a city-wide favorite for contemporary and historical Asian art.

[www.asianart.org](http://www.asianart.org)



### GLBT history museum

A unique museum featuring collections that document the historical journey of the city's GLBT community.

[www.glbthistory.org](http://www.glbthistory.org)



### San Francisco Conservatory of Flowers

A unique museum bursting with life, full of flowers from around the world.

[www.conservatoryofflowers.org](http://www.conservatoryofflowers.org)



### The Beat Museum

A tribute to the writers, thinkers, and artists that congregated in 1950s San Francisco.

[www.kerouac.com](http://www.kerouac.com)

## If you're in the mood for some Aquariums and Zoos...



### San Francisco Zoo

Home to a unique assortment of wildlife from around the world, the SF Zoo is definitely worth a visit.

[www.sfzoo.org](http://www.sfzoo.org)



### MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM

#### Monterey Bay Aquarium

A two-hour drive from San Francisco, Monterey is a quaint seaside town and a refreshing escape from big-city life. If you end up driving down to Monterey, don't miss out on this famous Aquarium.

[www.montereybayaquarium.org](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org)



### Oakland Zoo

On-par with the SF Zoo, this Conservation and Education Center is located across the Bay Bridge in the East Bay.

[www.oaklandzoo.org](http://www.oaklandzoo.org)

### *Did you know that most museums in San Francisco have "free days?"*

On the first Sundays of every month, gain free entry to Asian Art Museum, and the Oakland museum of California

On the first Tuesdays of every month, gain free entry to the YBCA, de Young, Conservatory of Flowers, and the Contemporary Jewish Museum

On the first Wednesday of every month, gain free entry to the SF Zoo, and the LGBT Museum

On the first Thursday of every month, gain free entry to the Chinese Historical Society, Berkeley Art Museum, and the Pacific Film Archive

# If you're in the mood for shopping...

Just like any other city, San Francisco has everything from high-end Fashion Malls to one-of-a-kind Boutiques, to Thrift Stores to Junk Shops. The following is an introductory list of locations where you can get your shopping fix.



### Union Square/Downtown

Union Square and the Downtown area is home to numerous brand-name stores. All of your major shopping needs are located here.



### Westfield Mall

Located downtown across the street from the Cable Car Turnaround at Powell and Market, this several-story building will keep your entertained (or frustrated?) for hours.



### Hayes Valley

Located around the corner from the Conservatory, there are several cute Boutiques to browse (though they can be on the pricey side!)



### Haight-Ashbury

The site of the famous "Summer of Love," Haight-Ashbury has plenty of boutique shops and vintage stores and is quite an amusing area to browse!



### The Mission

Home to several thrift shops, variety stores, and quirky boutiques and antique stores, one can easily spend hours shopping in the Mission.



### North Beach

Home to vintage shops, cute cafes, and the famous City Lights Bookstore, North Beach is a stimulating neighborhood to wander around in.



### Stonestown Galleria

For those who don't want to make the trek to downtown, the Stonestown Galleria is located on the opposite end of the city and can satisfy all of your mall needs.

## Outlet Shopping

There are a few Outlet stores located throughout the Bay Area. If you need help finding what you need, contact the Office of Student Life.



321 Nut Tree Rd #2  
Vacaville, California  
(707) 447-5755



629 Factory Stores Dr  
Napa  
(707) 226-9876



681 Leavesley Rd  
Gilroy  
(408) 842-3729

# If you're in the mood for sports...

San Francisco is home to World Champions in both Baseball and Football. In the Bay area there are also a number of other Professional Teams in Hockey and Basketball. Below is a list of the local teams, be sure to root for them at the next game!



## San Francisco Giants

The San Francisco Giants are the winners of the 2012 and 2010 World Series. During the season they play at AT&T Park.

