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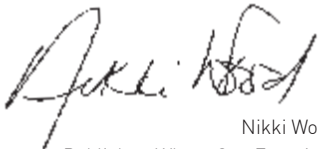
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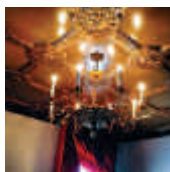
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January 2018

I love how moving between neighborhoods in San Francisco can feel like visiting new cities. If I'm in a nostalgic mood, I like to spend some time in Nob Hill, where cable cars climb up cartoonishly steep hills and grand hotels loom over the landscaping and fountains of Huntington Park. I suggest pausing for a walking meditation on Grace Cathedral's labyrinth and ducking into the elegant lobby of the Fairmont San Francisco (designed in part by Julia Morgan) to admire the gold gilding, marble Corinthian columns and crystal chandeliers. Then enjoy a classic cocktail with 360-degree city views at the Top of the Mark or down the street at the bar in the Big 4, where live piano music, dark wood paneling and green leather stools evoke a bygone era.



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Q: What's your favorite way to get exercise in the city?

A: Where else but San Francisco can you find hills with grades of 24.8 and higher? (Yes, I walk up that grade on Jones Street between Pine and California streets every day.) The abundance of hilly routes provides sweeping vistas, which include ocean, bridges, Victorians, churches and gardens tucked away in hidden alleys (like Macondray Lane). If hidden stairways satisfy your thirst for discovery, check out some great suggestions from the Sister Betty website.



Q: Where can visitors get a healthy meal?

A: I love the concept of Homage on Union Square. The menu stays both healthy and current by paying respect to a Bay Area farm each month. In January, chef

David likes to complement winter favorites with the bounty of the sea and seasonal mushrooms. Chef Ute, avid fisherman and owner of Ferry Plaza Seafood in North Beach, serves the freshest of oysters and seafood at a lively local happy hour.

Q: What outdoor activity do you recommend the most?

A: Bike trails abound here, from the family-friendly Golden Gate Promenade to the 50 miles of winding trails through the historic Presidio! Choose from guided tours offered by Bay City Bike or ask your concierge to map a route.

Q: What do you consider the city's best photo op?

A: Torpedo Wharf is epic! When standing at the end of this pier, you can get a picture of yourself with the magnificent expanse of the Golden Gate Bridge in the background, or turn slightly to capture the entire city skyline. Choose your selfie backdrop from the 180-degree views of the Presidio, Golden Gate Bridge, bay and city. Watch out for photobombs from local fisherman, dog walkers and bicyclists and kitesurfers!

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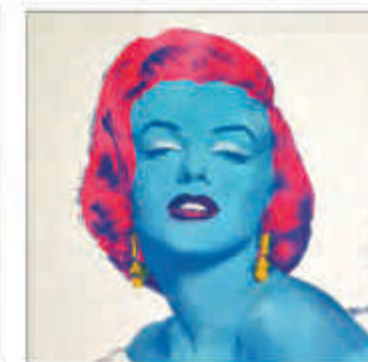
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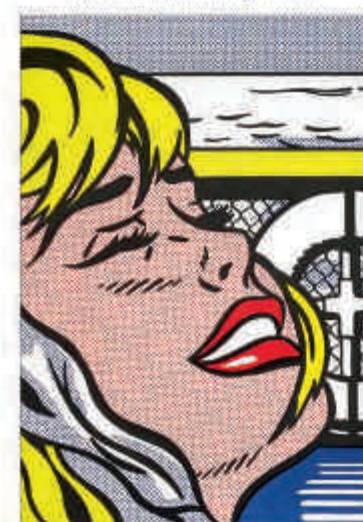
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2

ASCEND

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3

PADDLE

Book a trip with City Kayak for spectacular views of the skyline and wildlife spotting.

4

CLIMB

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5

STRETCH

Practice your downward dog at SFO's Yoga Room.



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JAN. 11-28

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Winter Wineland In Sonoma (Jan. 13-14)

This Wine Country event is a great way to meet winemakers and taste limited production wines, new releases or library wines. Wineries highlight a vintage, varietal or vertical tasting for the weekend.

Martin Luther King Jr. Festival (Jan. 13-15)

This weekend-long celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. features film screenings and arts and wellness events at Yerba Buena Gardens and the commemorative march on Jan. 15.

Michael Tilson Thomas Conducts Bernstein's Candide (Jan. 18-21)

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Edwardian Ball (Jan. 26-27)

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WHEN A SUSHI CRAVING STRIKES, you'll have plenty of options in San Francisco. Whatever your taste, budget or occasion, there's a sushi destination that won't disappoint. For sushi connoisseurs or anyone else looking to splurge on the meal of a lifetime, seek out a restaurant specializing in omakase, a chef-chosen, multi-course menu designed to be consumed at a leisurely pace. One such establishment is the peaceful, sun-drenched Michelin-starred **Kusakabe** in atmospheric Jackson Square. It serves kaiseki cuisine, a meticulous style of cooking with roots in the Japanese tea ceremony that's focused on the seasonality and harmony of flavors and rarely seen outside of Japan. Its cutting-edge omakase menu prepared by World Sushi Technical Skill Champion chef Mitsunori Kusakabe starts at \$98 and includes bluefin fatty tuna.

Join the Locals



Akiko's Restaurant

Local food critics rave about the variety and freshness of the omakase at this upscale, unmarked sushi spot within walking distance of Union Square.



Eiji

This cult favorite in the Castro feels like a secret gem, with its cozy dining room and quiet, romantic ambience. Come hungry for affordable sushi and three types of housemade tofu.



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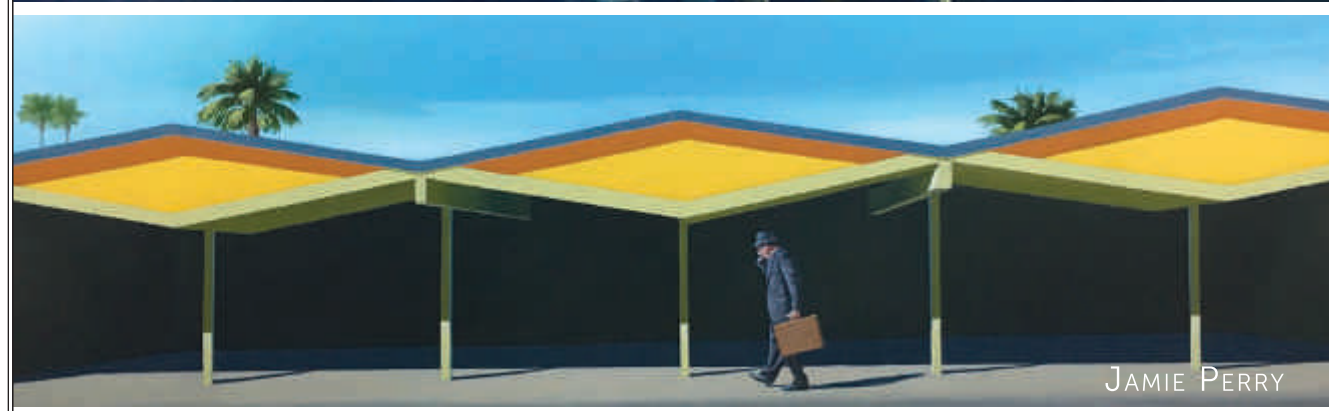
This husband-and-wife-owned popular sushi and izakaya destination in the Mission is bedecked with playful murals outlining sushi etiquette. All the fish is sustainable, and the addictive yuzu fried chicken wings pair well with the shochu cocktails.

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FROM FARM TO (YOUR) TABLE

San Francisco's year-round farmers' markets offer a cornucopia of choices.

By Brittany Shoot

CALIFORNIA IS HOME to over 700 farmers' markets, where locals shop for essential produce and savvy tourists score locally made souvenirs such as honey; dried fruits and nuts; and jams and jellies. According to the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association, which manages over 60 markets in the Bay Area that source from over 300 farms statewide, it's essential to support small, resource-conscious farms recovering from California's recent drought. With so many year-round markets in the city, there's never been a better time to shop for locally grown delights. Perhaps the most visible to Bay Area visitors, the farmers' market surrounding the Ferry Building on the Embarcadero is open Saturdays 8 am-2 pm. Managed by the Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture (CUESA), there are cooking demonstrations and classes in addition to vendors specializing in everything you need to make a hearty, gourmet meal at home: olive oil, salad greens and herbs, mushrooms, squash, fresh pasta and an array of soft and hard cheeses. Be sure to grab a beautiful bouquet of cut flowers for your centerpiece.

Neighborhood Favorites



Alemany Farmers' Market

This Saturday Bernal Heights event was the state's first farmers' market. Founded in 1943, it served as a model for farmers' markets across California.



Fort Mason Farmers' Market

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Heart of the City Farmers' Market

Open Sundays and Wednesdays, this market on Civic Center's United Nations Plaza has been serving hungry locals since 1981.

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- **Réveille** 768 Sansome St.
- **Barbarossa Lounge** 714 Montgomery St.
- **Taverna Aventine** 582 Washington St.

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- **Coi** 373 Broadway
- **Quince** 470 Pacific Ave.
- **Bix** 56 Gold St.

—Garrick Ramirez

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Literary nerds can delight in **Pegasus Books'** selection. The staff picks draw a crowd, not to mention the hundreds of carefully curated magazines. But the store's weekly book events are what give it a sense of community that's kept it a neighborhood staple since 1970. Get lost in the narrow walkways at **Maison d'Etre** before deciding on the perfect pillow for your couch. Let the novelties allow you to envision a French-inspired pied-a-terre of your own. For another taste of Europe, **Rockridge Market Hall** sells imported international goods. French cheeses, Italian olive oils and Swiss chocolates are a few of its highlights.

■ Pegasus Books

5560 College Ave.

■ Maison d'Etre

5640 College Ave.

■ Rockridge Market Hall

5655 College Ave.

EAT

Ramen Shop combines Japanese cuisine with California farm-to-table fare, influenced by the owners' time at Chez Panisse. An Asian-influenced morning pastry menu

Clockwise from top: Artichoke Hero deep dish at Zachary's Chicago Pizza; the remodeled bar at Cole Coffee; Pegasus Books; Spicy tantanmen with black sesame at Ramen Shop.



and the launch of ramen takeout kits show how the restaurant continues to deliver exactly what customers want. Bite into a slice of deep-dish pizza at **Zachary's Chicago Pizza**. It also serves thin-crust pizzas using the same house-made pizza dough and cornmeal-dusted crust. **Duchess** is popular for both its restaurant and bar. Try the braised lamb or duck confit sandwich topped off with a Humble Root cocktail made from turmeric tea-infused gin.

■ Ramen Shop

5812 College Ave.

■ Zachary's Chicago Pizza

5801 College Ave.

■ Duchess

5422 College Ave.

DRINK

Start your day at **Cole Coffee**. Its fresh remodel complements the same pour-over coffee that has lured locals for at least 27 years. The 10 types of coffee beans are roasted fresh every 24 hours. Come evening, sit amid shelves of wine bottles at **The Barrel Room**. Its changing flights focus on everything from Eastern European to Western Italian wines.

■ Cole Coffee

6255 College Ave.

■ The Barrel Room

5330 College Ave.

For more things to do in **Oakland's Rockridge Neighborhood** go to wheretraveler.com

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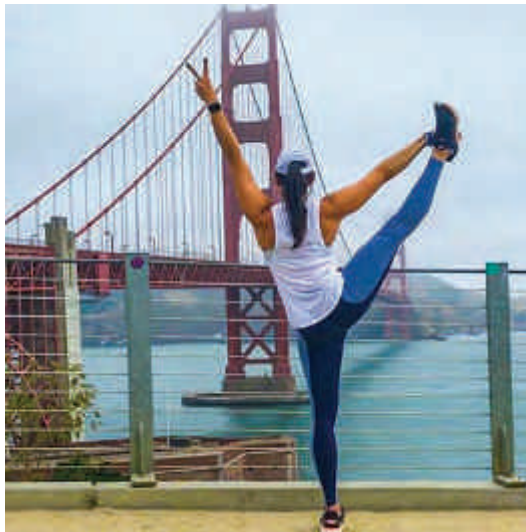
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Day in the Park

Navigating the gardens, museums
and activities of massive Golden Gate Park,
from east to west.

By Brittany Shoot

BISECTING SAN FRANCISCO'S western districts, the massive sprawl that is Golden Gate Park can seem like an overwhelming embarrassment of riches with no clear entry point. That's because at half a mile wide and 3.5 miles long—over a thousand acres in all—Golden Gate Park is even larger than New York's Central Park. The park is free to visitors, though some of the gardens and museums require admission. It's possible to traverse the length of the park in one day, though you'll miss a few must-see spots if you try to cram it all in.

From the east entrance, the first main attraction you'll notice is the Conservatory of Flowers. The gleaming white glass and wood Victorian pavilion is the oldest existing public conservatory in the Western Hemisphere, originally unveiled in 1879 and reopened in 2003 after renovations following extensive wind damage in the mid-1990s. It houses four permanent exhibitions of over 1,700 species of plants from regions all around the world. In the steamy highland tropics gallery, for instance, you'll find orchids and perennial impatiens the size of your face—which is appropriate, because most of these blooms bear a resemblance to an actual face, petals folded in just such a way to mimic a bemused or angry expression.

If you're looking for a quiet reprieve, cross the street to visit the National AIDS Memorial Grove, a peaceful sanctuary dedicated to the lives of those touched by HIV and AIDS. The heavy fragrance of the redwood trees and ferns makes it a perfect place to rest and contemplate before heading back out into the sprawling park fields.

Next up, it's time to learn a thing or two. As you near the middle of the park, several museums peek over the treetops, including one with a "living" roof that blends right in. The California Academy of Sciences is fun for families and kids at heart, featuring a tidal wave of information and exhibitions. Inside you'll find the two-story Steinhart Aquarium and the Morrison Planetarium, the largest all-digital dome in the world that currently features its latest original show, "Habitat Earth," which traces routes between all the interconnected ecosystems of our planet.

Across the green, you'll spot another destination: the de Young Museum, named for its founder Michael H. de Young, who also co-founded hometown newspaper, the San Francisco Chronicle. First opened in

1895, the de Young required some maintenance after suffering considerable damage during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. The new museum, designed by Swiss architects Herzog & de Meuron, opened in October 2005.

Back outside, there are meadows and gardens to explore and enjoy. The five-acre Japanese Tea Garden is full of markers commemorating its 123 year-old history and lush clusters of cherry trees, towering bamboo and meticulously manicured bonsai. The pagodas and bridges can get crowded, so plan to stay a while or enjoy the traditional tea service in the teahouse.

The San Francisco Botanical Garden includes 55 acres, with alcoves like the Garden of Fragrance. Don't miss the Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture off to the left of the entrance. The understated library houses the largest collection of gardening and horticulture books and periodicals in Northern California and also hosts free story time for children.

Getting closer to the Pacific Ocean side of the park, you'll pass the Chain of Lakes. One of the most popular is Spreckels Lake, where you'll often see small gatherings of remote controlled sailboat enthusiasts piloting a cluster of ships around the pond.

Most visitors row straight for Stow Lake, where you can rent a paddleboat and enjoy cruising around the small lake. Families with young children also won't want to miss the Koret Children's Quarter, where the brightly colored 103-year-old Herschell-Spillman carousel still delights kids of all ages.

Just down the road, you'll also find what seems like a bewilderingly out-of-place compound full of woolly, lumbering bison. Golden Gate Park has boasted a bison herd since the late 1800s, though today's herd is descended from several bison that were donated to the park in 1984 as a birthday gift to the city's then-mayor, U.S. Sena-



FRESH AIR

(Opposite page) Lotus flower in bloom at the Conservatory of Flowers. (This page from top) Chinese Pagoda on Strawberry Island in Stow Lake; Yoga in the Park festivities; Lindy in the Park swing dance lessons.

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The Drawing Board's
lemon mousse pavola



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tor Dianne Feinstein, from her husband. Today's paddock residents are often most active and come close to the fence during the morning hours.

If watching sports is more your speed, soccer fields and a nine-hole, par-3 golf course are both nearby. You can also wander over to the Angler's Lodge and watch fly fishermen practice their technique at the casting pools.

■ **PRACTICAL TIPS.** Parking in the park is free and available along many of the main streets, though always check signs for specific time limits. Paid parking is also available at the museums and botanical garden. The free Golden Gate Park Shuttle runs between 15 locations, including a parking lot at Ocean Beach, on weekends and holidays between 9 am-6 pm. Bike rentals are available around the park including Golden Gate Park Bike and Skate on Fulton Street and American Cyclery with locations on Frederick Street.

■ **APPS AND MAPS.** Plan your route using an app specially designed for the park. You'll find that the park is also well labeled in most GPS apps. The California Academy of Science maintains two helpful apps for exploring and engaging with the park. The Golden Gate Park Field Guide offers a map, species directory and weather for the park. With the iNaturalist app, you can become a citizen scientist, tracking species you spot and recording any relevant data.

■ **CREATURES.** A few birds and animals you may see along the way.

- In the ponds: ducks, geese, grebes and cormorants

One of your last stops before you reach the Pacific Ocean are two twin windmills. The North, or Dutch, windmill from 1902 is augmented by the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden at its base, which also boasts an array of Icelandic poppies that bloom in the springtime months. The Murphy Windmill, or southern windmill, was completed in 1908. Like its sister structure, it is slowly being restored to its original beauty.

- On the shore: herons, marsh wrens and yellowthroats

- In the trees: hawks, ravens and a chorus of songbirds like warblers and juncos

- In the air: Allen's and Anna's hummingbirds

■ **OFFBEAT ACTIVITIES.** The park is full of courts for oddball sports. You can try your hand at lawn bowling, practice your toss in the horseshoe pits, aim high at the archery field, work up a sweat at the handball courts or throw caution to the wind on the disc golf course.

■ **DON'T GO HUNGRY.** Fill up on rustic Mexican at Padrecito and craft cocktails at Alembic in the Haight, on the eastern side of the park. Midway through your journey, exit the park at 19th Street and Lincoln Avenue to pop into popular Nopalito for contemporary Mexican. On the Outer Sunset side, you'll find two local favorites. Trouble Coffee serves thick slices of cinnamon toast and whole coconuts. Outerlands features a rotating menu of seasonal salads, soups and sandwiches. Grab a giant sandwich to go from Velo Rouge Cafe on the Inner Richmond side. When you reach the Pacific, enjoy watching the waves crash on Ocean Beach over dinner at The Beach Chalet.



ALFRESCO AMUSEMENT

(Opposite page) Lunar New Year performance at the San Francisco Botanical Garden; aquatic bromeliad at San Francisco Conservatory of Flowers; San Francisco Conservatory of Flowers' lawn is popular with picnickers. (This page from left) The Golden Gate Park Band has performed free concerts for 135 years; partnering at a free Yoga in the Park class.

Urban Hikes

Start the New Year off on the right foot by taking a walk through a beautiful undeveloped corner of San Francisco.

IN SAN FRANCISCO, YOU DON'T NEED to travel outside city limits to escape buzzing streets for green open space. In fact, you can get in a full hike at a number of popular and lesser-known recreational areas. Here are just six of the places where you can lace up your hiking shoes and get your fill of fresh air and nature.

