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EDITOR'S NOTE

February 2018

This month many of us are in the mood for a romantic activity. One of my favorite suggestions for San Francisco is a walk up the Vallejo Street Steps. The staircase connects the North Beach neighborhood with the Russian Hill neighborhood and leads to some pretty gorgeous urban views. I'd recommend taking your time with the climb, snapping lots of photos and packing a little picnic. When you reach the top, enjoy the picnic at what is perhaps the city's tiniest and most charming park, Ina Coolbrith Park. This little lawn is surrounded by flowers and has a lovely vista. (A couple of friends of mine even got engaged there!) It just goes to show that you can have a memorable San Francisco date on any budget.



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What do you consider the most romantic place in San Francisco?

Top of the Mark, at the Intercontinental Mark Hopkins Hotel, has some of the most spectacular views at sunset in San Francisco. Cozy up and dance cheek to cheek at this sky lounge on Nob Hill.

Do you have any Valentine's Day traditions?

Nature hikes holding hands can be very romantic, so we love a day hike at Lands End, winding from the



Pacific Ocean to secluded Marshall Beach and up the trails to the Golden Gate Bridge. We love it so much that we go back often. It's such a great

outdoor adventure that you forget you're in the city.

Any tips for visitors who want to check out the Chinese New Year parade?

Reserve bleacher seats early to have the best view of the parade, or arrive early to get a good curbside seat. Thousands will attend the biggest Chinese New Year parade outside China. It's one of the 10 best parades in the world and is so unique at nighttime. The colors, music and energy are

amazing! Welcome the Year of the Dog!

What area would you be first to recommend that visitors explore and why?

San Francisco is a great walking city, and one of our favorite flat walks is along the Embarcadero. Start at the historic Ferry Building Marketplace and walk along the bay toward the Exploratorium, Fisherman's Wharf and a bit farther to Marina Green and Crissy Field, with excellent views of the Golden Gate Bridge. It's great exercise!

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A soldier from the former military base in the Presidio walking down Lovers' Lane, named such because it led to a trolley line used to visit loved ones, in 1915.

A Shady Walk
at the Presidio,
San Francisco, California

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TOP 5

Ways to Connect

1

STROLL

Follow the eucalyptus-shaded Lovers' Lane in the Presidio national park.

2

SAIL

Unleash your adventurous side with a sunset catamaran cruise on the San Francisco Bay.

3

DANCE

Show up for the free swing dance lessons on Sunday afternoons in Golden Gate Park.

4

WINE AND DINE

Get dinner at a cozy neighborhood spot near Hyde Street's clanging cable cars and twinkling lights, like Venticello or Frascati.

5

PEDAL

Rent a pedal boat at Stow Lake Boathouse and glide under an old stone bridge and past an island with a Chinese pagoda and waterfalls.



WHERE NOW

CALENDAR

February at a Glance

Feb. 23-25

Pacific Orchid & Garden Exposition

This is the largest orchid show in the United States, featuring thousands of orchids and a range of new spring and seasonal plants for the garden as well as garden-related products and services. Hall of Flowers, San Francisco County Fair Building, 1199 9th Ave.

Feb. 9-18

San Francisco Beer Week



This massive festival features hundreds of events hosted by celebrated breweries, restaurants, bars and retailers. The opening gala at Pier 35 kicks off Feb. 9, and the following nine days are packed with events taking place all over the greater Bay Area, from San Jose to Santa Rosa. Expect special beer releases, beer festivals, meet-the-brewer opportunities, beer dinners, tastings, lectures, panel discussions, home-brewing demonstrations and educational events.

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Feb. 24

Lunar New Year Concert and Imperial Dinner

The San Francisco Symphony’s annual concert and feast includes a pre-concert reception with lion dancing, Chinese calligraphy, ribbon dancing, tea bars, children’s entertainment and lucky red envelopes. Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Ave., 415.864.6000



LET’S DO THIS

Because we just want to have fun
IN FEBRUARY

“Born Yesterday” at San Francisco Playhouse (All Month)

An unscrupulous millionaire and his showgirl fiancée head to Washington to bribe a senator for their own financial gain in this sharp and timely comedy about financial corruption in politics.

SF Indie Fest (Feb. 1-15)

For its 20th year, the festival returns to the original venues, the Roxie and Victoria theaters. In addition to fresh international films, this year’s festival will screen a film from each past festival to highlight the talented filmmakers that it’s launched.

“Book of Mormon” (Opens Feb. 6)

The Broadway musical that has delighted sold-out crowds around the country and earned nine Tony Awards returns to SHN Orpheum Theatre.

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition (Feb. 17)

Judges from every major American wine region select winners from over 7,000 entries, making this the largest competition of American wines in the world. Join over 5,000 wine enthusiasts for the public tasting.

Noise Pop Festival (Feb. 19-25)

This indie music, arts and film festival has hosted countless up-and-coming acts before they became household names, including the Flaming Lips, Frank Black of the Pixies and the White Stripes. Events take place at venues around San Francisco and Oakland.