Catch them at  
 24 Willie Mays Plaza  
 San Francisco, CA  
[www.sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com](http://www.sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com)



Giant's Stadium



## San Francisco 49ers

The San Francisco 49ers is the local SF Football team. During the season they will play at the new Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara at

4900 Centennial Blvd  
 Santa Clara, CA  
[www.49ers.com](http://www.49ers.com)



## The Golden State Warriors

The Warriors are the local Basketball team. Games are fun and tickets are cheap, what more could you want? Catch them at

7000 Coliseum Way  
 Oakland, CA 94621  
[www.nba.com/warriors](http://www.nba.com/warriors)



Oakland Coliseum



## Oakland Raiders

Known for their loyal fan base and team fan culture, the Raiders are an Oakland-based Football team with a small rivalry with the 49ers. Catch them at

7000 Coliseum Way  
 Oakland, CA 94621  
[www.raiders.com](http://www.raiders.com)



## The Oakland Athletics

The A's, as they're called, Oakland's baseball team, also play at the Oakland Coliseum.

7000 Coliseum Way  
 Oakland, CA 94621  
[www.oakland.athletics.mlb.com](http://www.oakland.athletics.mlb.com)



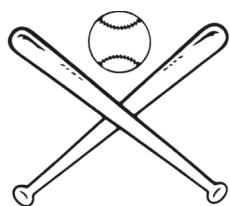
The old Candlestick Park



## San Jose Sharks

A member of the National Hockey League, the San Jose Sharks play at the HP Pavilion in San Jose.

525 W. Santa Clara Street  
 San Jose, CA 95113  
[www.sharks.nhl.com](http://www.sharks.nhl.com)



# If you're in the mood for a movie...

San Francisco is home to several independent and chain movie theaters. Whether it's an independent film or sing-along special at the Castro Theater or the latest Hollywood blockbuster, you'll be sure to find a venue playing what you want to watch.

The Office of Student Life has discount AMC Movie Passes available in Suite 208 for \$8 a ticket. Stop by to get yours today!

## Corporate Theaters

### AMC Van Ness 14

1000 Van Ness Avenue @ O'Farrell  
MUNI lines: 38, 49, 47

### AMC Metreon 16

135 4<sup>th</sup> Street @ Mission  
MUNI Lines: J, K, L, M, N

## Independent Theaters

### 4-Star Theater

2200 Clement St  
[www.lntsf.com](http://www.lntsf.com)  
MUNI Lines: 38, 1

### Presidio Theater

2340 Chestnut St  
[www.lntsf.com](http://www.lntsf.com)  
MUNI Lines: 10, 1, 43, 24

### Balboa Theatre

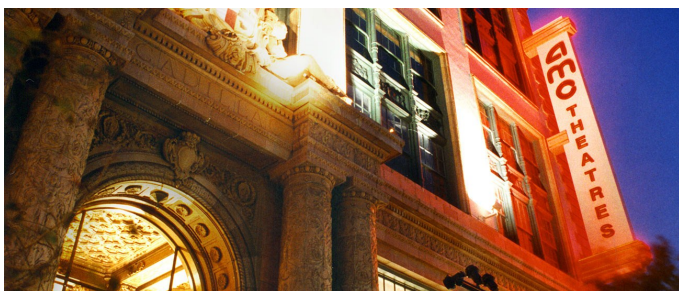
3630 Balboa St  
[www.cinemasf.com/balboa/](http://www.cinemasf.com/balboa/)  
MUNI Lines: 31, 18, 38

### Castro Street Theater

429 Castro Street  
[www.castrotheatre.com](http://www.castrotheatre.com)  
MUNI lines: 33, 24, L, M, K

### Marina Theater

2149 Chestnut St  
[www.lntsf.com](http://www.lntsf.com)  
MUNI lines: 30, 24, 1



# ***If you're in the mood for some good food...***

Foodies will have no problem finding a myriad of dishes in San Francisco that suit their taste buds. Thanks to the City's tremendous cultural diversity, we are blessed with an assortment of options from Burgers to Burmese and from Thai to Tapas. San Francisco also has a rich food-truck culture with pop-up food parks scattered throughout the city. While this is not a comprehensive list of every restaurant or cuisine option in the city, it is certainly a good starting point.