MOUNT DAVIDSON PARK

Climb to San Francisco's highest natural peak in this uncrowded, serene park in Sherwood Forest, a small residential neighborhood at the city's southern center. You might recognize it from a scene in the 1971 action film "Dirty Harry." The large cross at the summit now memorializes victims of the Armenian genocide. Ideal for dog-owners, families and birdwatchers, the broad dirt trails wind through a dense, misty forest of eucalyptus and pine trees, blackberry brambles, ferns and ivy as well as open grassland. The 40-acre hill is covered in a maze of paths, but the best option is to head to the right at the first intersection then keep straight until bearing left at the junction right before the half-mile point. Cross the fire road and continue straight to the steep stone steps.

Head left at the top and follow more steps up to the peak, where you'll find magnificent views of the city and bay, which might be shrouded in moody fog. On a clear day, the panorama extends far to the East and North bays. Enjoy a quiet moment on the bench and snap a photo with the ominous-looking fallen tree across the path.

Distance: 1 mile

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Location: Lansdale Avenue & Dalewood Way

Getting there: Take the KT, L or M Muni metro lines from downtown to West Portal or catch the 43 Bus.

MOUNT SUTRO OPEN SPACE RESERVE-

With lofty eucalyptus trees soaring up to 200 feet high, chirping birds and wildflower

meadows, these woods have an aura of enchantment. The fog here even creates a year-round cloud forest. Remarkably, the 80-acre hill is right in the middle of the city, near Cole Valley. Signs mark a network of maintained trails. For a nice walk, take Fairy Gates Trail to Historic Trail to South Ridge Trail, and then follow North Ridge Trail back to Fairy Gates. Find a handy map at sutrostewards.com.

Distance: 1.8 miles

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Location: Multiple entrances, including Clarendon Ave. & Johnstone Drive; 17th & Sanyan streets

Getting there: Take the N Muni metro line from downtown or catch the 43 Bus.

GLEN PARK CANYON

You're likely to come across Islais Creek, migrating birds, rock formations and poppies and angelica while hiking the sunny canyon loop in this 70-acre recreation area tucked between the residential neighborhoods of Glen Park and Diamond Heights. And if you're lucky, you might spot great horned owls, red-shouldered hawks and coyotes. Located near public transit and popular with dog owners, the lush, sprawling park is also home to a picnic area and a newly renovated playground and tennis courts.

Distance: 2 miles

Difficulty: Easy

Location: Chenery & Elk streets

Getting there: Take BART to Glen Park Station

JOHN MCLAREN PARK

This massive and underused 312-acre park on the city's southern outskirts is home to picnic areas, 7 miles of walking trails, recreational courts and a golf course as well as grassland and wetland habitat. The 2.7-mile Philosopher's Way loop will lead you through redwood and cypress groves to far-reaching vistas of the Bay Area. Along the trail, stone markers called musing stations offer context.

Distance: 2.7 miles

Difficulty: Easy

Location: Mansell Street & Visitacion Avenue

Getting there: Take BART to Balboa Park; then catch the 29 Bus.

STERN GROVE

This 33-acre treasure found in a ravine in the Sunset District is best known as the spectacular setting of a free annual music festival held on Sundays throughout the summer. The concerts attract crowds of up to 20,000 in a majestic natural amphitheater surrounded by towering eucalyptus trees. Insiders take advantage of the grove's wooded trails year-round. Discover a redwood grove, a giant meadow and a natural lake in this hushed, otherworldly green space.

Distance: 1-2 miles

Difficulty: Easy

Location: 19th Avenue & Sloat Boulevard

Getting There: Take the KT, L or M Muni metro line from downtown.

LANDS END TRAIL

As its name implies, this trail is located in the outer reaches of the city on the Pacific Coast, and it feels somewhat like the edge of the earth. Start your journey at the beautiful Lands End Lookout visitors center, which outlines the nature and history of the area and has a polished gift shop and cafe. Then follow the gorgeous, well-maintained 3.5-mile out-and-back trail to postcard-worthy landscapes. Jagged cliffs covered in windswept cypresses dramatically meet blue sea, with the Golden Gate Bridge and Marin Headlands in the distance. If you have energy to spare when you reach the end of the trail, keep walking past the mansions of the Sea Cliff neighborhood and take a detour to Baker Beach, a mile-long stretch of sand tucked below rugged hills with a famous panoramic view of the Golden Gate Bridge. Back at the starting point, make the descent to explore the Sutro Bath ruins.

Distance: 3.5 miles

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Location: 680 Point Lobos Ave.

Getting there: Take the 38 Bus.



TAKE A WALK

(Clockwise from opposite page) Walking Lands End Trail; Sutro Forest; concert meadow at Stern Grove; the photogenic Sutro Baths.

THE GUIDE

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Elevate Your Home

The flagship **Alessi** store is a wonderland for disciples of industrial design. Self-dubbed the Italian Factory of design, the company commissions influential engineers, architects and artists from around the world to apply their talents to home goods, kitchenware and gadgets (as well as a handful of fashion accessories). This winter, keep an eye out for the cutting-edge, ultra-ergonomic truffle slicer dubbed the Alba. It's the brain-child of a collaboration between Alessi, the National Centre for Truffle Studies and the International White Truffle Fair of Alba. \$120 424 Sutter St., 415.434.0403

ACCESSORIES & BAGS

SHINOLA

Founded in 2011, Detroit-based Shinola was conceived with the belief that products should be well made and built to last. As makers of modern watches, bicycles, journals and leather goods, Shinola stands for skill at scale, the preservation of craft and the beauty of industry. 53 Hotaling Pl., 415.513.1640.

TIMBUK2

A bike messenger founded this bag company in a garage in the Mission District in 1989, and the factory is still located in the same neighborhood. The flagship Hayes Valley boutique carries messengers, laptop bags, backpacks, luggage, totes and accessories in limited-edition designs. Customers can choose their own color combinations and play with specialty fabrics. All designs are guaranteed to last a lifetime. 506 Hayes St., 415.252.9860.

APPAREL

MARINELAYER

This casual clothing company sells luxuriously soft sweat-shirts, tees and scarves that are sustainably made right here in San Francisco. The custom fabric is a blend of two yarns, pima cotton and MicroModal, which is a bio-based material that comes from recycled beechwood. 2209 Chestnut St., 415.346.2400; 498 Hayes St., 415.829.7519.

THE VOYAGER SHOP

A retail collaboration from a group of artistic businesses, Voyager features menswear from Japanese and Italian lines, premium denim, American footwear, women's basics from French lines, ocean gear, books and art. 365 Valencia St., 415.795.1748.

BOOKS, MUSIC, & ELECTRONICS

AMOeba MUSIC

This Haight-Ashbury institution has one of the largest selections of CDs, DVDs,

videos, vinyl records and vintage rock posters anywhere. 1855 Haight St., 415.831.1200; 2455 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, 510.549.1125.

OMNIVORE BOOKS ON FOOD

Featuring new, antiquarian and collectible books by and for culinary gurus, this bookstore is a wonderland for readers interested in food and drink. It features books on everything from the traditions of colonial India to the kitchens of 1950s America and hosts numerous events with high-profile chefs and authors. 3885A Cesar Chavez St., 415.282.4712.

CHILDREN'S SHOPS

AMBASSADOR TOYS
Ambassador promotes an understanding of cultures around the world with books, dolls and games from six continents, appropriate for infants to young teens. 2 Embarcadero Center, 415.345.8697. 186 West Portal Ave., 415.759.8697. 855

El Camino Real, Palo Alto, 650.324.8697.

PAXTON GATE'S CURIOSITIES FOR KIDS

A fabulous display of imagination and design, this shop is an homage to the natural creativity of children. One of San Francisco's finest children's boutiques, it brings on nostalgia for childhood and toys. 766 Valencia St., 415.252.9990.

DEPARTMENT STORES

BLOOMINGDALE'S

Located in Westfield San Francisco Centre, this is the second largest Bloomingdale's store in the country, offering the latest fashions for women, men and kids, plus home decor. A 140-year history of fashion, special events and the iconic Little Brown Bag make Bloomingdale's like "No Other Store in the World." Begin your day at the first floor visitor center with special offers. 845 Market St., 415.856.5300.

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Shop

GUMP'S

Founded in 1861, this bi-level Union Square retailer is a legendary destination for luxury gifts, jewelry and home decor. Find sumptuous pearls, jade, fine jewelry and china on the first floor. The collections of crystal and silver are upstairs. 135 Post St., 415.982.1616.

MACY'S

The flagship store is housed in two buildings between O'Farrell and Geary streets on either side of Stockton Street. Encompassing an entire city block, the west building features womenswear and accessories, watches, cosmetics, jewelry, the visitor center and a post office. Menswear and accessories are located across Stockton Street in the east building. Pick up your visitor savings pass at the visitor center on the cellar level. 170 O'Farrell St., 415.954.6271.

HOME & DESIGN

3 FISH STUDIOS

Founded in 2007 by husband-and-wife painters and printmakers Annie Galvin and Eric Rewitzer, this shop in the Outer Sunset showcases the couple's original and affordable artwork. Find paintings, prints, digital prints of original artwork, hand-pulled linocut prints, works on paper, magnets and postcard sets. 4541 Irving St., 415.242.3474.

THE ANTIQUE TRADERS

This shop specializes in stained-glass lamps and windows, estate jewelry, cut crystal, bronzes and furniture, primarily from the Art Nouveau period. Worldwide shipping is available. 4310 California St., 415.668.4444.

ATYS

The modern household and personal items at this store are designed by architects and industrial designers, a practice that lends a high-art feel to everyday items. Most of the sleek pieces are imported from Scandinavia,



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HEATH CERAMICS

One of the few remaining mid-century American potteries still in existence today, Heath has been making tableware and tile for over a half-century in its Sausalito factory. The shops sell artisan pottery that emphasizes design, handcrafted techniques and the reinvigoration of the company's designer-maker legacy. 1 Ferry Building, 415.399.9284; 2900 18th St., 415.361.5552; 400 Gate Five Rd., Sausalito, 415.332.3732.

NEEDLEPOINT INC.

For the best in hand-painted needlepoint designs, visit this shop in the heart of Jackson Square. Needlepoint Inc. carries a wide assortment of original canvases, fibers and stitching accessories. M-F 9 am-5 pm, Sa 10 am-4 pm. 326 Jackson St., 415.392.1622. 800.345.1622.

JEWELRY

HUBLLOT

Located in the heart of Union Square in the historic 180 Geary St. building, Hublot San Francisco offers an extensive selection of timepieces for ladies and men. Hublot timepieces merge classic Swiss horological complications with modern design and materials, redefining what a Swiss watch looks like. You'll also find hard-to-find, limit-

ed-edition pieces as well as a small selection of accessories including cuff links and belt buckles. The elegant boutique features a discreet bar and lounge below the sales floor. 174 Geary St., 415.981.2200.

LANG ANTIQUES

This quaint little shop in the heart of downtown has been specializing in fine antique and estate jewelry since 1969. Find an array of fine jewels from every important design period, including Victorian, Edwardian, Art Deco and more, as well as a large selection of estate diamond engagement rings. 309 Sutter St., 415.982.2213.

SHREVE & CO.

Founded in 1854 and still one of the city's leading purveyors of fine jewelry, watches and crystal, the San Francisco institution features an in-store Mikimoto pearl boutique, Rolex watches and many other luxuries. 150 Post St., 415.421.2600; 329 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto, 650.327.2211.

LINGERIE

ALLA PRIMA

Exclusive lingerie and swimwear from top international designers, including Prima Donna, La Perla, Dolce & Gabbana, Andres Sarda and Eres. 539 Hayes St., 415.864.8180.

LES CENT CULOTTES

This lingerie boutique houses silk imports from France including Simone Perele, Cervin, Huit and Chantelle. 2200 Polk St., 415.614.2586.

MEN'S APPAREL

THE HOUND CLOTHIERS

A haberdasher of fine clothing for gentlemen, The Hound is located on the ground level of the historic glass-front Hallidie Building in the heart of the Financial District. Known for its exceptional customer service and large inventory of classically

styled business clothing, accessories and sportswear, this shop has been dressing professional men for more than 40 years. 140 Sutter St., 415.989.0429.

JOHN VARVATOS

Occupying a unique place in the landscape of American design, John Varvatos unites Old World craftsmanship and refined tailoring with modern innovations in textiles and a rock 'n' roll sensibility. The brand represents an entire men's lifestyle that includes tailored clothing, sportswear, footwear, bags, belts, eyewear, limited edition watches, men's fragrances and John Varvatos Star USA Collection, as well as Converse by John Varvatos. 152 Geary St., 415.986.0138.

SHOES

THE ALDEN SHOP

Established in 1884, this shoe company offers classic men's footwear that represents New England's tradition of old-school, custom boot-making at its finest. Find a complete line of shoes, from wingtips to slip-ons, carefully hand-worked with painstaking attention to detail using premium calfskins, luxurious suedes and genuine shell cordovan. 170 Sutter St., 415.421.6691.

FREDA SALVADOR

A duo of local designers sells their fashion-world lauded line of boots and other footwear at this Union Street boutique. The well-made styles, from rocker-chic to classic, are all made in Spain and designed for walking. 2416 Fillmore St., 415.872.9690.

SHOPPING DESTINATIONS

ANCHORAGE SQUARE

This is the biking, touring, shopping and dining hub of Fisherman's Wharf, with more than 35 activities, stores and restaurants to explore. Validated parking is available at Anchorage Square Garage

on Beach Street. 500 Beach St., 415.673.7762.

EMBARCADERO CENTER

The office towers stretching west from the foot of Sacramento Street, known as 1, 2, 3 and 4 Embarcadero, also house more than 100 retailers, 30 restaurants and a movie theater. Restaurants include Sens for Mediterranean favorites and Osha Thai for some of the best curry around. 415.772.0700.

WESTFIELD SAN FRANCISCO CENTRE

This nine-story shopping mall features Nordstrom, Bloomingdale's and more than 200 shops and restaurants, including the fine-dining Restaurant Collection Under the Dome. 865 Market St., 415.495.5656.

SPECIALTY FOODS

SPICE ACE

This locally owned store on Steiner Street has more than 400 of the finest spices, herbs, blends, salts, peppers, chiles and extracts from around the globe. Tasting jars offer a chance to experience every spice. Try the customer favorites: Pacific Heights spice blend, Calabrian sea salt and smoked sweet paprika from Spain. 1821 Steiner St., 415.885.3038.

WOMEN'S APPAREL

CUYANA

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THE GROCERY STORE

No ordinary corner market, this is a hip European fashion oasis featuring cool clothing with a rock-star twist. Jeans and more jeans and a world-class selection of tees hang on simple rolling racks lining both sides of the huge space. Designer shoes and jewelry round out the merchandise mix. 3687 Sacramento St., 415.928.3615.

SUSAN

This elegant storefront offers fine European and Japanese apparel, shoes and accessories, including the latest styles by Comme des Garçons, Simone Rocha, Junya Watanabe and other avant-garde designers. 3685 Sacramento St., 415.922.3685.

BAY AREA

BAY AREA PREMIUM OUTLETS

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A Gallery Celebrates 25 Years

The **Weinstein Gallery** just marked its quarter-century birthday, and to celebrate it unveiled 10 new paintings by German-American artist Marcus Jansen, specially commissioned for the occasion. These works are on view at the 349 Geary St. gallery through Jan. 20. Also during this time, a mid-career retrospective of Marcus Jansen's work is on view in SoMa at the 444 Clementina St. gallery, along with an Oskar Fischinger show on "Raumlichtkunst," a reconstructed 1920s avant-garde film.

ART GALLERIES

111 MINNA GALLERY

This hip arts space on an alley just two blocks south of Market Street doubles as a bar and club and features work in all media by emerging and alternative artistic talent. 111 Minna St., 415.974.1719.

BRIAN GROSS FINE ART

This spacious gallery in the up-and-coming Potrero Hill arts district hosts about nine exhibitions a year, showcasing contemporary painting, sculpture and photography by artists like Ed Moses and Phil Sims as well as emerging talents. 248 Utah St., 415.788.1050.

BUSACCA GALLERY

Artist and design consultant Mark Busacca creates a luxurious collection of contemporary and historic paintings, sculpture, photography, antiques, design objects and more by global masters in his Russian Hill gallery. Busacca is dedicated to a broad-based approach to art, with an eye to the creative energy and output unique to the collector. Beautifully photographed, edited, designed and written, the website is itself an ongoing carousel of moving art that serves as a consignment

gallery. Open daily. 2010 Hyde St., 415.776.0104.

CHRISTOPHER-CLARK FINE ART

This premier San Francisco gallery features paintings, drawings and original prints by European masters. Find engravings and etchings by Dürer and Rembrandt; French Barbizon paintings; Impressionist works by Pissarro, Renoir, Manet and Cassatt; and art of la belle époque from Toulouse-Lautrec, Cheret and Tissot. Twentieth century masters Picasso, Matisse, Chagall and Dali as well as Post-War American artists Stella, Motherwell, Frankenthaler and Lichtenstein are also represented. Open daily. 377 Geary St., 415.397.7781.

CK CONTEMPORARY

This new and beautifully renovated gallery space is home to a collection of original paintings by noteworthy American and European contemporary artists. In addition to mounting exhibitions, the gallery works closely with new and experienced collectors, locating works of art, managing commissions and assisting designers and clients to find the perfect pieces for their home. 357 Geary St., 415.397.0114.

CREATIVITY EXPLORED

Artists with developmental disabilities create art for sale and exhibition here. The gallery offers remarkable art at surprisingly affordable prices and hosts exhibitions on a variety of engaging themes. 3245 16th St., 415.863.2108.

GALLERY 444

Celebrating more than 20 years in its location, this family-owned gallery exhibits original paintings, prints and sculptures. It features more than 20 international and local artists, including Boulanger and Olbinski, whose unique works inspire imagination and evoke emotion. 444 Post St., 415.434.4477.

GALLERY WENDI NORRIS

This bold and modern 5,100 square-foot gallery in SoMa is known for its surrealist network. It hosts exhibitions that are emblematic of its transcendental nature and works to integrate its contemporary artists into the global community of art professionals, institutions and collectors. 161 Jessie St., 415.346.7812.

JENKINS JOHNSON GALLERY

Features contemporary photography, painting, video, performance and glass sculpture by emerging, mid-career and established artists. With an emphasis on content-driven

art, international artists challenge the traditional use of materials to produce work that focuses and reflects on societal issues. 464 Sutter St., 415.677.0770.

JOHN BERGGRUEN GALLERY

Established in 1970, this world-class, bi-level gallery hosts new exhibitions monthly, showcasing works by young contemporary artists as well as major 20th century modern and contemporary American and European painters and sculptors including Willem de Kooning, Roy De Forest, Georgia O'Keeffe, Henri Matisse and Jim Dine. Bay Area artists and tastes are well represented. Closed Su. 10 Hawthorne St., 415.781.4629.

MARTIN LAWRENCE GALLERIES

Founded in 1975, Martin Lawrence Galleries specializes in original paintings, sculptures and limited-edition graphics. The gallery features works by Pablo Picasso, Marc Chagall, Rembrandt, Andy Warhol and Keith Haring along with the best emerging artists. 366 Geary St., 415.956.0345.

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MONTAGUE GALLERY

The only gallery of its kind in San Francisco, Montague Gallery features an expansive roster of respected and sought-after names in the contemporary fine art glass world, including Lino Tagliapietra, Dante Marioni, Hiroshi Yamano and Chihuly Workshop. The gallery also features jewelry and painting. 445A Sutter St., 415.964.4978.

SAN FRANCISCO ART EXCHANGE

San Francisco Art Exchange is a worldwide leader in art and photographs from rock 'n' roll and pop culture. The gallery features original photographs, paintings, drawings and limited-edition prints of The Beatles, Rolling Stones, Jimi Hendrix and more. Open M-Sa 10 am-6 pm. 458 Geary St., 415.441.8840.

SAN FRANCISCO CENTER FOR THE BOOK

This gallery and studio showcases every artistic aspect of books, from the antique to the experimental. Ponder exhibitions on censorship and literary forms from various cultures or take a peek at binding and printing workshops. 375 Rhode Island St., 415.565.0545.

SERGE SOROKKO GALLERY

A stalwart in the local arts scene since 1984, this gallery features post-war and contemporary sculpture, paintings and graphics by modern masters like Henri Matisse, Joan Miró, Pablo Picasso, Damien Hirst, Andy Warhol and many others. The gallery has advanced the careers of

many promising painters and helped organize the 1989 museum exhibition of acclaimed New York artists in Moscow. International shipping is available. Closed Su, M. 361 Sutter St., 415.421.7770.

WEINSTEIN GALLERY

This gallery's collection is dedicated to rare works of 20th century masters including Picasso, Chagall, Calder and Miró. It represents several important artists' estates from the schools of early non-objective painting, Surrealism and Abstract Expressionism, as well as a collection of contemporary figurative painters. 349 Geary St., 415.362.8155.

MUSEUMS

ASIAN ART MUSEUM

Home to more than 18,000 exquisite art objects spanning 6,000 years of history and culture throughout Asia, this museum is one of

the largest in the Western Hemisphere devoted exclusively to Asian art. Free first Su of each month. Closed M. 200 Larkin St., 415.581.3500.

CHINESE CULTURE CENTER OF SAN FRANCISCO

A non-profit organization fostering the understanding and appreciation of Chinese and Chinese-American art, history and culture in the United States. 750 Kearny St., 3rd fl., 415.986.1822.

CONTEMPORARY JEWISH MUSEUM

Located in a stunning Daniel Libeskind-designed building, the CJM engages audiences of all ages and backgrounds through dynamic exhibitions and programs that explore contemporary perspectives on Jewish culture, history, art and ideas. Closed W. \$8 Th after 5 pm. Free first Tu of

the month. 736 Mission St., 415.655.7800.

DE YOUNG MUSEUM

Founded in 1895, the impressively varied museum is currently housed in an architectural masterpiece designed by the Swiss firm Herzog and de Meuron. It showcases collections from the Americas, Pacific Islands and Africa and features a tower observation deck. Free general admission first Tu of each month. Closed M. 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr., 415.750.3600.

LEGION OF HONOR

High on the headlands above the Golden Gate—where the Pacific Ocean spills into the San Francisco Bay—stands this grand museum, the gift of Alma de Bretteville Spreckels to the city of San Francisco. A three-quarter-scale adaptation of the 18th-century Palais de la Légion d'Honneur in

Paris, the museum was built to commemorate California soldiers who died in World War I. The collection includes works by European masters and major holdings of Rodin sculptures. The grounds offer spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean, Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco. Closed M. 100 34th Ave. in Lincoln Park, 415.750.3600.

THE MEXICAN MUSEUM

Founded in 1975 to showcase the aesthetic expression of the Latino, Chicano, Mexican and Mexican-American people, The Mexican Museum holds a permanent collection of over 16,000 artworks, including colonial, pre-Hispanic, popular, modern and contemporary art. 2 Marina Blvd., Bldg D, 415.202.9700.



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One of the few museums of its kind in the country, MCD develops and presents unconventional and compelling exhibitions of contemporary work in craft and design. The exquisite Museum Store features jewelry, toys, ceramics and more. Its full calendar of public programs is part of the blossoming Dogpatch neighborhood's art scene. Closed M. 2569 3rd St., 415.773.0303.

MUSEUM OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

This recently renovated cultural institution reminds visitors that Africa is the birthplace of humankind and celebrates the global contributions of people of African descent. 685 Mission St., 415.358.7200.

SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

After a three-year hiatus, SFMOMA has unveiled a Snohetta-led expansion that makes it the largest modern art space in the nation, easily housing entire floors of abstract American art and minimalist and pop art. There's an entire gallery devoted to Alexander Calder, with a focus on his work between the 1920s and 1960s. The Pritzker Center for Photography dedicates about 15,000 square feet to photography, more than any other U.S. art museum. The open-ceiling seventh floor houses nothing but contemporary art. Nearly 45,000 square feet of the museum's ground floor galleries are free and open to the public, and admission is free for visitors 18 and under. 151 3rd St., 415.357.4000.

YERBA BUENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

This contemporary art center highlights multicultural issues through the artworks displayed in its two main gallery spaces, high-tech gallery and video screening room. Past exhibits have focused on the Dalai Lama, Anna Halprin and the political nature of contemporary women's art. 701 Mission St., 415.978.2787.

BAY AREA

BAMPFA

UC Berkeley's visual-arts center reopened early 2016 after a \$112 million renovation by world-renowned firm Diller Scofidio + Renfro, known for projects including NYC's elevated High Line park and LA's Broad Museum. The 83,000 square-foot museum includes an expansive permanent collection with a dynamic schedule of rotating art exhibitions that range

from classical Chinese painting to abstract expressionism to provocative multimedia work by emerging artists. The film archive has more than 450 public screenings each year of rare and restored movie classics, new and historic foreign films and experimental cinema. 2155 Center St., 510.642.0808.

BUBBLE STREET GALLERY

From the bizarre to the romantic, Bubble Street Gallery offers an eclectic mix of fine arts and crafts. Contemporary surrealist Daniel Merriam's collection of paintings, prints, ceramics, jewelry and more reflect a variety of styles ranging from Steampunk to Neo-Victorian and pop surrealism. 565 Bridgeway Blvd., Sausalito, 415.339.0506.

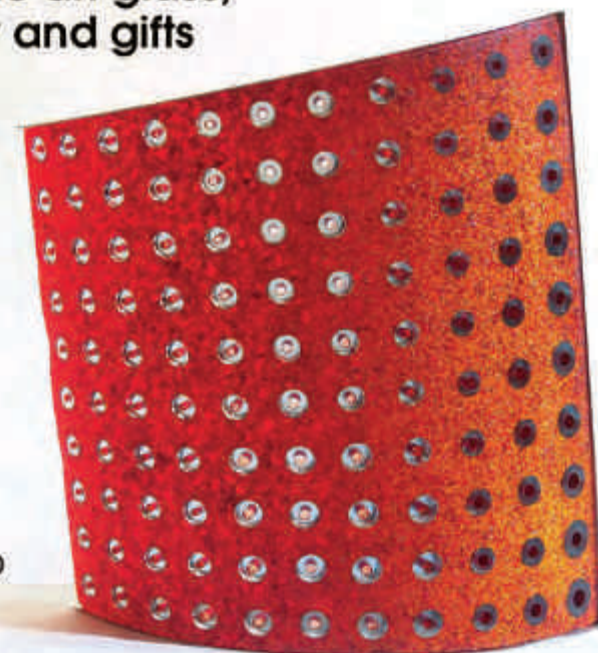
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Fairy Tale Ballet

While the San Francisco Ballet has plenty of contemporary, innovative works on this season's lineup, they aren't neglecting the classics. **"The Sleeping Beauty"** (Jan. 3-Feb. 4) is one of the full-length story ballets on the schedule. It's the story of a princess in a spell-induced sleep and true love's kiss that has made so many generations swoon. This production of Tchaikovsky's work features elaborate sets and shows off the company's classical skill. *War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness Ave., 415.621.6600*

BARS & NIGHTCLUBS

ALEMBIC

Offering a long list of both classic cocktails and original concoctions, this Haight Ashbury restaurant and bar is a great place to try something new, like the Blood and Sand. Homemade brews and local food are the specialty, making it a true San Francisco experience. 1725 Haight St., 415.666.0822.

ANCHOR DISTILLING COMPANY

You may already be familiar with the historic Anchor Brewing Company, but you probably didn't know that the iconic brewery is also the home of Anchor Distilling Company. Established in 1993 as a top secret project, Anchor Distilling Company has recently opened its doors to the public with the launch of a new tasting room. The company offers a one-hour, intimate tasting experience, in which a beverage expert guides you through Anchor's production process and helps you explore the flavors and aromas of Anchor spirits, including Old Potrero 18th Century Whiskey, Hophead vodka, Genevieve gin and more. Reserve ahead. 1705 Mariposa St., 415.863.8350.

BENJAMIN COOPER

Located within Hotel G in Union Square, this intimate and contemporary oyster bar with a vintage San Francisco feel is for the serious cocktail aficionados. 398 Geary St., 415.654.5061.

BIERGARTEN

Located in Hayes Valley, this traditional beer garden offers a variety of German beers on tap and serves up locally sourced food like sausages and salaten—all to be enjoyed alfresco. 424 Octavia St., 415.252.9289.

BURRITT ROOM

Named after the Nob Hill alley off Bush Street that was the scene of the murder in "The Maltese Falcon," the Burritt Room at the Mystic Hotel brings well-crafted cocktails to the Union Square neighborhood. Pull up a red velvet bar stool and watch as expert mixologists shake and stir some of the best drinks around, like the Smoked Peach and Weissen Sour. 417 Stockton St., in the Mystic Hotel, 415.400.0561.

COMSTOCK SALOON

Named after Henry Comstock and the famed Comstock Lode, which brought mining fortunes to the City by the Bay, this bar is a throwback to the city's Barbary Coast era,

located in a site that's served as a San Francisco watering hole since 1907. Sip on carefully crafted classic cocktails and nibble on turn-of-the-century saloon fare. 155 Columbus Ave., 415.617.0071.

EL TECHO

Located in the Mission District, this expansive rooftop bar offers sweeping views of the city skyline. Drinks range from pisco-based cocktails to esoteric Brazilian beer. Dig into tasty nibbles like empanadas, ceviche and meat skewers or visit the downstairs dining room for a more serious, meat-focused menu. 2516 Mission St., 415.550.6970.

LIPCO COCKTAIL LOUNGE

This cavernous watering hole is a quintessential Chinatown dive with cheap leather booths, a dusty jukebox and shiny golden Buddha's behind the bar. But the drinks are strong and the experience is unique. 916 Grant Ave., 415.982.0072.

LOCAL EDITION

Beneath Market Street, the local bar superstars behind Bourbon & Branch have created this classy underground cocktail bar that provides a sophisticated addition to the city's nightlife scene. Inspired by the 1950s and '60s newspaper industry, the

vintage décor includes typewriters and archived news clippings that let you relive San Francisco's past, and even the waitresses are dressed in time-period perfect outfits. And the drinks are equally on point: highballs, Gibsons and other updated classics rule here. 691 Market St., 415.795.1375.

MIKKELLER BAR

Located on the ground floor of a 1907 Victorian building, this beer bar features 40 taps from some of the best breweries in the world, two cask handles, exclusive house beers and a full kitchen serving up tasty bar bites that pair perfectly with beer. The cellar is home to the Tivoli Sour Room, where lambics and sour beers are on tap. 34 Mason St., 415.984.0279.

MONK'S KETTLE

This cozy Mission gastropub specializes in craft beer, serving 24 draughts and over 120 bottles of Belgian and Californian brews. The kitchen is open every night until 1 am for upscale pub food. Be prepared to wait—they do not take reservations. 3141 16th St., 415.865.9523.

MR. TIPPLE'S RECORDING STUDIO

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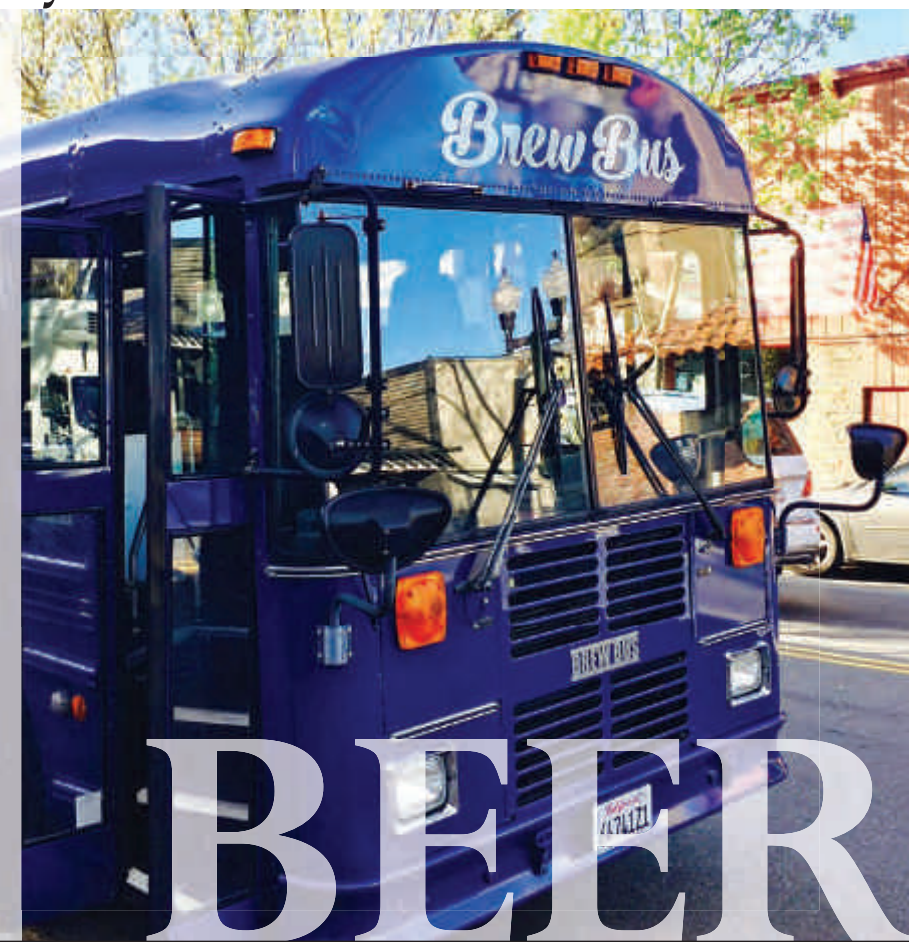
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cozy back alley of the city's Mid-Market neighborhood. The bar features live jazz nightly with no cover, a sharp list of rotating cocktails and under-\$10 snacks. On your first visit, try the Dizzy cocktail (East India sherry, terroir gin, cynar) and the catfish po boy (cabbage slaw, tartar sauce, side of hand-cut Cajun fries). *39 Fell St., 415.851.8561.*

PLAYERS SPORTS GRILL & ARCADE

This waterfront sports bar features more than 35 HDTVs, 200 sports channels, 85 arcade games and 15 beers on tap. The menu offers bar bites and American fare. Luau Lounge, located inside, is San Francisco's only waterfront tiki bar, with spectacular views of Alcatraz and the San Francisco Bay. *Pier 39, 415.981.6300.*

SMUGGLER'S COVE

Taste the past, present and future of rum here, from traditional drinks of the Caribbean islands to classic libations of Prohibition-Era Havana to exotic cocktails from legendary tiki bars. Modeled after both a pirate ship and a tiki hut and featuring a waterfall, this bar offers a whole new approach to rum, showcasing more than 400 varieties from around the world, including rare and vintage finds. The drink menu includes more than 70 cocktails made from premium spirits and liqueurs, house-made ingredients and fresh citrus juiced in-house daily. *650 Gough St., 415.869.1900.*

TOP OF THE MARK

A Nob Hill landmark, this sky lounge perched on the 19th floor of the InterContinental Mark Hopkins hotel affords wraparound vistas of the city, including views of the Golden Gate Bridge, Marin Headlands, Alcatraz, Fisherman's Wharf and the sparkling skyline at night. Don't miss the famed 100 Martinis menu. Live music several nights a week.

999 California St., 19th fl., 415.616.6916.

TRICK DOG

Local bar stars The Bon Vivants opened this hot spot in the Mission District, focusing on hand-crafted, inventive drinks and late-night nibbles. The converted warehouse space features a dimly lit, downstairs bar with retro decor, and a small, loft-like restaurant upstairs serving multicultural elevated bar food. *3010 20th St., 415.471.2999.*

VESUVIO

This historic North Beach dive bar, fittingly located just next door to City Lights Bookstore, used to quench the thirst of Jack Kerouac and Neal Cassady of "On the Road" fame. These days, it can be packed on the weekends with a healthy mixture of locals and tourists. *255 Columbus Ave., 415.362.3370.*

WHITECHAPEL

Featuring the largest gin selection in North America, Whitechapel's cocktail menu celebrates the history and traditions of this versatile spirit. The extensive drink offerings are by no means limited to gin, and the food menu features pub fare and several Indian dishes. *600 Polk St., 415.292.5800.*

BOWLING

LUCKY STRIKE BOWLING For a less conventional night out, try Lucky Strike, which offers drinks, DJs and bowling for the 21+ crowd. Lucky Strike is not your average bowling alley, with a luxurious vintage-mod interior, a 40-foot bar and giant projection screens. Make sure to stop by for happy hour, with reduced prices for drinks and half off the menu, M-F 4-7 pm. *200 King St., 415.400.8260.*

MISSION BOWLING CLUB

This boutique bowling alley offers six lanes (with automatic scoring) and leather sofas, and the kitchen serves up

elevated comfort food along with specialty cocktails. *3176 17th St., 415.863.2695.*

BREWERIES

21ST AMENDMENT BREWERY Within walking distance of AT&T ballpark, this brewpub is a fun place to visit before or after a Giants game. The airy, multi-level SoMa space delivers reasonably priced, home-brewed beer in unique flavors alongside dependable standards like cheeseburgers and house-made chili. The watermelon wheat beer, served alongside a slice of watermelon, is a customer favorite. *563 2nd St., 415.369.0900.*

THIRSTY BEAR BREWING CO.