## **Neighborhood Cuisines**

### **Richmond and Sunset Districts**

Burmese  
Vietnamese  
Thai  
Chinese (various regional styles)  
Korean  
Eritrean  
Russian  
Japanese

### **Hayes Valley**

French  
Mexican  
Thai  
"American"  
Italian

### **Tenderloin District/Downtown**

Indian/Pakistani  
Vietnamese  
Cambodian  
Thai  
Lebanese  
Mediterranean  
Burmese  
"American"

### **Castro**

Korean  
Italian  
Spanish  
Various Bistros

### **Mission District**

Mexican (and other Central American Cuisines)  
Peruvian  
Pilipino  
Chinese  
Japanese

### **North Beach**

Italian  
Thai  
Cafés & Deli's

### **Glen Park/Balboa Park**

French  
Chinese  
Italian  
Mexican

## **Food Trucks & Street Food**

### **Off the Grid**

Off the Grid is a San Francisco Food Truck Fair that takes place in various neighborhoods during lunch and dinner times during the week. Vendors change daily, and there is always a wide variety of cuisines suiting all dietary needs.

[www.offthegridsf.com](http://www.offthegridsf.com)

### **SOMA StrEAT Park**

A stationary on-going Food Truck area that hosts events and get-togethers. Vendors change regularly.

[www.somastreatfoodpark.com](http://www.somastreatfoodpark.com)

## ***The Office of Student Life Recommends...***

**Sai Jai Thai** (Thai Cuisine) [771 O'Farrell St ]

**Taqueria Vallarta** (Mexican Cuisine) [3033 24th St ]

**My Tofu House** (Korean Soft Tofu) [4627 Geary Blvd ]

**Little Vietnam Café** (Vietnamese, lunch only) [309 6th Ave]

**Ragazza** (Pizza) [311 Divisadero St. ]

**Cha Cha Cha** (Spanish, etc.) [2327 Mission St ]

**Rosamunde's** (Sausage Grill) [2832 Mission St ]

**Assab** (Eritrean/Ethiopian Cuisine) [2845 Geary Blvd]

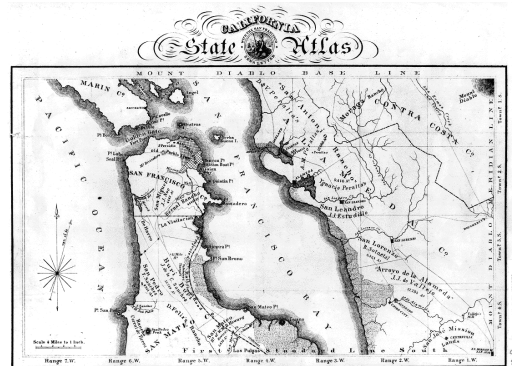
***Want some more recommendations? See us in 208!***

*\*\* This is by no means a complete list. If there's anything specific you are looking for, contact the Office of Student Life.*

# Sample Itineraries for Urban Adventures

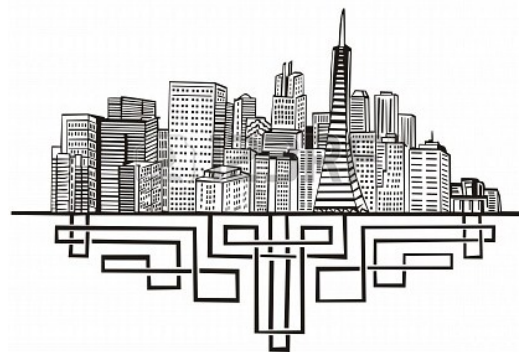
## Trip One: Inner Richmond—Haight—the Mission