The oldest brewery-restaurant in the city (and the only organic brewery) serves house-made ales that complement Spanish-inspired cuisine, with dishes served primarily in tapas-sized portions. There's also a full bar and pool tables and darts upstairs. *661 Howard St., 415.974.0905.*

CLASSICAL MUSIC & DANCE

SAN FRANCISCO BALLET America's oldest professional ballet company performed one of the first American productions of both "Swan Lake" and "The Nutcracker," as well as the first 20th century "American Coppélia." A vital ensemble, it is one of the three largest ballet companies in the United States. *War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness Ave., 415.861.5600.*

SAN FRANCISCO CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

This professional school in the Civic Center neighborhood offers an array of musical programs, many of them free to the public. *50 Oak St., 415.864.7326.*

SAN FRANCISCO OPERA

Located in the historic War Memorial Opera House since 1932, this is the second largest opera company in North America, bringing exciting

performances to the stage each season. *War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness Ave., 415.864.3330.*

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

Founded in 1911, the symphony is widely considered to be among the country's most artistically adventurous art institutions, well known for its acclaimed conductor Michael Tilson Thomas. *Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Ave., 415.864.6000.*

LIVE MUSIC

BOOM BOOM ROOM

Self-proclaimed as "San Francisco's home to blues, boogie, soul, groove and funk," this sultry hot spot in the heart of the famed Fillmore District is the oldest blues club west of the Mississippi. Boogie to live music seven nights a week. *1601 Fillmore St., 415.673.8000.*

BOTTOM OF THE HILL

This cramped, funky little joint has been lauded by Rolling Stone as "the best place to hear live music in San Francisco." Open seven nights a week and showcasing an array of styles from hard rock and punk to folk and pop, the Bottom comes equipped with a full bar, pool tables, and a kitchen staff that stays up as late as you do. *1233 17th St., 415.626.4455.*

FEINSTEIN'S

Located within the Hotel Nikko San Francisco, this elegant, intimate, 140-seat nightclub is operated in partnership with multi-platinum-selling entertainer Michael Feinstein and presents a wide range of local, regional and national entertainers. *222 Mason St., 866.663.1060.*

SAN FRANCISCO GAY MEN'S CHORUS

For 40 years, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus has been an international standard bearer for a powerful mix of extraordinary musical excellence and mission-driven ac-

tivism. It continues to inspire through performances and involvement in human rights, empowerment and inclusiveness, establishing it as an icon among LGBT organizations. *526 Castro St., 415.865.3650.*

SF JAZZ CENTER

This is the first stand-alone performance venue of its kind in the country built specifically for jazz. The 35,000-square-foot glass structure seating 300 to 700 people, located in bustling Hayes Valley a block from Davies Symphony Hall, boasts the acoustic qualities of a great concert hall and the relaxed intimacy of a jazz club. *201 Franklin St., 866.920.5299.*

THEATER

AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATER

Offering classical and contemporary theater productions, the A.C.T. is a large, highly respected nonprofit theater company located just outside Union Square. *405 Geary St., 415.749.2228.*

BEACH BLANKET BABYLON

No trip to San Francisco is complete without seeing Steve Silver's "Beach Blanket Babylon," the hilariously campy revue that has been a local favorite since 1974, known for its hats and wigs and spoofs of current events and celebrities in ever-evolving numbers. Persons under 21 not admitted to evening performances. *678 Green St., 415.421.4222.*

NEW CONSERVATORY THEATER CENTER

NCTC produces theater that gives voice to, entertains and promotes exploration and open dialogue among underserved audiences and developing playwrights in the community. *25 Van Ness Ave., 415.861.8972.*

SF PLAYHOUSE

Located on the second floor of the charming Kensington Park Hotel, this theater company is dedicated to pre-

senting critically-acclaimed works in an intimate setting that allows the audience to really connect with the performance, whether it's a world premiere or an invigorated classic. *450 Post St., 415.677.9596.*

SHN

For more than 30 years, this has been the preeminent theatrical entertainment company in San Francisco, owning and operating two of the city's major venues: the historic Orpheum and Golden Gate theaters. It delivers a range of theatrical experiences: original Broadway cast productions, pre-Broadway world premieres and current hits fresh from Broadway. Thanks to SHN, San Francisco has launched the world-premieres of "Wicked," "Mamma Mia!," "Legally Blonde" and more. It kicked off the national tours of "Jersey Boys," "Avenue Q" and the 2008 Tony Award-winning revival of "South Pacific." *1182 Market St., 888.746.1799.*

THE SPEAKEASY

The experimental Boxcar Theatre Company re-launched its 2014 hit, "The Speakeasy," in a brand new North Beach venue last year. After a \$2 million renovation, the two-story circular cabaret space complete with secret passageways and disguised entrances is the perfect venue for this immersive theater experience that has been compared to San Francisco's famous Beach Blanket Babylon. This year, the company unveiled its newest offering, a show titled "A Night at the Palace," which features a variety of cabaret acts and is set in the same Prohibition underworld as "The Speakeasy." *644 Broadway St., 415.967.2227.*

THE MARSH

Best known for its provocative one-person shows, this breeding ground for new performance hosts new work

from emerging artists in an intimate theater space. *1062 Valencia St., 415.282.3055.*

URBAN WINERIES

BLUXOME STREET WINERY

Located in the heart of the SoMa neighborhood, this destination is both a working winery and a place to relax and enjoy a drink or two. The tasting room features expansive windows looking into the working winery, allowing you to enjoy a flight of wine while watching the crafting process. *53 Bluxome St., 415.543.5353. ; 900 North Point St.,*

WINE BARS

AMELIE

This modern French-style wine bar has a happy hour that can't be beat, offering a \$10 customized flight with any three wines by the glass. Try the thoughtfully paired small plates to complement your wine. *1754 Polk St., 415.292.6916.*

FERRY PLAZA WINE MERCHANT

Attached to the store of the same name, this wine bar offers visitors the opportunity to sample a rotating selection of 15-20 wines. Grab some cheese from Cowgirl Creamery, a loaf of bread from Acme Bakery, a seat at the bar and let the knowledgeable guide you. *1 Ferry Building, 415.391.9400.*

PRESS CLUB

Located in the luxurious cellar space of the Four Seasons Hotel, this chic urban tasting room offers a wine country experience right in the middle of the city, uncorking an array of wines direct from acclaimed California wineries. It features social sipping lounges, rare and specialty beers on tap and light bites for delicious pairings. *20 Yerba Buena Ln., 415.744.5000.*

THE HIDDEN VINE

Like a fine Zinfandel, this sophisticated Jackson Square

wine bar offers a complex and satisfying bouquet of flavors for the discerning palate. The staff is knowledgeable, the atmosphere unpretentious and the menu thorough. Come taste with someone you're trying to impress or just nestle with friends in a cozy alcove. *408 Merchant St., 415.674.3567.*

BAY AREA

GRATON RESORT & CASINO

The behemoth \$825 million, 340,000-square-foot resort is home to 3,000 slot and video poker machines, over 100 table games and an elegant dedicated poker room. As much a dining as a gaming destination, the complex packs in about a dozen eateries, ranging from casual favorites like The Habit Burger Grill, La Fondita Taqueria and Boathouse Asian Noodles to high-end options like Tony's of North Beach and 630 Park Steakhouse. *288 Golf Course Dr. W, Rohnert Park, 707.588.7100.*

WEILL HALL AT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Located on the Sonoma State University campus in wine country, this is a world-class indoor-outdoor music complex hosting performances by symphonies and renowned artists like Itzhak Perlman, Lang Lang, Renée Fleming, Herbie Hancock, Yo Yo Ma and many more. *1801 East Cotati Ave., Rohnert Park, 866.955.6040.*

SWEETWATER MUSIC HALL

The hall has played host to such superstars as Carlos Santana, Jerry Garcia and Elvis Costello, and now it welcomes artists playing everything from New Orleans jive to Latin funk genres of music. *19 Corte Madera Ave., Mill Valley, 415.388.3850.*

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CASTRO/UPPER MARKET

CANELA BISTRO AND WINE BAR

Spanish/Tapas This elegant restaurant in the Castro neighborhood serves traditional tapas and modern Spanish dishes, sourcing ingredients from sustainable California markets, farms and fisheries. The wine list is carefully curated to pair with the extensive menu, and the dim, thoughtfully decorated dining room has a romantic feel. Brunch (Su), D (nightly), closed M. 2272 Market St., 415.552.3000.

FRANCES

California Serving modern California cuisine in a neighborhood setting, acclaimed Frances serves delights like chestnut soup with roasted ciopollini and house-cured pancetta; slow-roasted beef with creamed winter greens; and ling cod crusted with Boccalone lardo, squash and apples. D (nightly). 3870 17th St., 415.621.3870. \$\$\$

CHINATOWN R&G LOUNGE

Chinese This bustling spot has a colorful lounge and cheerful, modest decor in the dining room downstairs. The Hong Kong-style menu includes tank-fresh seafood. The Travel Channel's "No

Reservations" host Anthony Bourdain visited the restaurant on his show and raved about the salt and pepper crab. L, D (daily). 631 Kearny St., 415.982.7877. \$\$

CIVIC CENTER/HAYES VALLEY

ALTA CA

New American Wind down at this modern bar and restaurant, which offers specialty cocktails, a great hamburger and crunchy beef tendon puffs that melt in your mouth. The atmosphere is almost as good as the food, with a floor-to-ceiling industrial metal bookcase lining the back wall and local artwork. 1420 Market St., 415.590.2585.

ESPETUS BRAZILIAN STEAK HOUSE

Steaks Pace yourself: This authentic Brazilian steakhouse offers all-you-can-eat skewers ("espetus" in Portuguese) of slow-roasted beef, lamb, pork, chicken and shrimp for a fixed price. The giant salad buffet is included. L, D (daily). 1686 Market St., 415.552.8792. \$\$\$; 710 S B St., San Mateo, 650.342.8700.

NOPA

American Named for its location North of the Panhandle, this expansive, hip restaurant serves wood-fired rustic cuisine that epitomizes the

best of San Francisco's current food scene. One of the city's best late-night dining options, it's also popular for its brunch, burger and pork chops. Brunch (Sa-Su), D (nightly until 1 am). 560 Divisadero St., 415.864.8643. \$\$\$

RICH TABLE

American Named one of the country's top 50 new restaurants by Bon Appetit magazine in 2012, this James Beard Award-nominated hot spot is owned by a husband-and-wife team who serve unfussy, market-driven food in a lively atmosphere. Must-order items include innovative snacks like sardine chips and porcini doughnuts and creative cocktails. D (daily). 199 Gough St., 415.355.9085. \$\$\$

SOUVLA

Greek Located in the heart of Hayes Valley, this Greek sandwich shop is inspired by the casual neighborhood souvlaki joints found throughout Greece. The sandwiches are made with spit-roasted all-natural meats on warm pita bread with spiced yogurt sauces and fresh herb salads. The "Greek fries" are spiked with Mizithra cheese, oregano, olive oil and sea salt. 517 Hayes St., 415.400.5458.

ZUNI CAFE

Mediterranean Three words: Get the chicken. This San Francisco institution has been in business for more than 35 years and is most famous for its cooked-to-order roast chicken for two (allow an hour), a true stand-out on the Mediterranean-inspired menu of roasted and grilled goodness. Watch the vintage street cars roll down Market Street through the floor-to-ceiling windows while you wait. Brunch (Su), L, D (daily), closed M. 1658 Market St., 415.552.2522. \$\$\$

FINANCIAL DISTRICT ONE MARKET

American This ever-popular restaurant on the Embarcadero waterfront across from the Ferry Building offers contemporary presentations of American classics from chef/partner Mark Dommen, showcasing farm-fresh ingredients, heritage meats, artisanal cheeses and an all-American wine list. 1 Market St., 415.777.5577. \$\$\$

SCHROEDER'S

German Founded in 1893, the most recent iteration of this traditional German beer hall is from the team behind one of the city's most successful wine bars, Press Club. The vast 5,000 square-foot space now has a modern feel, yet it still

Neighborhood Favorite

Canela Bistro & Wine Bar, a dim and sexy Spanish tapas restaurant in the Castro, is a labor of love from a well-traveled neighborhood couple, chef Mat Schuster (who might stop by your table to say hello) and wine expert Paco Cifuentes. The atmosphere oozes modern Iberian romance, with an attentively curated wine list, dramatic organic decor elements and tables delicately arranged with candles and flowers. 2272

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COURTESY CANELA

oozes character, with 1930s-era Herman Richter murals adorning the walls. The front area is a casual drink hall serving bar bites, and beyond that is a dining room with a full menu of Bavarian classics with a California sensibility. The impressive beer offerings, selected by a master cicerone—are mostly German and available on draft. L (M-F), D (M-Sa). 240 Front St., 415.421.4778.

WAYFARE TAVERN

American Step inside celebrity chef Tyler Florence's handsome three-story restaurant and be transported back in time. Built with bricks salvaged from the streets of the devastated city after the 1906 quake, the eatery channels the Barbary Coast era with American fare inspired by the San Francisco restaurant scene of the late 1800s. The menu features a raw bar and dishes like grilled sardines, salt-roasted bone marrow, organic fried chicken and the classic Hangtown Fry. Don't miss the banana pudding for dessert and the hand-crafted cocktails. L, D (daily). 558 Sacramento St., 415.772.9060. \$\$\$

FISHERMAN'S WHARF/WATERFRONT ALIOTO'S

Seafood One of San Francisco's oldest restaurants run by one of the city's most prominent families, this Fisherman's Wharf landmark has magnificent views of the San Francisco Bay and a reputation for great cioppino and fresh seafood. Don't mess around with the menu: Get the Dungeness crab. Cracked, caked, stuffed or stewed, it's impossible to get your fill. L, D (daily). 8 Fisherman's Wharf, 415.673.0183. \$\$

BEACH STREET GRILL ORGANIC RESTAURANT

American Known for its warm hospitality and all-day breakfast, the key word at this diner is homemade, from melt-

in-your-mouth blueberry pancakes to gravy-smothered biscuits. The outside patio is a great spot to enjoy a break from city life. B, L (daily), D (Sa-Su). 380 Beach St., 415.867.1711. \$\$

BISTRO BOUDIN

American Seasonal cuisine and sourdough-crust pizzas dominate the menu at the famed bread-maker's two-story flagship facility, which also houses a sourdough-bread museum and an exhibition bakery and a café and gourmet market downstairs. Saddle up to the gorgeous oyster bar for fresh oysters, baked and topped with mignonette or shucked and served straight up. L, D (daily). 160 Jefferson St., 415.351.5561. \$\$

THE BUENA VISTA CAFE

American This wharf institution by the Hyde Street cable car turnaround is famous for first introducing Irish coffee to the U.S. in 1952, and it has served millions of the hot cocktails since. B, L, D (daily). 2765 Hyde St., 415.474.5044. \$\$

CASTAGNOLA'S

Seafood & Steak In a dramatic setting by the waters of San Francisco Bay, diners can still watch fishermen bringing their boats to dock and unloading the day's catch. The menu here features fresh seafood, steaks and chops. Don't miss daily happy hour and live music throughout the week. 286 Jefferson St., 415.776.5015. \$\$\$

FRANCISCAN CRAB RESTAURANT

Seafood Floor-to-ceiling windows provide spectacular bay views from every table in this three-tiered, spacious mid-century modern gem. Menu highlights include fish and chips, sizzling iron skillet mussels and whole roasted Dungeness crab. Free parking with validation. L, D (daily). Pier 43 1/2, 415.362.7733. \$\$\$

HOG ISLAND OYSTER COMPANY

Seafood This lively and attractive waterfront spot in the Ferry Building is known for its happy hours and unconventional, exceptional clam chowder with whole manila clams and a light, flavorful broth. Although fresh raw oysters are the star, the po' boy sandwich, grilled cheese and grilled oysters also shine. L, D (daily). 1 Ferry Building, 415.391.7117. \$\$

JACKSON SQUARE COTOGNA

Italian This casual cousin to the acclaimed two Michelin star Quince restaurant next door opened under the same chef-owners. The rustic Italian eatery serves a seasonally changing menu that features spit-roasted meats and game birds, wood-oven pizzas, house-made pastas and fresh local seafood. All wine bottles on the prix fixe wine menu are under \$40, and the floor-to-ceiling windows afford abundant natural light and dramatic views of the Transamerica Building. L (M-Sa), D (nightly). 490 Pacific Ave., 415.775.8508. \$\$

QUINCE

Italian Elegant without being stuffy, this intimate two Michelin star restaurant with a superb wine list serves sophisticated Italian fare, such as a silky ricotta-filled ravioli in butter sauce and sole roasted on a fig leaf. A five-course tasting menu is available, and dining a la carte is also an option. D (nightly), closed Su. 470 Pacific Ave., 415.775.8500. \$\$\$\$

JAPANTOWN/LOWER FILLMORE

1300 ON FILLMORE

American This spot in the heart of the Fillmore District serves up soulful American cuisine. Signature dishes include black skillet-fried organic chicken, shrimp and grits and maple syrup slow-braised short ribs. Don't miss the Heritage Wall paying

homage to the neighborhood's legendary jazz history. Gospel Brunch on Sundays. D (nightly). 1300 Fillmore St., 415.771.7100. \$\$\$

THE PROGRESS

New American Named after the Progress Theater that occupied the same building over a century ago, this is the second restaurant from the team behind the national smash-hit State Bird Provisions, and it's located just next door. The boundary busting, international menu is served family style (choose six dishes for \$62 per person) and features dishes like lamb merguez with yellow eye beans, octopus and crispy squid. If you don't manage to snag a reservation, the bar is walk-in only. The Progress is a 2015 James Beard Award winner. 1525 Fillmore St., 415.673.1294.

MARINA/COW HOLLOW

A16

Italian This Marina neighborhood hot spot combines the cuisine of Campania with the pizzas of Naples and pours small-production wines from California and Southern Italy. L (W-F), D (nightly). 2355 Chestnut St., 415.771.2216. \$\$\$

ATELIER CRENN

French This modern upscale restaurant from the world's only two Michelin-star female chef blends the line between food and art, presenting garden-centric dishes that are as pleasing to the eye as they are to the palate and menus that read like poetry. Giving center stage to the food, the 40-seat dining room has an earthy, minimalist appearance with teak tables, fig trees and glass orbs that provide soft lighting. Diners can select from one of two multi-course tasting menus. D (Tu-Sa). 3127 Fillmore St., 415.440.0460. \$\$\$\$

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Flour + Water restaurant left Italian food behind in this venture, instead focusing on Northern California cuisine. The succinct, frequently updated menu features simple, fresh preparations of locally sourced meats and seasonal produce. Dishes may include chilled tomato soup; seared squid with avocado, celery and pine nut mousse; and slow baked halibut with fried mussels, tomatoes and nasturtium. The airy, spacious dining room and patio exude rustic warmth. Brunch (Su), D (nightly). 3000 20th St., 415.826.7004. \$\$\$

CRAFTSMAN & WOLVES

Bakery This modern and sleek patisserie in the hip Valencia corridor from James Beard-nominated chef William Werner features a rotating menu of breakfast pastries, cakes, confections, confitures, desserts, lunch and other savory fare. The bakery is famous for the Rebel Within, a savory breakfast muffin with asiago cheese, green onion and breakfast sausage baked into the mix and a full soft-cooked farm egg in the center. 746 Valencia St., 415.913.7713. 1643 Pacific Ave., 415.855.1414.

DELFINA

Italian This bustling neighborhood trattoria is a local favorite that pioneered San Francisco's farm-to-table movement. It has received rave reviews since its opening in 1998 and still packs the house (and outdoor patio) each night. D (nightly). 3621 18th St., 415.552.4055. \$\$\$

FLOUR + WATER

Italian A haven (or heaven) for artisan pizza and pasta lovers, this incredibly popular, welcoming spot serves exceptional Neapolitan-style, wood-fired pizzas and house-made pastas. D (nightly). 2401 Harrison St., 415.826.7000. \$\$\$

FOREIGN CINEMA

California Never was the old dinner-and-a-movie done so artfully, or so deliciously. The vast, bohemian-chic space suits the always excellent California-Mediterranean cuisine. A heated, covered patio screens a rotation of classic, foreign and independent films projected onto one of three walls, and speakers on each table allow you to adjust the volume. Meandering through the changing exhibits in the adjacent gallery is the perfect way to wait for a table. Brunch (Sa-Su), D (nightly). 2534 Mission St., 415.648.7600. \$\$\$

LAZY BEAR

New American This popular Mission District restaurant describes itself as a "modern American fine-dining dinner party." It started as an underground venue in 2009 and opened its first permanent location in 2014. The tasting menu changes weekly and ranges from \$100-150 per person and features about 12 courses. Past menus featured dishes like halibut with asparagus, Perigord truffle and fingerling potatoes; and lamb with mustards, farro and garum. 3416 19th St., 415.874.9921.

LITTLE STAR PIZZA

Italian Famous for its deep dish, Chicago-style pizza with a slightly sweet, cornmeal crust, this place draws a stream of addicted regulars. Valencia St.: L, D (daily). Divisadero St.: L (F-Su), D (nightly). 400 Valencia St., 415.551.7827. 846 Divisadero St., 415.441.1118. \$\$

LOLO

Mexican Step into a world of color and pattern when you visit one of the two locations for this eclectic Mexican restaurant in the Mission. Inspired by Jalisco-Californian cuisine, don't miss the Taco Tropical, which includes jicama tortillas, spice-dusted shrimp, an ex-

otic fruit relish and spicy aioli. 974 Valencia St., 415.643.5656.

MISSION CHINESE FOOD

Chinese Named one of the top 10 restaurants in the country by GQ Magazine in 2012, this trendy spot operating out of the former Lung Shan serves fiery Szechuan-influenced, Americanized Chinese food from rock-star chef Danny Bowien. The music is loud, the servers are cool and the Ma Po Tofu is deliciously screaming hot at this popular alternative to traditional Chinese food. Expect a wait, but the food is well worth it. L, D (daily), closed W. 2234 Mission St., 415.863.2800. \$

NAMU GAJI

Korean Started by three brothers, this elegant yet casual spot serves creative dishes with as much Korean as California influence. Popular dishes include the vegetable-focused okonomiyaki, beef tongue served with summer squash and chili oil and a burger served with kimchee relish and hand-cut fries. D (Tu-Sa), Br (W-Su). 499 Dolores St., 415.431.6268.

TARTINE BAKERY & CAFE

Dessert/Coffee This popular artisan bakery serves fresh-from-the-oven pastries all day, as well as pies, cakes, artisan bread and coffee. Breakfast quiches, gourmet sandwiches, classic pastries and an addictive bread pudding keep folks lining up. B, L (daily). 600 Guerrero St., 415.487.2600. \$

TAWLA

Eastern Mediterranean Located in the Mission District, Tawla is an Eastern Mediterranean restaurant serving family-style dishes inspired by the Levant, the region including Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria, Turkey and Greece. The menu changes daily and features seasonal produce as well as locally sourced, sustainably-raised and caught

meats and seafood. On clear evenings, gather friends and enjoy the large table on Tawla's back patio. 206 Valencia St., 415.814.2704.

NOB HILL

OSSO STEAKHOUSE

Steaks This swanky, sprawling steakhouse with a striking Art Deco interior is located just across the street from Grace Cathedral in the storied Nob Hill neighborhood. Menu standouts include dry-aged steaks and buttery Dungeness crab. D (nightly). 1177 California St., 415.771.6776. \$\$\$

SWAN OYSTER DEPOT

Seafood Founded in 1912, this seafood market and oyster bar is a San Francisco institution. There's almost always a wait at this intimate, 18-stool oyster bar, but you'll be rewarded with a pint of Anchor Steam beer and a lunch of a dozen oysters on the half shell. L (M-Sa), closed Su. 1517 Polk St., 415.673.2757. \$\$\$

NOE VALLEY

CONTIGO

Spanish/Tapas Changing nightly, the menu at this beloved California-style tapas spot in Noe Valley highlights the Bay Area's farmers, ranchers, fishermen and artisans. The sleek design and friendly service make for a festive evening. Pick a glass of sparkling Cava or Rioja from the all-Spanish wine list and stay for the chocolate and churros dessert. D (nightly), closed M. 1320 Castro St., 415.285.0250. \$\$

FIREFLY

American Adored by locals, this neighborhood spot with a homey feel has been a destination since its 1994 opening. The food is comfortable and creative, and vegetarians will find at least two meatless main courses on every menu in addition to multiple appetizer options. D (nightly). 4288 24th St., 415.821.7652. \$\$\$



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Seafood A warm, friendly eatery with an Italian flair, Betty Lou's is best known for its cioppino, San Francisco's seafood stew filled with succulent Dungeness crab, prawns, scallops, clams, mussels and calamari as well as Mike's Wok Crab, a wok-tossed concoction of Dungeness crab, ginger, scallions, red peppers and soy sauce. If seafood isn't your thing, try the juicy 16-ounce bone-in ribeye or chicken piccata. 318 Columbus Ave., 415.757.0569.

CAFE ZOETROPE

Italian Owned by legendary film director and winemaker Francis Ford Coppola, this neighborhood Italian restaurant is named after his famous production company and located in the same steel-framed structure, the Sentinel Building. L, D (daily). 916 Kearny St., 415.291.1700. \$\$

FIOR D'ITALIA

Italian Dubbed America's oldest Italian restaurant, Fior d'Italia has been serving authentic Northern Italian cuisine since 1886. It has has more than 20 varieties of pastas to choose from, most of them made in-house. L, D (daily). 2237 Mason St., 415.986.1886. \$\$

NORTH BEACH RESTAURANT

Italian This classic restaurant serves generous portions of hearty Tuscan cuisine from its extensive menu. The award-winning wine list boasts over 500 bottles to pair with house specialties such as chicken al mattone with Italian herbs, filet of lamb alla Bruno and cioppino alla pescatora. The four dining rooms cater to a variety of occasions, from a power lunch to a first date. 1512 Stockton St., 415.392.1700. \$\$\$

ORIGINAL U.S. RESTAURANT

Italian The Original U.S. Restaurant has been part of

the North Beach Italian community in San Francisco since the late 1890s. U.S. is actually an abbreviation for Unione Sportiva which was the collection of Italian athletic clubs that existed in San Francisco at that time. A family-owned eatery, U.S. is popular with locals and visitors alike for its traditional Italian dishes and authentic family recipes from Sicily. 414 Columbus Ave., 415.398.1300.

SOTTO MARE OYSTERIA & SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Seafood One of Tony Bennett's favorite San Francisco restaurants, Sotto Mare is an authentic Italian North Beach experience. The seafood restaurant serves up oysters and clams on the half shell, Boston-style clam chowder, baccala, crab cioppino, Louis salads, seafood pastas and more. Sotto Mare's daily fresh fish can also be purchased retail if you feel like cooking yourself. L, D (M-Sa), close Su. 552 Green St., 415.398.3181.

THE STINKING ROSE

Italian Follow your nose to one of the city's most interesting dining experiences, where garlic is king. This restaurant goes through more than 5,000 pounds of the pungent ingredient each month. Specialties include 40 clove garlic chicken, pork chops, roasted Dungeness crab and even garlic ice cream. L, D (daily). 325 Columbus Ave., 415.781.7673. \$\$

RICHMOND/OCEAN BEACH

CLIFF HOUSE

American Near Ocean Beach and Lands End Trail, this iconic historic site located on a headland above the coastal cliffs is home to two restaurants and spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean (whale and sea lion spotting is a possibility) and Sutro Baths. The camera obscura on the deck is on the National Register of Historic Places. Sutro's offers

an upscale setting, while The Bistro offers a more casual experience, with burgers, sandwiches and other California favorites. B, L, D (daily). 1090 Point Lobos Ave., 415.386.3330.

OUTERLANDS

New American The reclaimed wood interior of this Outer Sunset restaurant is as celebrated as its food. The owners designed the space themselves, and a recent renovation has made the intimate space formerly notorious for long lines that much more accessible. The grilled cheese sandwich served with house-made levain bread is the menu standout. 4001 Judah St., 415.661.6140.

RUSSIAN HILL STONES THROW

New American This inviting casual-chic spot has one of the city's most talented restaurant teams (including three Michael Mina alums). The seasonal menus here are outstanding—order the perfectly grilled, melt-in-your mouth octopus and the puffed potato and eggs if they're in the lineup. The artfully presented desserts are playful riffs on childhood classics, like peanut butter and jelly doughnuts. 1896 Hyde St., 415.796.2901.

SOMA/CHINA BASIN BAR AGRICOLE

California With roots in agriculture, Bar Agricole (Farm Bar) is a contemporary tavern serving ingredient-driven dishes, excellent wines and some of the best artisan cocktails around. Nose-to-tail Northern California cuisine prepared with the day's foraged produce is washed down with traditional mixed drinks from spirits that celebrate the tradition of farmhouse distilling or wine from more than 20 estates. D (nightly), closed M. 355 11th St., 415.355.9400. \$\$

BENU

American This three Michelin star restaurant distills fine dining down to the elements most relevant to modern diners: exquisite ingredients, unique flavors, precise technique and attentive service. It offers inspired, progressive American cuisine in a historic, cleanly designed space. The a la carte menu allows for individualized customization, and the tasting menu varies between 8-12 courses, reflecting seasonality and evolution. D (Tu-Sa). 22 Hawthorne St., 415.685.4860. \$\$\$\$

BLUESTEM BRASSERIE

California This upscale urban neighborhood restaurant in the heart of the museum district is a modern interpretation of the classic American brasserie. The menu features fresh, simple fare emphasizing a nose-to-tail cooking philosophy. Local ingredient sourcing extends to the wine list. Dishes include grass-fed beef burgers and steaks, apple-fed pork with cheddar grits and several selections of house-made charcuterie and salumi. L, D (daily). 1 Yerba Buena Ln., 415.547.1111. \$\$\$

DIRTY HABIT

American Located on the fifth floor of Hotel Zelos, Dirty Habit is a sexy, glamorous bar and restaurant with a film noir-inspired dining room and rooftop patio. While known for its craft cocktail menu (with an emphasis on brown spirits) and seasonal bar bites, it also features a limited dinner menu with options like Mt. Lassen trout and aged rib eye. 12 4th St., 415.348.1555.

DUMPLING TIME

Chinese/Japanese This newly opened spot in the SoMa district serves up freshly-made dumplings in both the Japanese and Chinese traditions. The restaurant's signature dumplings are Japanese-style gyoza, small, well-stuffed dumplings with crispy, pan-seared skin. It also

offers bao, har gow, Xi'an dumplings and xiao long bao as well as traditional, hand-rolled noodles and more. 11 Division St., 415.525.4797.

UNION SQUARE

FARALLON

Seafood This classic Pat Kuleto restaurant in Union Square has been enchanting guests for 18 years with carefully crafted details that capture the life aquatic. Blending casual and high-end coastal cuisine, Farallon offers fresh seafood options and simple raw preparations from the oyster bar. Beyond the welcoming spot's dinner menu, find an approachable wine list, one of the largest collections of single malt whiskeys in the city and inventive desserts. D (nightly). 450 Post St., 415.956.6969. \$\$\$

JOHN'S GRILL

American Founded in 1908, this casual steakhouse is one of the city's oldest restaurants, steeped in San Francisco history. It served as a setting for the classic book and movie, "The Maltese Falcon." The framed black-and-white photographs and news clippings hung throughout serve as a veritable museum of San Francisco memorabilia. Live jazz every night. L, D (daily). 63 Ellis St., 415.986.0069.

NEW DELHI RESTAURANT

Indian Decorated like a Maharajah's private banquet room, this regal restaurant serves northern Indian food, with recipes culled from royal menus dating back 400 years. Chef-owner Ranjan Dey creates daily specials with his six gourmet spice blends. The bar has drawn downtown professionals since the '80s with its Double-Happiness-Happy Hour, 5:30-7:30 pm and 10 pm-midnight. Try the Madras Madness or Oh! Calcutta. L (M-Sa), D (nightly). 160 Ellis St., 415.397.8470. \$\$



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SONS & DAUGHTERS

California The brainchild of two young chefs, this restaurant on the cable car line brings contemporary fine dining to Union Square. An open kitchen is centered in the middle of the sleek dining room, turning out inventive dishes like sweetbreads with lobster claw, lavender pork belly and scallop with mushrooms and veal tea. D (W-Su). 708 Bush St., 415.391.8311. \$\$\$

VAN NESS CORRIDOR HARRIS' STEAKHOUSE

Steaks This iconic restaurant represents classic steakhouse dining, but chef Michael Buhagier adds a California sensibility. The Kobe rib eye, cut from select Japanese cattle reared for optimal marbling, has a rich and delicate texture. A red cabernet butter melts on its seared surface, typifying a subtle flair for the unexpected. 2100 Van Ness Ave., 415.673.1888.

BAY AREA

COPITA TEQUILERIA Y COMIDA

Mexican Located in the heart of downtown Sausalito, this neighborhood restaurant and tequila bar is the vision of legendary restaurateur, Larry Mindel, and San Francisco TV personality and cookbook author, Joanne Weir. Enjoy elevated versions of seasonal traditional Mexican cuisine and inventive cocktails in this comfortable, open space complete with an outdoor patio. 739 Bridgeway, Sausalito, 415.331.7400.

THE RESTAURANT AT WENTE VINEYARDS

California Located at the famous Wente Vineyards, this restaurant features California wine country cuisine. Enjoy seasonal dishes made from ingredients sourced from the vineyard's magnificent herb and vegetable garden, along with numerous wine pairings for each dish. 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore, 925.456.2450.

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SOTTO MARE

Tony Bennett says that Sotto Mare is one of his favorite places to dine in San Francisco. Located in the heart of North Beach, Sotto Mare provides an authentic Italian North Beach experience. Sotto Mare serves the freshest fish and shellfish in town. Oysters, Boston style clam chowder, crab cioppino, Louis salads, seafood pastas, seafood risotto and a selection of fresh fish daily. Private parties are available in our restaurant and banquet room. We also sell our fresh fish retail. Open Monday-Saturday 11:00 am - 10:00 pm.

552 Green St., San Francisco
415-398-3181, www.sottomaresf.com



NEW DELHI RESTAURANT

A Delicious San Francisco Experience! Chef Ranjan has been serving guests from around the world at the same location for over 30 years, creating classic and unique dishes from all over India - using fresh, local ingredients. Voted the Best Indian Restaurant and decorated like a Maharajah's banquet room, New Delhi Restaurant has been a favorite for locals and visitors. Within walking distance of downtown hotels, it's ideal for a delicious meal or a refreshing cocktail. Join us for an experience you cannot find anywhere else!

160 Ellis St., 415.397.8470, NewDelhiRestaurant.com

THE BEACH STREET GRILL ORGANIC RESTAURANT

Celebrating 10 years where Quality matters at The Beach Street Grill Organic Restaurant located at Fisherman's Wharf! We prepare home-made fresh and clean comfort food with Organic and Gluten free options. Come enjoy our famous recipe of regular or gluten free pancakes topped with fresh organic berries and a spiked latte! or a Beach Street Mary with cagefree eggs crab benedict... Sit outside with your dog, we make organic dog biscuits. Sit inside to watch sports TV. Serving the best breakfast experience all day! Open daily, 7am; take-out. Located on the F streetcar line.

380 Beach Street, Fisherman's Wharf, 415.867.1711,
sfbeachstreetgrill.com/fb/tripadvisor





BUENA VISTA

As rich in history as the City itself, the Buena Vista Café has served warming libations and hearty meals along Fisherman's Wharf since 1886. It's famously known as home of the "original" Irish Coffee. Though "the BV" has attracted celebrities and sports stars, and has featured in films and television, it remains an authentic and welcoming favorite of locals and visitors. Still serving bountiful meals - all-day breakfasts, as well as lunch and dinner, and of course, its famous Irish Coffee. Mon-Fri: 9am- 2am | Sat- Sun: 8am- 2am All-day breakfast and full bar.

Fisherman's Wharf, 2765 Hyde Street (at Beach St.), San Francisco, 415.474.5044, www.thebuenavista.com

ORIGINAL U.S. RESTAURANT

Unione Sportiva, or the Original U. S. Restaurant, has been part of San Francisco's Italian community since the late 1890's. This family owned eatery is a favorite spot for locals and visitors alike who are looking for a genuine Italian meal and a true North Beach experience.

Enjoy classic Italian pastas, chicken and fresh fish, plus authentic family recipes from Sicily.

Dining at U.S. is like being at nonna's house on a Sunday afternoon. Come join us at our neighborhood's kitchen, where everyone is welcome. Buon Appetito!

414 Columbus Ave, 415-398-1300
originalusrestaurant.com



BETTY LOU'S SEAFOOD & GRILL

A warm, friendly eatery with an Italian flair, Betty Lou's is best known for its classic cioppino, San Francisco's seafood stew, filled with succulent Dungeness crab, prawns, scallops, clams, mussels and calamari. Expect to be dazzled by Mike's Wok Crab, a concoction of Dungeness crab, ginger, scallions, red peppers and soy sauce, wok-tossed with lots of love. This dish has become a huge favorite. If seafood isn't your thing, you might try the juicy 16-ounce bone-in ribeye or chicken piccata. Open daily

North Beach, 318 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco
415.757.0569, bettyloussf.com

CASTAGNOLA'S

The birthplace of the Dungeness crab cocktail and the oldest restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf, Castagnola's began as a crab stand in 1916. The restaurant quickly became a popular destination for fresh fish and crab, and to this day, you can still watch fishermen dock their boats and bring in the day's catch while you dine. In addition to fresh seafood, Castagnola's is known for its hearty steaks as well as award-winning clam chowder. Enjoy live music throughout the week and daily happy hour from 2-6 pm.

286 Jefferson St., 415.776.5015, castagnolassf.com



HISTORIC JOHN'S GRILL

John's Grill, a San Francisco tradition since 1908, is a must when in the city. It is a favorite with locals and national celebrities (most recently Olympia Dukakis, Renee Zellweger and Drew Brees), who enjoy the great steaks, fresh seafood with excellent service at honest prices in a casual atmosphere of dark panel walls and pictures of old San Francisco. John's Grill is a setting in the novel "The Maltese Falcon" and was featured in Gourmet and chosen one of the Top 10 by Esquire. Walking distance from downtown hotels and theatres. Private banquet rooms are available. Open Mon-Sat: 11am-10pm; Sun: noon-10pm.

63 Ellis St. at Union Square, 415.986.0069, johnsgrill.com

THIRSTYBEAR ORGANIC BREWERY

ThirstyBear Organic, Small Batch Beers Are Available Fresh, Only On-Draught, Only At ThirstyBear! ThirstyBear is San Francisco's only Organic Brewery and a Certified Green Business. We offer ales, lagers, sours, cask-conditioned, and barrel-aged beers, paired with exceptional Spanish tapas and paellas. ThirstyBear takes a contemporary approach to traditional Spanish cuisine. We use organic ingredients and the freshest seasonal produce, seafood, and meats sourced from local farms. Our full bar offers artisanal cocktails, and premium California and Spanish wines. Open daily, lunch & dinner.