1. Breakfast in Inner Richmond (Dim Sum to-go)
2. Walk through Golden Gate Park onto Haight Street
3. Stop at Amoeba Records
4. Walk up Buena Vista East to Corona Heights
5. Walk down 16th street to Ike's Sandwiches (3489 16th St )
6. Walk to Dolores Park to eat your sandwich and lie in the sun
7. Walk towards the Mission for drinks/thrift store shopping



## Trip Two: Embarcadero —Telegraph Hill — North beach—Chinatown

1. Start at the Ferry Building
2. Walk North along the Embarcadero
3. Stop by Pier 7 for stunning views of the Bay Bridge
4. Walk west towards the Filbert Steps
5. Wander up the Filbert Steps towards Coit Tower
6. Walk down from Coit Tower along Kearny towards the Peter Macchiarini Steps (*between Broadway and Vallejo Streets*)
7. Take a left and stop into City Lights Bookstore
8. Wander into Chinatown on Grant Street for something to munch on
9. Visit the Fortune Cookie Factory



## Trip Three: Golden Gate Park Excursion

1. Start at Haight and Stanyan
2. Purchase some food stuffs and various goodies from Whole Foods Market
3. Wander through Golden Gate Park beginning at the entrance
4. Enter the San Francisco Botanical Gardens (1199 9th Ave)  
*[bring proof of residency for free admission!]*
5. From the botanical gardens, walk around Stow Lake, eat your food!
6. Continue your journey west and visit the Bison off of JFK Boulevard  
*(between 36th and 41st Ave)*
7. Continue on in the direction of the ocean, and
8. Watch the sunset from Sutro Baths



# Places and things you'll see along the way....

*Did you know that MUNI sells 3-day passes? Perfect for friends and relatives that come to visit. Stop by 208 to find out more...*

## Trip One...



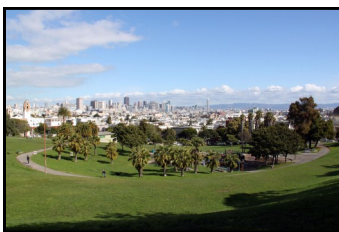
Dim Sum!



Haight Street



Corona Heights



Dolores Park

## Trip Two...



Pier 7



Filbert Steps



Coit Tower



Chinatown

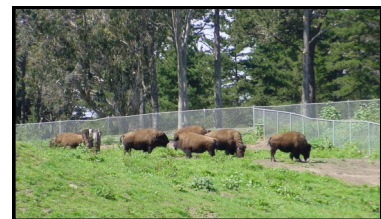
## Trip Three...



Botanical Gardens



Stow Lake



Bison!



Sutro Baths

**Want to go on an excursion but not sure where to go and what to see?  
Stop by 208 and we can help you curate your own urban journey.**

# Student Discounts

The following is a list of venues and locations that currently offer Student Discounts. Remember to bring your Student ID!