661 Howard Street, San Francisco, 415.974.0905,
ThirstyBear.com



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SHOPPING THE BARLOW

A sleek stretch of renovated warehouses (once part of an apple processing plant) in downtown Sebastopol is home to some of the best local food producers, wine-makers, brewers and artisans. This unique space is the first business community in the country to connect customers not only with products and the people who make them, but also with the production itself. *McKinley St., Sebastopol, 707.824.5600.* Map 4, C6

OXBOW PUBLIC MARKET

Visit this gourmet mall for the freshest local ingredients for an afternoon picnic before wine tasting. Or stick around and order from the selection of independent eateries offering elevated takes on pizza, burgers and tacos plus oysters and rotisserie chicken and then grab a seat on the patio overlooking the Napa River. *644 1st St., Napa, 707.226.6529.* Map 3, E7

SHED

Wine, dine and shop at this glass-walled, 10,000-square-foot locavore's paradise in Healdsburg. You'll find a store selling high-end kitchen and gardening equipment, local foodstuffs (including grains milled onsite) and books;

a cafe with daily-changing menus inspired by neighboring produce and farms; and a coffee bar with its own espresso, house-made pastries and ice creams. Shed also has the only fermentation bar in the area, where local wines, beers, kombuchas, natural sodas and hard ciders are all available on tap. *25 North St., Healdsburg, 707.431.7433.* Map 4, C3

TOURS & ATTRACTIONS BIN 415

With over 900 wineries between Napa and Sonoma, deciding where to go can be overwhelming. Bin 415 offers unique excursions hosted by a certified sommelier to wineries offering the perfect combination of amazing wines, warm hospitality and beautiful scenery. Bin 415 also offers tours throughout San Francisco, Sausalito, Muir Woods and the Pacific Coast Highway. *1616 Grove St., 415.851.5711.*

CIA AT COPIA

Located in Napa's Oxbow district, The Culinary Institute of America's CIA at Copia offers daily cooking and beverage classes, and is home to a lifestyle and home goods store, an 80,000 square-foot indoor and outdoor event and theater space, and the

Restaurant at CIA Copia, offering Mediterranean-inspired California cuisine and an extensive wine list. *500 1st St., Napa, 707.967.2500.* Map 3, E7

CIA AT GREYSTONE

The historic Napa Valley institute offers two-hour, hands-on cooking and wine classes where you can create internationally inspired dishes or discuss and taste wine in state-of-the-art wine tasting facilities to gain confidence for your next trip to a tasting room, restaurant or wine shop. Stop by to catch a cooking demo, visit the Vintners Hall of Fame, dine at The Gatehouse Restaurant or just take a stroll around campus. *2555 Main St., St. Helena, 707.967.1100.* Map 4, F4

MAISONRY

Housed in a beautifully maintained 1904 stone manor, this winery collective and art gallery feels like a luxurious home with rotating seasonal art collections that feature internationally acclaimed names as well as Napa Valley and Bay Area artists. The tasting room pours bottles from limited-production boutique wineries such as Blackbird Vineyards, Brown Estate, Renteria Wines and more, which can be enjoyed with a bite in the landscaped gardens dotted with con-

temporary sculpture. *6711 Washington St., Yountville, 707.944.0889.*

NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN

Passengers sip select Napa Valley wines and indulge in gourmet cuisine as they ride past vineyards on these three-hour lunch and dinner tours aboard restored Pullman coaches. Reservations recommended. *1275 McKinstry St., Napa, 800.427.4124.* Map 3, E7

WINERIES

B CELLARS

Named for the first letter of the word brix, a wine term defining the optimal sugar/alcohol content in grape juice that produces great wine, B Cellars is a new winery and tasting lounge in Oakville. It uses a multi-vineyard wine-making strategy, blending grapes grown on nine Napa Valley vineyard sites to create unique wines with distinct character, depth and layers of flavor. The sophisticated new tasting room features food tastings to complement the wines and a scenic setting. Open daily, no appointment necessary. *703 Oakville Cross Rd., Oakville 877.229.9939.* Map 3, D4

Dine Through Sonoma Valley

Foodies, January is the perfect month to visit the restaurants, tasting rooms and wineries of Sonoma Valley. This farming and winemaking region will be celebrating its epicurean abundance with **Sonoma Valley Delicious!** Look for deals on prix fixe menus and special wine and food pairings, dishes and cocktails. Deals include half off a paired tasting at B.R. Cohn Winery, two reserve tastings for the price of one at Mayo Family Winery and a coursed dinner for two for \$89 at Saddles Steakhouse.

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Wine Country

BEAULIEU VINEYARD

This more than 100-year-old winery is the longest continually operating winery in Napa Valley and is the production site for the flagship Cabernet Sauvignon. Beaulieu was founded on a four-acre ranch by a French winemaker who envisioned a company producing fine wine unparalleled to his native France. Daily tastings feature wines you can't find anywhere else. *1960 St. Helena Hwy., Rutherford. 707.967.5200.* Map 3, C4

BERINGER VINEYARDS

Napa Valley's oldest continuously operating winery is also among its most accessible. Beringer is known for its Cabernet Sauvignons and bold, oaky Chardonnays. The large facility includes a gift shop that offers tableware, stemware and kitchen and home accessories. A variety of tours and seminars are

available. Daily 10 am–5 pm. *2000 Main St., St. Helena, 707.257.5771.* Map 3, B3

CASTELLO DI AMOROSA

For a one-of-a-kind experience in wine country, visit this 13th century Tuscan-style castle that took 15 years to build. Authentic features include hand-forged Italian ironwork, hand-painted frescoes, a 500-year-old fireplace, half-ton hand-hewn doors, a drawbridge, a courtyard and even a torture chamber. But the real treasure is inside: an award-winning collection of wines, including Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Don't miss the daily cheese and wine pairing tour or the family-friendly tasting areas. *4045 N. St. Helena Hwy., Calistoga, 707.967.6272.*

CHARBAY WINERY & DISTILLERY

Named for its first drink—Chardonnay combined with brandy—Charbay now produces much more than just wine and brandy. Discover the artisan world of distilling many spirits like whiskey, vodka and rum from a family in the distillery business for 13 generations. Taste Charbay's wines and ports, then enjoy a cigar in the rustic setting of Spring Mountain. Tastings open to the public. *4001 Spring Mountain Rd., St. Helena, 707.963.9327.* Map 4, F4

CHARLES KRUG

Since its opening in 1861, Charles Krug winery has produced award-winning Cabernets and renowned Sauvignon Blanc. Tasting room open daily. *2800 Main St., St. Helena, 707.967.2200.* Map 3, B3

CHATEAU MONTELENA WINERY

The Napa winery whose Chardonnay earned California wines international recognition at the 1976 Tasting of Paris (portrayed in the movie "Bottle Shock") is still producing great wines, like the Estate Cabernet, Estate Zinfandel and the limited production Potter Valley Riesling. Can't get up to wine country? Stop by the tasting room in the Westin St. Francis hotel in Union Square, open five days a week (W–Su). No reservations needed. *1429 Tubbs Ln., Calistoga, 707.942.5105.* Map 4, E3

CLINE CELLARS

This small-production winery produces Rhone varietals and Zinfandel from some of the oldest vines in California. Owner Fred Cline started with an inheritance from his grandfather, Valeriano Jacuzzi (of hot-tub fame). The 1850s farmhouse is surrounded by warm mineral springs and dozens of rose bushes. Tastings and tours open to the public daily. *24737 Arnold Dr., Sonoma 800.546.2070.* Map 4, F7

CLOS DU VAL

This winery is known for its Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Its first vintage Cabernet was one of only six California cabs selected for the now-legendary 1976 Paris tasting. Tastings open to the public; tours by appointment. *5330 Silverado Trail, Napa, 707.261.5200.* Map 3, D5

EHLERS ESTATE

Featuring a unique fusion of outstanding wine-growing, environmental consciousness and international philanthropy, this is a California winery through and through. Organic and biodynamic farming techniques are used to produce a small portfolio of estate-grown wines. Tastings by appointment.



COURTESY SONOMA VALLEY VISITORS BUREAU

3222 Ehlers Ln., St. Helena,
707.963.5972. Map 3, B2

ETUDE WINES

This winery transforms the very finest Carneros and Napa Valley grapes into world-class wines sought out by the most discriminating wine lovers. In addition to its widely acclaimed Carneros Pinot Noir and legendary Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, Etude has also developed a loyal following for Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc and Merlot. 1250 Cuttings Wharf Rd., 707.257.5782. Map 3, D7

FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA WINERY

Celebrate all the best things in life at this winery in the heart of picturesque Alexander Valley. Sip from more than 40 wines produced on site and eat authentic, Neapolitan-style pizzas and South American wood-grilled meats at the full-service restaurant Rustic and take a dip in the sparkling swimming pools (open seasonally). 300 Via Archimedes, Geyserville, 707.857.1471. Map 4, B2

GLORIA FERRER CAVES & VINEYARDS

Settle on the scenic Vista Terrace, where you can sip a glass of sparkling wine that was aged in Spanish-style caves or an elegant Pinot Noir, paired with savory cheeses and other delicacies. Gloria Ferrer produces some of California's best sparkling wines, as well as estate varietal still Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from its 335-acre estate. 2355 Hwy. 121, Sonoma, 707.933.1917. Map 4, F7

GRGICH HILLS ESTATE

Miljenko "Mike" Grgich, whose belongings were appropriated by the Smithsonian, gained international recognition in 1976 when judges at the Paris Tasting named his Chateau Montelena Chardonnay the best white

wine in the world. In 1977, he partnered with Austin Hills (of the Hills Bros. Coffee family). Their winery produces Cabernet Sauvignons, Zinfandels, Fume Blancs and, of course, Chardonnays. Tastings and tours open to the public. 1829 St. Helena Hwy., Rutherford, 707.963.2784. Map 3, C4

GUNDLACH BUNDSCHU

After more than 150 years, the sixth generation of this wine-growing family still produces quality estate-grown and bottled Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon, to name a few. Check online for the seasonal cave tour, vineyard excursions and courtyard tasting availability. 2000 Denmark St., Sonoma, 707.938.5277. Map 4, F6

HALL WINES

This winery plants twice as many vines per acre in comparison to traditional practices, resulting in smaller vines that produce richer and more concentrated wines. It boasts five estate vineyards planted with 500 acres of classic Bordeaux varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Sauvignon Blanc. The monumental new LEED-certified visitor center features wine tasting, food and wine education, tours, gardens and an impressive contemporary art collection. 401 St. Helena Hwy. S., St. Helena, 707.967.2626. Map 3, C3

INGLENOK CHATEAU

Filmmaker Francis Ford Coppola's team produces five estate wines, including the renowned Rubicon, on this 19th-century estate. The wines are made from 235 acres of certified organically grown grapes. The grounds include two tasting salons, a wine bar where guests can enjoy wines by the glass and a museum featuring antique zoetropes and artifacts from the estate's founder, Gustave Niebaum. Children can float

small wooden boats in a courtyard reflecting pool free of charge. Reservations recommended for tastings and tours. 1991 St. Helena Hwy., Rutherford, 707.968.1100. Map 3, C4

KIEU HOANG WINERY

Formerly owned by the Michael Mondavi Family, this 20-acre property in the coveted Carneros region was purchased by American businessman Kieu Hoang in 2014. The newly renovated winery makes Cabernet Sauvignons, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Red Blends and Rose in vibrant packaged shaped bottles. 1285 Dealy Lane, Napa, 707.253.1615. Map 4, D7

LIANA ESTATES

Located among the rolling hills of Carneros with breathtaking views of the San Pablo Bay, this second-generation, family-owned and operated winery specializes in Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Liana Estates also offers brunch and yoga overlooking the San Pablo Bay, gourmet picnics in the vineyards, culinary experiences and more. 2750 Las Amigas Rd., Napa, 707.302.1160. Map 3, D8

PATZ & HALL

This acclaimed artisan winery has been handcrafting its small-lot and single-vineyard Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs for more than 25 years. Sip in the modern and stylish tasting salon, which offers casual bar tastings in a convivial setting, as well as private tastings by appointment. Open Th-M. 21200 8th St. E., Sonoma, 707.265.7700. Map 4, F7

PEJU PROVINCE WINERY

Celebrating 30 years in the Napa Valley, this winery is a garden oasis along Highway 29 in the famed Rutherford appellation. Known for its legendary Cabernet Sauvignon, it produces many award-winning varietals, including Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Syrah, Zinfandel,

Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Fifty/Fifty, a Bordeaux blend. Guests can make an appointment for a private wine tasting 50 feet up in the French Provincial tasting room tower. Tastings open to the public. 8466 St. Helena Hwy., Rutherford, 707.963.3600. Map 3, C4

ROUND POND ESTATE WINERY

The winery joins a fabulous olive mill and features a stunning tasting room with dramatic views that complement the world-class Cabernet Sauvignons and Sauvignon Blancs. Tastings and tours by appointment. 875 Rutherford Rd., Rutherford, 707.302.2575. Map 3, C4

TRINCHERO NAPA VALLEY

The Trinchero family has been making wine in Napa Valley since 1948, and is best known for their Cabernet Sauvignon. The tasting room is a unique and inviting space where visitors can taste small-lot, single-vineyard wines from Trinchero's premiere Napa Valley estates, and sample delectable food and wine pairings. Discover the art of winemaking through behind-the-scenes barrel tastings in Trinchero's wine cave. 3070 N. St. Helena Hwy., St. Helena, 707.963.1160. Map 3, B3

WENTE VINEYARDS

The country's oldest continuously operating family-owned winery offers wine tasting, vineyard and garden tours, educational workshops, an upscale restaurant and a scenic 18-hole championship golf course. Visit the Vineyard Tasting Room to learn about the rich history of California winemaking, book a class at the Winemakers Studio to blend your own bottle or make an appointment for a private group tasting in the historic wine caves. 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore, 925.456.2300.

SWIRL & SIP



WENTE VINEYARDS

Wente Vineyards is the country's oldest, continuously operated family-owned winery. The winery maintains its leadership role in California winegrowing under ownership and management by the Fourth and Fifth Generations of the Wente family. Blending traditional and innovative winemaking practices, the winery draws from approximately 3,000 acres of sustainably farmed Estate vineyards to create an outstanding portfolio of fine wines. Located in Livermore Valley, Wente Vineyards is recognized as one of California's premier wine country destinations.

5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore, CA 94550
925.456.2424 www.wentevineyards.com



PEJU WINERY

Established in 1983, Peju Province Winery produces expressive wines from organic and sustainably farmed vineyards in the Napa Valley. Located on an idyllic estate in Rutherford, the winery is home to lush gardens, distinctive architecture, and a tasting room offering world-class hospitality and culinary experiences. Experience our local, small-farm, cheese and wine pairings or our "farm to table" wine and culinary explorations. The winery is open daily for tastings from 10 am-6 pm.

8466 St. Helena Highway, Rutherford,
707.963.3600, www.peju.com



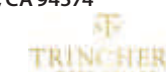
Owners Lisa and Ariana Peju



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3070 N. St. Helena Hwy, St. Helena, CA 94574
707.963.1160
Trincheronapavalley.com



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ATTRACTIONS & SIGHTS

ALCATRAZ CRUISES

This is the only way to get to "The Rock," the famous former federal penitentiary that housed some of the nation's most notorious criminals from 1934-1963. Now one of San Francisco's most popular visitor attractions, ferries depart regularly for the island from Pier 33 starting at 8:45 am. The dynamic 45-minute cellhouse audio tour, offered in 11 languages, features the voices of former Alcatraz prison guards and inmates who recount escape attempts, prison riots and solitary confinement. The night tours include a narrated boat ride around the island. Tours sell out quickly, so be sure to make reservations in advance. *Pier 33, 415.981.7625.*

AQUARIUM OF THE BAY

Visit San Francisco's only waterfront aquarium to get up close and personal with the bay's amazing marine life. Walk through crystal-clear tunnels of water filled with more than 20,000 aquatic animals, including sevendill sharks, the bay's largest predators. You can touch leopard sharks, rays and sea stars. Daily events include animal feedings and naturalist presentations. Don't miss the permanent river otter exhibit, where you can watch otters

playing, swimming and eating. *Pier 39, 415.623.5300.*

BAKER BEACH

This mile-long beach lies at the base of the rugged cliffs west of the Golden Gate. No swimming here, but bring your camera for great views of the Golden Gate Bridge, the Marin Headlands and Lands End. *415.561.4323.*

COIT TOWER

Upon her death in 1929, socialite and art patron Lillie Hitchcock Coit bequeathed funds for the "beautification of the city." Her heirs used the money to build Coit Tower on Telegraph Hill. Completed in 1933, the fluted column provides bird's-eye views from an observation deck near the top. Local artists commissioned by the Works Progress Administration (a New Deal agency employing millions of unskilled workers to carry out public works projects) painted the murals inside in 1934. Admission to the ground-floor gift shop and murals is free. Open daily 10 am-6:30 pm. Guided mural tours 11 am Sa. *1 Telegraph Hill Blvd., 415.249.0995.*

CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS

The botanical wonderland in Golden Gate Park is the oldest wood and glass conservatory

in North America. The striking white exterior is as eye-catching as the inside, which houses nearly 2,000 plant species in five galleries. Closed M. *100 JFK Dr., Golden Gate Park, 415.831.2090.*

CRISSEY FIELD

A nationally protected former U.S. Army airfield, this strikingly scenic waterfront recreation area is now a favorite among active locals and visitors. A wide (stroller and wheelchair-friendly) trail between Marina Green and Fort Point is perfect for an easy walk, jog or bike ride. Offering unparalleled views of the Golden Gate Bridge in one direction and the city in the other, the shoreline is home to sandy beaches, picnic tables, tidal marsh overlooks and a nationally renowned windsurfing site, as well as cafes, bookstores and an environmental education center. *415.561.7690.*

DOLORES PARK

This generous square of grass on the Mission District's west side is a great place to soak up some sun on most days and an even better place to get a glimpse of real San Francisco culture. Kids play on the monster playground, dogs romp together and adults in couples and groups lounge on the grass with picnics. Rallies

Getting to Muir Woods

Muir Woods National Monument is one of the last old-growth coastal redwood forests in the world. Its towering, old-growth coastal redwoods are, on average, 600-800 years old, with the oldest clocking in at 1,200 years. The redwoods here grow as tall as 258 feet, creating shaded canopies and guiding countless pathways, from 1-mile saunters to day-long hikes. Tip: Starting this year, parking (\$8) and shuttle reservations (\$3) are required. Visit gomuirwoods.com. *1 Muir Woods Rd., Mill Valley*

and organized community events are not uncommon sights. *18th and Dolores streets, 415.554.9521.*

FERRY BUILDING MARKETPLACE

The historic, renovated ferry terminal at the foot of Market Street is now a world-class food market with more than 40 shops and restaurants featuring some of the area's most prized artisanal treats: rich Cowgirl Creamery cheese, buttery Miette Patisserie mades and Recchiuti chocolates redolent of lavender and ginger. It is also the spot for one of the nation's best and biggest farmers markets on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, featuring colorful displays of local produce, meat, cheese, flowers, cooking demos, food trucks and more. *415.983.8030.*

FISHERMAN'S WHARF

You'll find crab stands along the sidewalks, seafood restaurants and a bevy of souvenir shops in the historic heart of the city's fishing industry. Several bay charter boats depart from the piers. Nearby is the bustling food and shopping center Ghirardelli Square, scenic Aquatic Park and historic Hyde Street Pier. *415.673.3530.*

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FORT POINT

This powerful fort guarded the Golden Gate Bridge entrance for almost half a century until its original cannons were removed. Visitors can explore its brick casemates, grand arches and spiral stairs and even participate in a cannon drill. *Long Ave. and Marine Dr., Bldg. 999, 415.556.1693.*

GHIRARDELLI SQUARE

The renovated former chocolate factory site is now home to boutiques, restaurants and the original Ghirardelli Ice Cream and Chocolate Shop. Find gifts and souvenirs at Lola Toy Shop, Gigi + Rose, Jackson & Polk and Elizabeth W then sit down for a meal at McCormick & Kuleto's, Lori's Diner or The Pub. *900 North Point St., 415.775.5500.*

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

One of the most iconic landmarks in the world, let alone San Francisco, the magnificent international orange Golden Gate Bridge defines the city. The 4,200-foot suspension bridge was completed in 1937 after four years of construction to a rowdy, week-long celebration. Even today, Golden Gate Bridge's two 746-foot-tall Art Deco towers stand as proud testaments to the ingenuity and grace of the structure's design. A stroll down the east side offers stunning views of the city and boats in the bay—if you can withstand the wind. A drive across the Golden Gate Bridge leads directly to a breathtaking vantage point in Marin County. Either way, a trip across the Golden Gate Bridge truly brings the stunning San Francisco landscape into focus. *Lincoln Boulevard, near Doyle Drive and Fort Point, Presidio, 415.921.5858.*

GOLDEN GATE PARK

Bigger than New York's Central Park and encompassing over 75,000 trees, this horticulturally diverse urban oasis is home to countless

attractions, including the de Young Museum; California Academy of Sciences; Japanese Tea Garden; Botanical Gardens; Stow Lake; Conservatory of Flowers; Garden of Shakespeare's Flowers; two historic windmills; a bison paddock; and a rose garden. It's also the city's recreational headquarters, featuring polo, baseball and soccer fields; a nine-hole golf course; an 18-hole disc golf course; tennis, handball and basketball courts; an archery field; horseshoe pits; lawn bowling; fly-fishing; a running track; and more. Come here and join the city's runners, cyclists, hikers, skaters, yogis, picnickers and swing dancers. *Pick up a park map at McLaren Lodge at the east park entrance at Stanyan St. and JFK Dr., 415.831.2700.*

JAPANESE TEA GARDEN

Take a slow stroll among bonsai trees and koi fish in the oldest public Japanese garden in the United States. Originally built as the Japanese Village for the 1894 California Midwinter International Exposition, the Japanese Tea Garden boasts traditional monuments, bowed bridges, native Japanese plants and trees, serene ponds and some of the best photo opps in the city. Conclude your visit with a cup of tea or snack at the teahouse. *75 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr., Golden Gate Park, 415.752.1171.*

LANDS END

Known for its shipwrecks and landslides, this is San Francisco's wildest and rockiest coast, located on the edge of the continent. The headlands connect popular landmarks the Cliff House and the Palace of the Legion of Honor. The crown jewel is the jaw-droppingly scenic (and dog-friendly and partially wheelchair accessible) Coastal Trail, with postcard views of the Pacific coast and Golden Gate Bridge framed

by windswept cypresses. Start the 3.5-mile out-and-back hike with an introduction to the area's history and wildlife at the beautiful Lands End Lookout visitor center, complete with a gift shop, cafe and restrooms. Also located here are the historic Sutro Baths and a memorial to a WWII cruiser that sustained 45 hits and 25 fires during the Battle of Guadalcanal. 680 Point Lobos Ave., 415.561.4700.