Organization	Discount Description	Location	Contact
<b>24 Hour Fitness</b>	Show your Student ID to get a discount when you sign up for a student rate	1200 Van Ness Ave	(415) 776-2200
<b>Adobe Software</b>	Student Edition Discount software with school email address	<a href="http://www.adobe.com">www.adobe.com</a>	---
<b>AMC Movie Theaters</b>	The Office of Student Life has discount movie passes for \$8 each	1000 Van Ness Ave/101 4th St	(415) 674-4630
<b>American Conservatory Theater</b>	\$20 Student Rush Tickets are available 2 hours before a performance	30 Grant Ave #6	(415) 834-3200
<b>Apple, Inc.</b>	Students save money with Apple's education pricing. Visit an Apple Store or their website for more information	1 Stockton St	(415) 392-0202
<b>Asian Art Museum</b>	\$8 Student Admission with Student ID, free on the first Sunday of every month	200 Larkin St	(415) 581-3500
<b>Banana Republic</b>	15% Discount with Student ID (only applies to full-price merchandise)	256 Grant Ave	(415) 788-3087
<b>Blick Art Materials</b>	Student discount with Student ID	979 Market St	(415) 441-6075
<b>Botanical Gardens</b>	Free with proof of San Francisco residency	9th Ave and Lincoln Way Golden Gate Park	(415) 661-1316
<b>Cable Car Museum</b>	Free	1201 Mason St	(415) 474-1887
<b>California Academy of Sciences</b>	Various free neighborhood days, quarterly free Sundays. Student Discount with ID	55 Music Concourse Dr Golden Gate Park	(415) 379-8000
<b>Cartoon Art Museum</b>	\$5 Student Admission with ID	655 Mission St	(415) 227-8666
<b>Chinese Historical Society of America</b>	\$3 Student Admission with ID; Free first Thursdays of the month	965 Clay St	(415) 391-1188
<b>Chipotle</b>	Free drink with purchase with Student ID	525 Market St, San Francisco (and other locations)	<a href="http://www.chipotle.com">www.chipotle.com</a>
<b>Conservatory of Flowers</b>	Free on the first Tuesday of every month	100 John F Kennedy Dr Golden Gate Park	(415) 831-2090
<b>Contemporary Jewish Museum</b>	Free first Tuesday of the month, \$10 Student Admission with ID. Thursdays after 5pm admission is \$5	736 Mission St	(415) 655-7888
<b>De Young Museum</b>	Free first Tuesday of every month; free first full weekend of every month for Bank of America Card holders. Any other day: \$6 Student Admission with ID	50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr Golden Gate Park	(415) 750-3600
<b>Eddie Bauer</b>	Education discounts with Student ID	865 Market St	(415) 343-0146
<b>Exploratorium</b>	\$15 Student Admission with Student ID	15/17 Pier	(415) 528-4444
<b>FedEx Office</b>	Student discounts with Student ID (not at all locations)	1 Daniel Burnham Ct #10	(415) 292-2500
<b>Flax Art Supplies</b>	Student discount with Student ID.	1699 Market St	(415) 552-2355



## *Student Discounts Continued...*

<b>J. Crew Clothing</b>	15% discount with Student ID (only applies to full-price merchandise)	845 Market St	(415) 434-2739
<b>Japanese Tea Garden</b>	Free every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 – 10am. \$5 Student Admission with proof of San Francisco residency.	75 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr, Golden Gate Park	(415) 752-4227
<b>Kate Spade</b>	15% Student Discount with ID (varies by store)	227 Grant Ave	(415) 216-0880
<b>Legion of Honor</b>	\$6 Student Admission with Student ID, Free on the first Tuesdays of every month.	100 34th Ave	(415) 750-3600
<b>Marin History Museum</b>	Free	1125 B St, San Rafael, CA , 94901	(415) 454-8538
<b>Musee Macanique</b>	Free	Pier 45 Shed A	(415) 346-2000
<b>Museo Italoamericano</b>	Free	Fort Mason Center Building C	(415) 673-2200
<b>Museum of American Heritage</b>	Free	351 Homer Ave Palo Alto, CA 94301	(650) 321-1004
<b>Museum of the African Diaspora</b>	\$5 Student Admission with Student ID	685 Mission Street (at Third)	(415) 358-7200
<b>Oakland Museum of California</b>	\$9 Student Admission with Student ID. Half-price admission on Fridays	1000 Oak St Oakland, CA,94607	(510) 318-8400
<b>San Francisco Ballet</b>	\$20 Student Rush tickets are available on the same day as the performance. See site for more into	301 Van Ness Ave	(415) 861-5600 <a href="http://www.sfballet.org/studentrush">www.sfballet.org/studentrush</a>
<b>San Francisco Camerawork Museum</b>	Free	657 Mission St #200	(415) 512-2020
<b>San Francisco Fire Department Museum</b>	Free	655 Presidio Ave	(415) 563-4630
<b>San Francisco Opera</b>	Tickets become available at 11am on the day of the show, if there is availability. Student tickets are \$25 with ID	301 Van Ness Avenue	(415) 864-3330
<b>San Francisco Performances</b>	Culture Card - \$25 Dollars for 25 performances around San Francisco	<a href="http://www.sfperformances.org">www.sfperformances.org</a>	(415) 398-6449
<b>San Francisco Symphony</b>	Student Rush tickets are \$20. Call the Rush Hotline on the same day of performances for ticket availability	201 Van Ness Ave	(415) 864-6000
<b>San Francisco Zoo</b>	\$12 Admission with proof of San Francisco residency	1 Zoo Rd	(415) 753-7080
<b>Student Universe</b>	Offers discounted airfare for students	<a href="http://www.studentuniverse.com">www.studentuniverse.com</a>	---
<b>Yerba Buena Center of the Arts</b>	\$8 Student Admission with Student ID. Free gallery admission first Tuesdays of the month. \$10 Student Rush Tickets, check <a href="http://www.ybca.org">www.ybca.org</a> for availability, available one hour before curtain	701 Mission St	(415) 978-2787
<b>Zipcar</b>	\$15/year Membership through SFCM	<a href="http://www.zipcar.com">www.zipcar.com</a>	---

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# San Francisco Neighborhoods

San Francisco is one of the most distinguished and celebrated cities in the world. Its diverse cultures and lifestyles attract prospective students to the city, and with a little bit of direction, you can discover all the treasures of San Francisco!

Short descriptions of the major neighborhoods are listed below.

More information on city neighborhoods can be found at [www.sfgate.com/neighborhoods/sf/](http://www.sfgate.com/neighborhoods/sf/).

To further explore the city, visit the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau's Web site [www.sanfrancisco.travel](http://www.sanfrancisco.travel).

## THE CASTRO

The universally-agreed historic Mecca of gay life is San Francisco's Castro District. It is home to a predominantly lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender community with excellent bakeries, boutiques, cafes, restaurants and nightlife. The Castro hosts a variety of festivals, street fairs and activities throughout the year.

## COLE VALLEY/UCSF

Nestled between the Sunset district and Haight-Ashbury, this generally cute and quiet neighborhood is populated by families and young professionals. Here you'll find a variety of mom-and-pop shops in lieu of mainstream franchises.

## HAIGHT-ASHBURY

Commonly referred to as the Upper Haight, the Haight-Ashbury was the center of '60s hippie movement. It is a bustling center of gift shops, piercing salons, vintage clothing stores and Amoeba Music, the country's largest independent music store.

## HAYES VALLEY/CIVIC CENTER

With the Asian Art Museum, San Francisco Ballet, Opera, Symphony, SF Jazz, and the Conservatory, Civic Center is the cultural nexus of San Francisco. Adjacent to Civic Center is Hayes Valley, which caters to the "symphony crowd" with its fine restaurants, boutiques, trendy furniture stores and upscale shoe emporia.

## NOE VALLEY

West of the Mission and south of the Castro is Noe Valley. Its streets are lined with beautifully renovated Victorians. Somewhat upscale and slower-paced, Noe Valley attracts young families, students, artists and professionals.

## PACIFIC HEIGHTS

A very wealthy neighborhood offering beautiful multi-million dollar homes and amazing views, Pacific Heights boasts upscale shopping and restaurants. However, some find the most exciting activity is to sit at a sidewalk café on Fillmore Street and people watch.

## THE RICHMOND DISTRICT

A middle-income, family-oriented area, the Richmond is convenient to a variety of shops, restaurants and transportation. With a large Russian and East Asian population, it's not difficult to find amazing food. This neighborhood is relatively inexpensive and is close to Ocean Beach, The Presidio, and Golden Gate Park.

## NORTH BEACH/CHINATOWN

Even though it's home to Little Italy and the Beat movement, North Beach offers an extremely wide variety of restaurants, bars, clubs, shopping (fantastic bookstores and funky shops) and sites. Chinatown is the oldest and one of the largest Chinatowns in the US.