LOMBARD STREET

Eight hairpin switchbacks and the downward pitch of the so-called "crookedest street in the world" have made this block a must-drive for visitors. The quarter-mile downhill stretch is lined with gorgeous gardens and barriers to ensure that drivers maintain a speed of five miles per hour. Those who simply walk to the top of the hill are rewarded with sweeping views of Russian Hill and Coit Tower. *Lombard and Hyde streets.*

MACONDRAY LANE

This small pedestrian lane southeast of Russian Hill is a quintessential hidden garden. It begins with a fairy-tale wooden trellis, continues with a quiet cobbled lane lined with Edwardian cottages and trees and ends with wooden stairs leading to Taylor Street with magnificent bay views. Two blocks east-west between Leavenworth and Taylor streets, paralleling Union and Green streets. At the Taylor Street end, a set of steps descend from the lane to Taylor Street. Views from the lane extend northward to Alcatraz Island and the San Francisco Bay.

MARINA GREEN

The Marina Green is a beautiful 74-acre expanse of grass between Fort Mason and the Presidio, surrounded by the historic mansions of the Marina neighborhood. Running along the San Francisco Bay, it provides good views of the Golden

Gate Bridge, Angel Island, Alcatraz Island, downtown and parts of Marin County. The adjacent marina is home to the St. Francis Yacht Club and the Golden Gate Yacht Club.

NATIONAL AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE

Deep within Golden Gate Park, the National AIDS Memorial Grove pays quiet tribute to the millions of people who lost their lives to AIDS. The first memorial of its kind in the United States, the Grove stands as a constant reminder of how this disease devastated the San Francisco community and why the struggle against AIDS must continue today. *Golden Gate Park, Nancy Pelosi Dr. & Bowling Green Dr., 415.765.0498.*

OCEAN BEACH

The widest and longest expanse of sand on San Francisco's shores, this beach extending from the Cliff House to Fort Funston along the Pacific Ocean is a destination for seaside drives, jogs, sunset walks and bonfires. Often windy and foggy, the notorious currents attract serious surfers who brave the frigid waters.

PAINTED LADIES

This row of seven perfectly pastel, ornate Victorian homes from the 1890s (made famous by the opening credits of the sitcom "Full House") lines the eastern side of Alamo Square park. Victorian and Edwardian-style houses are among San Francisco's most recognizable architectural features. From the top of the park, you'll be treated to a view of the Painted Ladies in the foreground of downtown San Francisco that's popular with photographers. This little stretch of homes is often also called Postcard Row. 710-720 Steiner St.

PALACE OF FINE ARTS

Originally designed for the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition, this domed rotunda is all that remains from eight identical structures built to show the world that San Francisco had risen from the ashes after the devastating 1906 earthquake. The world's fair honored the completion of the Panama Canal, and the construction of the Palace of Fine Arts turned the dilapidated Marina District into an exhibit of architectural beauty. Featuring a lagoon with swans, today this is a popular spot to stroll and take photos. 3301 Lyon St., 415.567.6642.

PIER 39

This family-friendly shopping, dining and entertainment destination near Fisherman's Wharf features more than 90 specialty shops and 14 restaurants serving seafood and casual fare with beautiful bay views, including Alcatraz, the Golden Gate and Bay bridges, Fisherman's Wharf and city skyline. Learn about sea life in the Aquarium of the Bay and don't miss the sea lions who laze on the west docks and the adjacent Sea Lion Center. 415.981.7437.

THE PRESIDIO

A patchwork of eucalyptus groves, freshwater creeks, wildflower-splashed sand dunes and coastal prairie covers the Presidio, a historic former military post and modern-day national park in the northwest corner of the city. Exploring the 1,491-acre playground starts with 24 miles of trails and eight scenic overlooks with postcard-worthy views of the Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco Bay. Three installations by nature artist Andy Goldsworthy grace the park, inspired by 300 acres of pine, cypress and eucalyptus trees planted there in the late 1800s. The Presidio also draws outdoor enthusiasts with gems such as Baker Beach, Presidio

Golf Course and Rob Hill Campground. Perched atop the park's highest point, the latter is San Francisco's only overnight campsite. Accessed via *Washington Blvd., 15th Ave., 25th Ave., Arguello Blvd., Presidio Ave. and Chestnut St.*

PRESIDIO OFFICERS' CLUB

San Francisco's oldest building (Spanish colonists built its adobe walls in 1776) and the crown jewel of the Presidio reopened fall 2014 after a \$30 million renovation. The 38,895-square foot cultural destination is home to permanent and rotating exhibits, the most noteworthy of which is the Heritage Gallery, which features multi-media displays on the area's history, much of which has been discovered by local archaeologists who staff an active research center for Presidio artifacts. The building is also home to Arguello, a new Mexican restaurant from acclaimed chef Traci Des Jardins. Inside are original pendants and wall sconces as well as a bar made from the reclaimed wood of a demolished Presidio building. Adjacent to the restaurant is the latest sculpture from nature artist Andy Goldsworthy, which incorporates local eucalyptus trees. 50 Moraga Ave., 415.561.4440.

SAN FRANCISCO BOTANICAL GARDEN

This internationally recognized urban oasis and self-described outdoor classroom includes 55 acres of gardens displaying more than 8,000 different kinds of plants, plus a library, bookstore, family activities and guided walks. The Bay Area's mild temperatures, wet winters and dry summers, coupled with San Francisco's famous coastal fog, provide this garden with a rare and advantageous range of climatic conditions that allow it to grow and conserve plants from all over the world, including plants from high elevation tropical cloud forests

and plants that are no longer found in their native habitats. 1119 9th Ave., 415.661.1316.

SAN FRANCISCO MARITIME NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

The historic park offers opportunities to tour several historic ships, including the meticulously restored square-rigger "Balclutha" (open daily 9:30 am-6 pm; \$5 adults, children under 16 free). The visitors center in the nearby Argonaut Hotel (499 Jefferson St.) features interactive exhibits. Join the free pirate party called Chantey Sing at 8 pm on the first Saturday of each month. *Hyde St. Pier, 415.447.5000.*

STOW LAKE

One of the gems of Golden Gate Park, this serene, man-made lake has provided an escape from city living since 1893. Rent a rowboat, pedal boat or electric boat and

gently cruise under the many bridges and visit the waterfall. This is a scenic and relaxing retreat for couples and families alike. 50 Stow Lake Dr., 415.386.2531.

YERBA BUENA GARDENS

The large complex next to Moscone Center has much to offer in the way of theater, restaurants, public art and formal gardens. Facilities include an ice rink, a 12-lane bowling alley and a historic carousel. Nearby museums include the Contemporary Jewish Museum, SFMOMA, the Museum of the African Diaspora, the Cartoon Art Museum and the Children's Creativity Museum, an interactive art and technology center. The Yerba Buena Center for the Arts offers visual, performing and film arts, plus educational programs. The area also hosts the annual Yerba Buena Gardens

Festival, offering free outdoor multicultural performances throughout the summer. 750 Howard St., 415.978.2787.

THE SAN FRANCISCO ZOO

A vast array of wildlife awaits at this facility near the far edge of Ocean Beach. The attractions include a children's petting zoo and a lemur forest. *Sloat Blvd. at Great Hwy., 415.753.7080.*

MUSEUMS

CABLE CAR MUSEUM

Unravel the mystery of exactly how the cable car, one of San Francisco's greatest attractions since 1873, actually works. Located in the historic Washington-Mason cable car depot and powerhouse in Nob Hill, the small museum houses a collection of historic cable cars, photographs and mechanical displays. 1201 Mason St., 415.474.1887.

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

The academy is an international center for scientific education and research and the only museum in the world to house an aquarium, planetarium and natural history museum under one (living) roof. See what's shaking at "Earthquake," an exhibit exploring how seismology has shaped earth's past and present. "Human Odyssey," a dramatic addition to Tusher African Hall, traces the milestones of our species' fascinating history. Thursday nights: "Nightlife," the museum's weekly 21-and-older event, invites visitors to drink, dance and experience world-class exhibits with topics ranging from the science of sex to the cosmos. non-members \$15, members \$12. 55 Music Concourse Dr., Golden Gate Park, 415.379.8000.

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EXPLORATORIUM

Relocated to a spectacular waterfront location on Pier 15 as of 2013, this educational center offers an array of interactive scientific exhibits and hands-on displays that stimulate the senses and minds of the young and old alike. **Ongoing:** "After Dark," the Exploratorium's 18-and-up event from 6-10 pm on the first Thursday of the month features cocktails, exclusive performances, films and cutting-edge technology exhibits. Closed M. *Pier 15, 415.528.4444.*

GLBT HISTORY MUSEUM

Celebrating 100 years of the San Francisco gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community's history through dynamic and surprising exhibitions and programming, this museum is the only one of its kind in the U.S. and the second in the world. Located

in the heart of the Castro, it features long-term and changing multimedia exhibitions. A display of Harvey Milk's personal belongings pays tribute to the late San Francisco supervisor, who was the first openly gay politician elected in California. *4127 18th St., 415.621.1107.*

WALT DISNEY FAMILY MUSEUM

Storytelling was Walt Disney's specialty, and now this museum tells the story of the man behind the Disney magic. The tale of Walt Disney's life and career comes to life in interactive galleries full of voice clips, home videos and family photographs not seen anywhere else. Catch a glimpse of Disney's early drawings, animation and live film camera inventions as well as the steam-powered miniature train Disney built in his backyard in 1950 that eventually

inspired the life-size train in Disneyland. *104 Montgomery St. in the Presidio, 415.345.6800.*

SPORTS

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

The NFL team has moved to Santa Clara to play at the new state-of-the-art Levi's Stadium, nearly two million square feet of cutting-edge technology, sustainable design, gourmet concessions and art exhibits that redefine the fan experience. Visitors can take a tour of the stadium and visit the 49ers Museum. *4900 Marie P. DeBartolo Way, Santa Clara, 415.464.9377.*

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

One of the longest-established professional baseball teams, the 2010, 2012 and 2014 MLB World Series champions attract 3 million fans annually. Watch star players Madison Bumgarner, Hunter Pence and Buster Posey play

ball at the beautiful waterfront 43,000-seat AT&T Park, which frequently sells out. *24 Willie Mays Plaza, 415.972.2000.*

BAY AREA

MARIN HEADLANDS

Windswept ridges, protected valleys and beaches offer opportunities for hiking, biking and picnics. Start at Marin Headlands Visitor Center and see an exhibit showcasing the history of the indigenous Miwok people. If you brought a canine friend, check out the dog-friendly Rodeo Beach for beautiful ocean views and a perfect picnic spot. Nestled at the end of Rodeo Beach is Fort Cronkhite, an old military fort now housing the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory, Marine Mammal Center and Headlands Center for the Arts. Perched on a nearby cliff, the still-active, 150-year-old Point Bonita Lighthouse is accessible via a hiking trail. *948 Fort Barry, Sausalito, 415.331.1540.*

MARINE MAMMAL CENTER

This nonprofit organization in the majestic Marin Headlands rescues and nurses back to health more than 600 distressed animals each year, including elephant seals, harbor seals and California sea lions. One of the largest hospitals of its kind to combine rehabilitation with a research lab, the center welcomes visitors, who can observe the animal care and work quarters. Exhibits and tours explore the interdependence between marine wildlife and humans. Currently on view is "The Ghost Below," an enormous sculpture made from 450 pounds of all-too-prevalent deadly ghost net that was found in the belly of a sperm whale carcass. *2000 Bunker Rd., Fort Cronkhite, 415.289.7325.*

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BAY CRUISES

ADVENTURE CAT SAILING CHARTERS

Take in the sights of the San Francisco Bay while cruising aboard a 55-foot catamaran with an enclosed cabin. Excursions include the Bay Sail, a 1.5-hour cruise that glides under the Golden Gate Bridge and past Alcatraz, and the romantic Sunset Sail, which includes hors d'oeuvres and two beverages. Reservations required. March-November. Pier 39 at J Dock, 800.498.4228.

BLUE AND GOLD FLEET

The premier provider of ferry and water excursion services on the San Francisco Bay, Blue & Gold Fleet offers the famous one-hour Bay Cruise Adventure, Escape from the Rock Cruise around Alcatraz Island and the ever-popular RocketBoat, the ultimate high-speed thrill ride along San Francisco's waterfront. A free multi-language audio tour is now available on Bay Cruise Adventure and Escape from the Rock cruises in nine languages. Bring your Wi-Fi enabled device to access the tour. Pier 41, 415.705.8200.

HORNBLOWER CRUISES & EVENTS

Enjoy beautiful views of the Golden Gate and Bay bridges, Alcatraz and San

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RED AND WHITE FLEET

Founded in 1892, this historic fleet is legendary for its breathtaking San Francisco cruises. Sail under the Golden Gate Bridge and around Alcatraz aboard the one-hour Golden Gate Bay Cruise, narrated in 16 languages with up to 13 sailings daily. Enjoy gorgeous sunsets, twilight views, an appetizer buffet, complimentary beverages and live music aboard the relaxed 2-hour California Sunset Cruise (check the schedule online for seasonal times). The 90-minute Bridge 2 Bridge Cruise highlights San Francisco's history, architecture and Native American culture on a sailing route past city icons from the Bay Bridge to the Golden Gate Bridge. All tours depart from Pier 43 1/2, Fisherman's Wharf, 415.673.2900.

BIKE RENTALS

BAY CITY BIKE RENTALS

Simply rent a bike here, or get to know San Francisco and Sausalito on a guided tour. 2661 Taylor St.; 1325 Columbus Ave., 415.346.2453.

BIKE AND ROLL

A selection of street bikes, road bikes and rollerblades are available for rent in many convenient locations. 899 Columbus Ave. 353 Jefferson St., 415.229.2000. 2800 Leavenworth St.; At the intersection of Market and Drumm streets.

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CABLE CARS

These moving National Historic Landmarks run on three lines 6 am-12:30 am daily: **Powell-Hyde** (line 60), **Powell-Mason** (line 59) and **California Street** (line 61). The Powell-Mason and Powell-Hyde lines run between Union Square and Fisherman's Wharf; the California car runs between Market Street and Van Ness Ave. \$6; Muni Passports and Clipper Cards accepted. 415.673.6864.

CALTRAIN

Offering commuter rail service along the San Francisco Peninsula, through the South Bay to San Jose and Gilroy. 800.660.4287.

CLIPPER CARD

Available for use on Muni, BART, CalTrain and more, this is an all-in-one transit card that keeps track of any passes, discount tickets, ride books and cash value loaded onto it.

FERRIES

The **Golden Gate Ferry** fleet offers daily ferries to two Marin County destinations: Sausalito and Larkspur. The **Blue and Gold Fleet** offers ferry service to Sausalito, Tiburon, Angel Island, Vallejo and Alameda/Oakland. The **East Bay Ferry** provides ferries between San Francisco, Alameda and Oakland (with Angel Island added May through October). The **Alameda Harbor Bay Ferry** offers service strictly between San Francisco and Alameda at rush hours. **Bay Link**

Ferry offers ferries between Vallejo, the Ferry Building and Fisherman's Wharf.