## LOWER HAIGHT/WESTERN ADDITION

A punky off-shoot of the Haight-Ashbury area, the Lower Haight is one of the more culturally and economically diverse neighborhoods in San Francisco. This area offers unique restaurants and bars overflowing with locals, as well as intriguing shops offering everything you could imagine.

## THE MARINA

A picturesque area that boasts many tourist attractions but also a plethora of trendy restaurants, bars, and shopping. Many young professionals call this area home.

## THE MISSION

Easily mistaken as Central America, the Mission is an exceptionally diverse area of San Francisco with a strong Latino influence. The area boasts a colorful collection of authentic restaurants, taquerías, bakeries, produce markets, specialty shops, kaleidoscopic murals, and a lively, thriving bar scene.

## NOB HILL

Known for its landmarks and famous hotels, upscale Nob Hill offers a wide variety of shops, restaurants, and a range of bars and clubs.

## RUSSIAN HILL

Encompassing two of the highest points in San Francisco, Russian Hill is a neighborhood of steep ascents and descents, panoramic views, interesting restaurants and shops on Hyde and Polk Streets, and fairly pricey housing for its location. Macondray Lane was the inspiration for Barbary Lane in Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City.

## POTRERO HILL

Once a largely industrial area, the Internet boom brought a change with warehouses being converted into offices, houses, and art studios. A unique and rapidly gentrifying area, you will find a unique community of artists, musicians, and young professional techies.

## THE SUNSET DISTRICT

Home of the Conservatory from 1956 to 2006, this largely residential area is a good place to find affordable housing. Irving Street features a number of excellent, reasonably-priced restaurants, bars, and shops.



## Want to find out more info about SF? Check out these sites...

# the Bold Italic

SAN FRANCISCO

The Bold Italic is an online magazine, shop, and events hub in San Francisco that celebrates the free-wheeling spirit of the city. Long form tales of the city often make an appearance on the front page of the site.

[www.thebolditalic.com](http://www.thebolditalic.com)



Sfist is the San Francisco branch of the **Gothamist**, a worldwide site that focus on news, events, food, culture, and other local coverage. Their snarky style articles often highlight events and incidents left out of local news.

[www.sfist.com](http://www.sfist.com)

# 7x7SF

A site (and occasional publication) curated by San Francisco lovers and locals. They feature articles about local eateries, upcoming shows, influential individuals from this beautiful city, and more!

[www.7x7.com](http://www.7x7.com)



SFWeekly is a website and a weekly print publication with lists of local upcoming events, underground news stories, and write-ups of interesting happenings around the city. Check out their website for local deals and coupons.

[www.sfweekly.com](http://www.sfweekly.com)

# GUARDIAN

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The SF Bay Guardian features San Francisco Bay Area news, progressive politics, arts, culture, music, nightlife, events, theater, food, drink, dance, and film. They often release "Best of" lists.

[www.sfbg.com](http://www.sfbg.com)



....we don't know how to adequately explain this one. A great source of fun information about things to do and places to go in the city.

We'll leave it at that.

[www.brokeassstuart.com](http://www.brokeassstuart.com)

# Yearly Local Events and Festivals...

San Francisco is host to numerous yearly events and festivals that draw thousands of visitors into the city from the rest of the country. Below is a list of yearly festivals that take place in San Francisco. Be sure to check local calendars for events and festivities that go on outside of the regularly scheduled festivals.

## February

- Valentine's Day Pillow Fight at Justin Herman Plaza
- SF Indie fest
- Chinese New Year Festival and Parade



## March

- St. Patrick's Day Celebration
- Spring Open Studios
- Union Street Spring Celebration



## April

- SF International Film Festival
- How Weird Street Fair
- Cherry Blossom Festival



## May

- Bay to Breakers
- Golden Gate Festival
- Cinco De Mayo
- Carnival
- Documentary Film Festival



## June

- SF Pride Festival
- Haight Ashbury Street Festival
- North Beach Festival
- Stern Grove Festival





# J POP SUMMIT FESTIVAL



## July

- Fillmore Jazz Festival
- Forth of July Festival
- America's Cup
- San Francisco Silent Film Festival
- J-POP Summit Festival

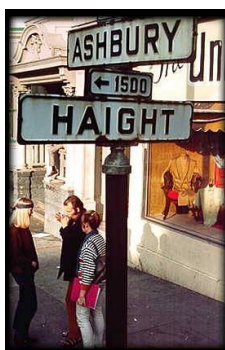
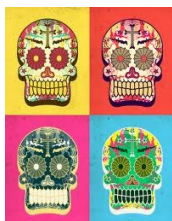
## August

- SF Street Food festival
- Outside Lands
- Nihonmachi Street Fair
- San Francisco Shakespeare Festival



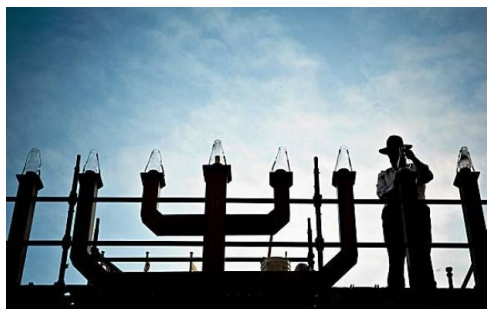
## September

- Lovevolution
- Power to the Peaceful
- Folsom Street Fair
- Ghirardelli Chocolate Festival



## October

- Hardly Strictly Bluegrass
- Oktoberfest by the Bay
- Castro Street Fair
- Treasure Island Music festival
- Columbus Day Parade



## November

- Dia de los Muertos
- Annual Tree Lighting in Ghirardelli Square
- San Francisco Hip Hop Dance Festival
- San Francisco World Music Festival



## December

- Santacon
- SF Ballet Nutcracker
- Light the Menorah
- Renegade Craft Fair

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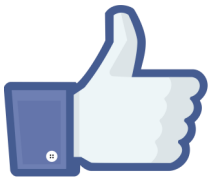
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Fire: 911 or 415.553.3268

In the event of a disaster while off campus, please contact the Conservatory.  
**Main Number:** 415.864.7326

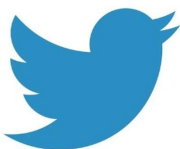


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# Useful San Francisco Apps

There are several useful apps that will ease your transition into San Francisco. They provide useful information about transit times, city-wide maps, fun events around the city, among other valuable bits of information. Here is a list of some popular ones.



**Google Maps**  
This offers detailed views of various maps and easy driving, walking, or public transport route options.



**Golden Gate Park Field Guide**  
Created by the California Academy of Science, it's an easy guide to the Park!



**San Francisco Stairways**  
This app helps you find the hidden gem stairways that adorn the entire city.



**NextMUNI**  
Tells you the next bus arrival times based on your location.



**Zipcar**  
Convenient booking and car pickup if you have a Zipcar account.



**Embark iBart**  
This app provides you with arrival times and an accurate schedule of BART trains.



**SF Weekly**  
A free local publication with pop and sub-culture news and events from around the city.



**Scoutmob**  
A fun and informative app that features discounts and freebies around the city.



**1AM**  
A community driven photography app that celebrates art in the streets of SF



**Sidecar**  
An on-demand car service. Summon a ride from point A to point B from your phone.



**Winery Finder**  
A winery finder and tasting pass provider in the palm of your hand. Your guide to wine country!



**SF Parks and Rec**  
More information about Parks and Recreation around the city.



**Café Guidebook**  
Your go-to guide for cafés around the city.



**Yelp**  
A useful app to find reviews on restaurants and local businesses.



**AroundMe**  
This app allows you to quickly find out information and things to do based on your location.



**Let's Get Lost**  
This app features local adventures and walks through the city and around the Bay Area.