GOLDEN GATE PARK SHUTTLE

Now it's easier than ever to explore the many different attractions located throughout the 1,017 acres that make up Golden Gate Park. Drive to the free parking at Ocean Beach to catch the shuttle, which runs every 15 to 20 minutes and stops at the Conservatory of Flowers, de Young Museum, California Academy of Sciences, National AIDS Memorial Grove, Stow Lake and more. *Point Lobos Ave., Great Hwy.*

MUNI

Citywide bus and light-rail service includes the restored, brightly colored F-line streetcars that run from the Castro District to Pier 39 and back. Light-rail trains run above ground on tracks and also below ground to make stops at various destinations on Market Street. Muni Passports, good for unlimited rides for one, three or seven consecutive days, are available at the Visitor Information Center at the BART station on Powell and Market streets. *415.673.6864.*

TOURS

ALL ABOUT CHINATOWN TOURS

This cultural, historical, and culinary walking tour of Chinatown is one you won't forget. It includes a look into architectural history, an herbal pharmacy and a fortune cookie factory. Enjoy a dim sum lunch. Tour lasts two hours. *415.982.8839.*

AT&T PARK TOUR

Home of the San Francisco Giants, AT&T Park offers a grand slam attraction for its fans when the dugout is empty. Walk through the places only the players and coaches go, including the Giants' dugout, the visitors' club-

house and the field. *24 Willie Mays Plaza, 415.972.2400.*

AVITAL TOURS

Visit some of the city's best eateries and bars and take in the sights along the way as your guide shares engaging historical anecdotes. Stops on the Mission District tour include Bi-Rite Creamery and Hog & Rocks, the city's first ham and oyster bar. On the Union Square cocktail tour, you'll take a jaunt through former speakeasy territory and find out why San Francisco is now considered one of the top cocktail destinations in the world. At each stop you'll spend time with a chef, bartender or owner tasting, chatting and maybe even baking. *415.355.4044.*

BARBARY COAST TRAIL SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR

The Barbary Coast Trail is a 3.8-mile walk through the heart of historic San Francisco, marked by bronze medallions and arrows set in the sidewalk that lead to 20 of the city's most important historic sites. *5th and Mission streets, 415.775.1111.*

BIG BUS TOURS

Take a tour through San Francisco aboard an open-top bus and learn about its rich history and culture, hopping on and off at any of the 20 stops located throughout the city. Choose between a 24 or 48-hour ticket and live tour guides or recorded commentary in 10 languages. *99 Jefferson St., 855.854.8687.*

CHINATOWN WALKING TOURS

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CITY SIGHTSEEING

The tours on these open-top, vintage double-decker buses feature live guides. The downtown loop is hop-on, hop-off, and tickets are valid for 48 hours. *1331 Columbus Ave., 415.440.8687.*

CRUISIN' THE CASTRO TOURS

Learn fascinating facts about San Francisco and its transformation into one of the world's most diverse cities on this fun and easy walking tour (founded in 1989) that explores one of the oldest and largest gay neighborhoods in the country. Take the newly added food and wine tour Thursday and Friday evenings with stops at Blush Wine Bar, Canela Bistro & Wine Bar, Catch, Poesia and Hot Cookie. *Harvey Milk Plaza, corner of Castro and Market streets, 415.255.1821.*

EDIBLE EXCURSIONS

Epicurean concierge Lisa Rogovin offers intimate culinary excursions in San Francisco, Berkeley and Oakland for foodies looking to get a behind-the-scenes taste of the Bay Area's remarkable food culture with a local expert. Tours explore the Mission District, Japantown, the "Gourmet Ghetto" of North Berkeley, the Ferry Building Marketplace and Farmers Market, the craft cocktail scene and Uptown Oakland. *415.806.5970.*

ELECTRIC TOUR COMPANY - SEGWAY TOURS

Sign up for fully guided Segway tours of Fisherman's Wharf and the waterfront, Golden Gate Park, Chinatown and Lombard Street. Experienced Segway

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GOURMET WALKS

Take a stroll in a burgeoning foodie neighborhood and discover the city's best food, chocolate and wine. The signature Chocolate Tour satiates sweet tooth with a delicious education on fine chocolate and samples from gourmet chocolate boutiques. The Hayes Valley tour explore the origins of California cuisine while sampling everything from gourmet tea at Samovar and Parisian macarons from Chantal Guillon to an artisan exotic cocktail from Smugglers Cove. *415.312.1119.*

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MISSION MURAL WALKS

The Precita Eyes Mural Arts & Visitors Center, a multipurpose, community-based arts organization that has played an integral role in the city's cultural heritage and arts education, organizes a variety of artist-led cultural and historical walking tours. Explore more than 80 gorgeous murals and the stories behind them in an eight-block walk in the Mission District. Bicycle, private bus and group tours available by appointment. *2981 24th St., 415.285.2287.*

MUIR WOODS SHUTTLE TOURS

The Muir Woods Shuttle Tour is a comprehensive 4-1/2 hour Muir Woods Tour. They also make stops at the Muir Beach Overlook and the Marin Headlands. *San Francisco Ferry Bldg., 866.991.8687.*

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Heritage offers a weekly guided walking tour of the eastern Pacific Heights neighborhood, which includes some of the city's most spectacular Victorian and pre-World War I mansions. \$8, \$5 seniors and children under 12. *Tours leave from 2007 Franklin St. Sundays at 12:30 p.m. (rain or shine).* 415.441.3000.

SAN FRANCISCO ARCHITECTURE WALKING TOUR

Knowledgeable and friendly guide Rick Evans leads a two-hour tour of San Francisco's most famous downtown buildings, unique open spaces and historic landmarks. *Tours leave daily at 11 am from the lobby of the Galleria Park Hotel. Reservations required. 191 Sutter St., 415.264.8824.*

SAN FRANCISCO CITY GUIDES

Volunteers from the San Francisco Public Library lead dozens of free neighborhood tours. There's a tour for just about every interest or passion, including Alfred Hitchcock's San Francisco; various 1906 retrospectives about the earthquake and fires that leveled the city a century ago; and a Golden Gate Bridge walk, to name just a few. 415.557.4266.

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE ENGINE TOURS

Hop on a vintage fire truck and don authentic fire gear for a memorable, 90-minute trip through the Presidio and across the Golden Gate Bridge to Fort Baker in Sausalito, where you'll take in magnificent views of San Francisco from across the bay. The vehicle only seats 14 passengers, making for a personalized experience. Reservations required. *Tours depart from 650 Beach St. in Fisherman's Wharf, 415.333.7077.*

SAN FRANCISCO HELICOPTER TOURS

These narrated tours offer bird's-eye views of the city and popular attractions such as the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, Treasure Island and more. Tours range from 20-minute flights over the city to half-day excursions to wine country, as well as dinner flights and Sausalito lunch flights. Complimentary shuttles pick up passengers from Fisherman's Wharf, Union Square and Nob Hill. Flights depart from the executive terminal at SFO and Sausalito. Reservations required. 800.400.2404.

SAN FRANCISCO MOVIE TOURS

Watch clips from dozens of movies shot in San Francisco as you pass the actual film locations on this engaging two-hour bus tour of the city. You'll see the house from "Mrs. Doubtfire," the spot where Jimmy Stewart pulled Kim Novak from the water in "Vertigo" and much more. Departs from Pier 43 1/2. 415.624.4949.

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Journey to the Farallon Islands, where grey and humpback whales migrate through the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, aboard the "Kitty Kat" catamaran. Experts narrate the 5-hour daily cruises. If no whales are spotted, the next trip is on the company. Slightly longer natural history excursions are also available, along with two-hour sunset eco-tours of the San Francisco Bay that feature seals, dolphins, the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz. Advance purchase required online or by phone. *Depart from Pier 39, Dock B, 212.209.3370.*

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Precita Eyes is the starting point for tours encompassing more than 80 murals in

an eight-block walk in the Mission District. The center is a multipurpose, community-based arts organization that has played an integral role in the city's cultural heritage and arts education. 2981 24th St., 415.285.2287.

PRESIDIO VISITOR CENTER

Housed in a renovated guardhouse (circa 1900), the William Penn Mott, Jr. Presidio Visitor Center is home to a large-scale Presidio model with informative touch screens, a calendar projected onto a video wall and an interactive digital table depicting two centuries of history. The retail store sells themed merchandise and tools for exploration. 210 Lincoln Blvd., 415.561.4323.

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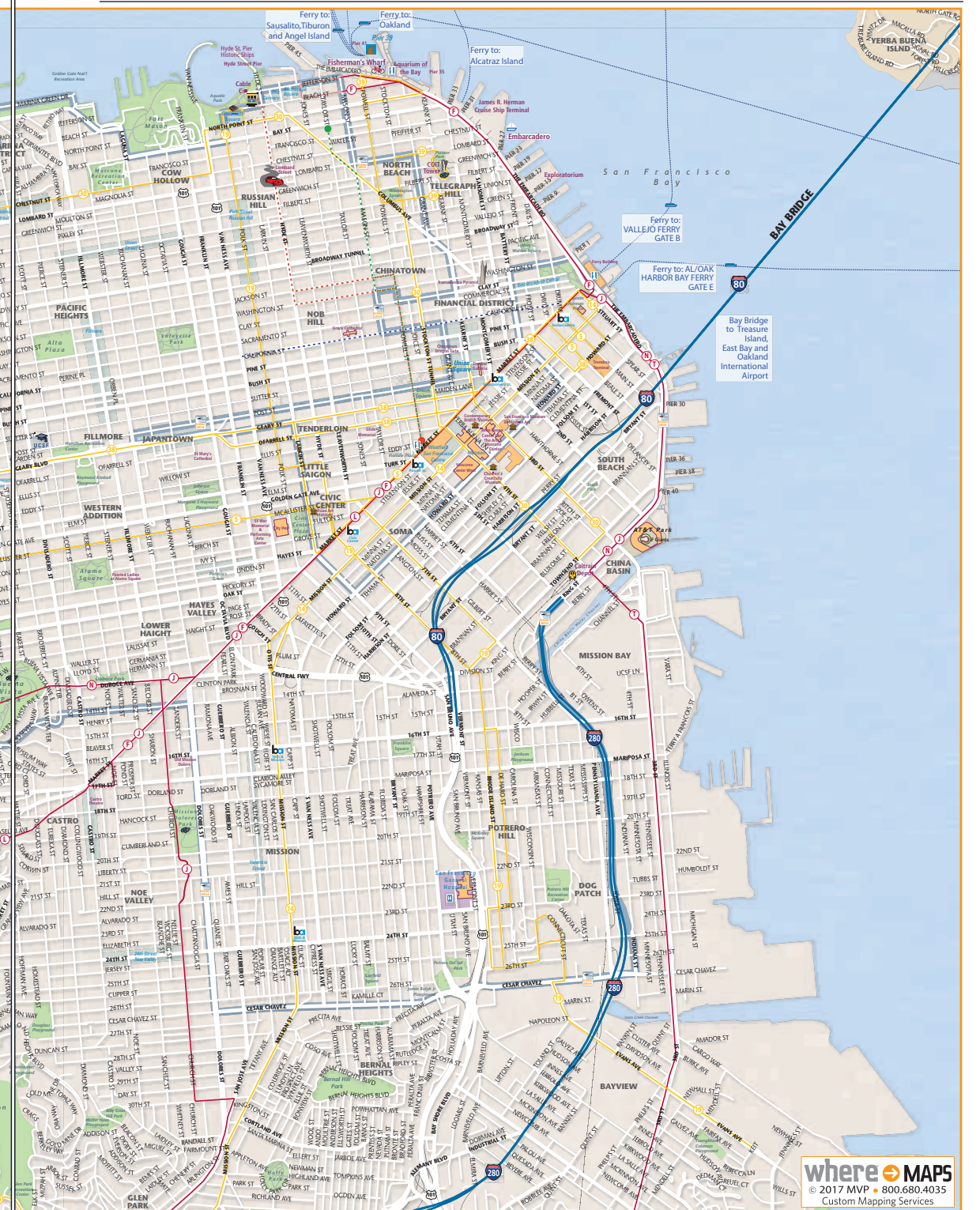
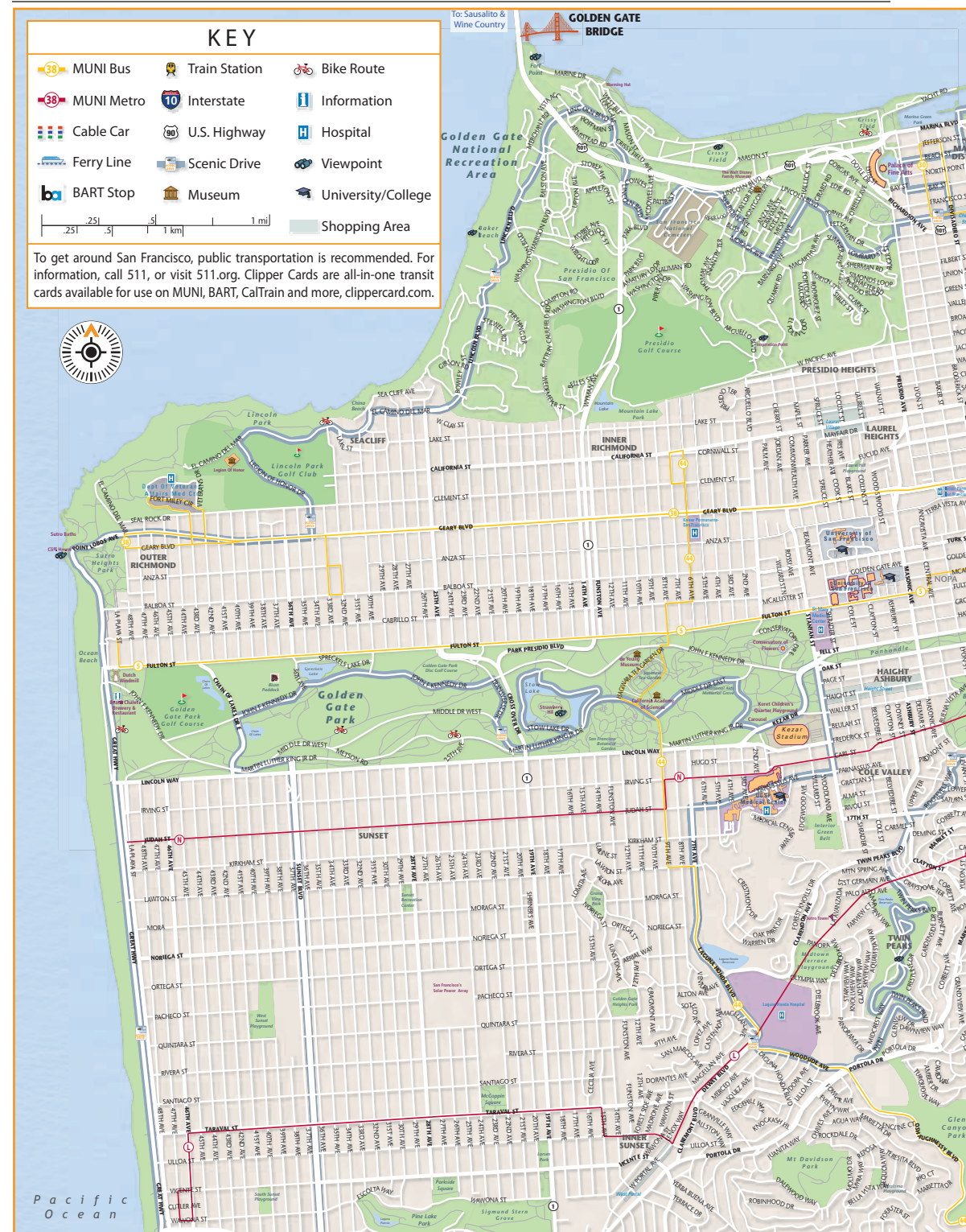
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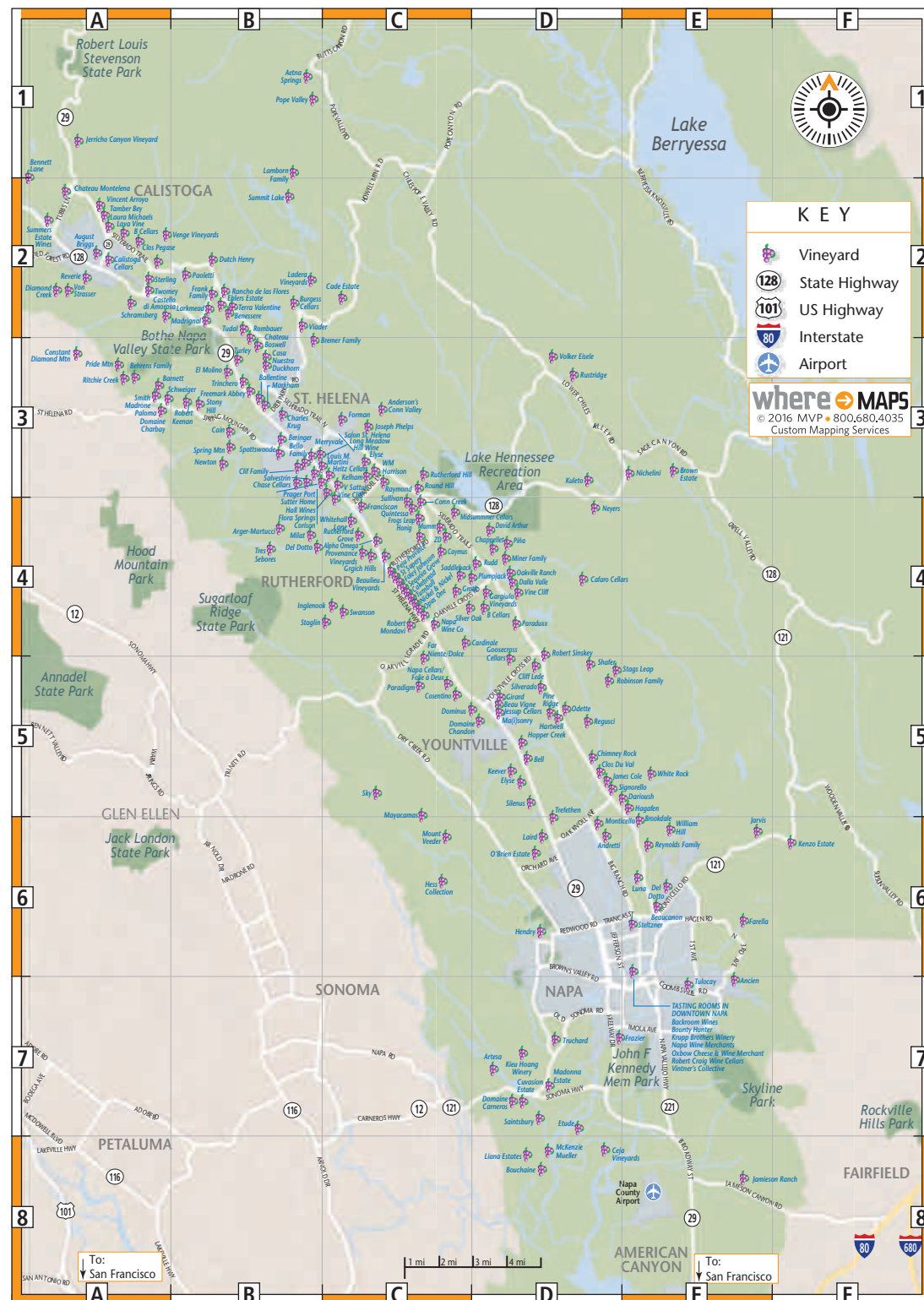
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We're Addicted to Outdoor Fitness



■ At the start of a new year, many of us aim to stay active and spend more time outside. San Francisco is blessed with year-round mild weather for outdoor pursuits and has inspiring natural landscapes in every direction. Here, a few local experts share their favorite outdoor fitness activities.

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Hike

I hike with my dog through Fort Funston. It kills two birds with one stone. I get some exercise and fresh air while exhausting him! **—Kimberly Verde, gallery owner/director, State, @state_spacesf**

Jog

I've never been a class person, but I do love to exercise outdoors. I love jogs

along the water and up and down the hills. **—Sydney Pfaff, owner, Legion boutique, @legion_shop**

Bike

I love going on a bike ride through Golden Gate Park all the way to Ocean Beach. The air smells so fresh as you're riding between the tall trees. Starting from my apartment, it's the

perfect loop with a gradual incline. **—Rachel Ward, editor, Where San Francisco, @wanderingrachel**

Boot Camp

Working out in a group outside forces me to get out of bed after a long service, and it just makes my day better. **—Kim Alter, chef/owner, Nightbird restaurant, @nightbirdsf**

Yoga

My company hosts rooftop yoga at Hotel Zetta. **—Margaux Lushing, founder, Well + Away guidebooks, @wellandaway**

Climb

I go up to the top of Twin Peaks. You could drive, but it makes a nice urban hike. You can see everything! **—Jessica Everett, bar manager, Barvale, @jceverett**

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