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ART

HEART SPOTTING

The colorful sculptures by local artists capturing the spirit of San Francisco

CHANCES ARE THAT YOU'VE NOTICED at least one of the colorful heart sculptures on display around town. These five-foot tall sculptures, each created by a different artist who looked to San Francisco for inspiration, have adorned the city's plazas, parks, businesses and street corners since 2004, when the Hearts in San Francisco public art series began. While there's no official list of the heart locations around town, many are easy to find, including Tony Bennett's design entitled "America's Greatest City by the Bay," permanently installed on the corner of Powell and Post streets. This month, 32 new sculpture designs—including large hearts, table-top hearts and mini hearts—will be on display before being auctioned off to benefit the San Francisco General Hospital. Keep an eye out for hearts as you explore the city and snap a selfie or two.

New 2018 Hearts



Florian Busch

This heart was inspired by the openness of the people in the Bay Area. The white represents the fog, with the beauty of the city shining through it. The artist installed a black light for added drama.



Barbara Libby-Steinmann

This heart depicts the famous wild parrots of Telegraph Hill. The artist found the story of the birds with red heads and green bodies that became a local tourist attraction fascinating.

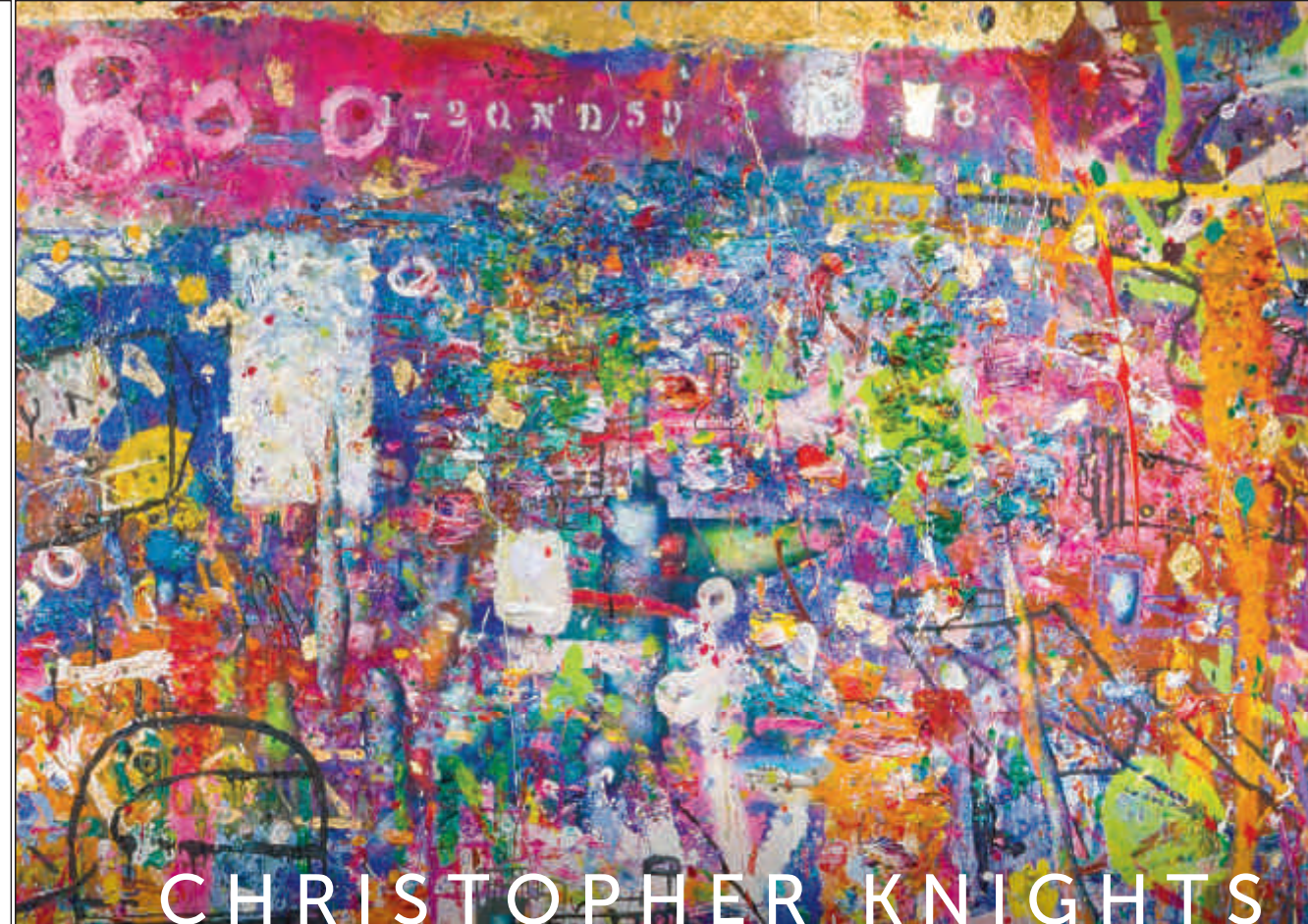


Lillian Shanahan

A San Francisco native, the artist used Perler beads in her heart sculpture to highlight her belief that small aspects of a community shape the greater picture. She chose the dahlia flower because it's the city's official flower.

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EAT

SUGAR HIGH

The beloved baked goods that keep San Franciscans lining up

FOR YEARS NOW, the kouign amann has been a staple in local pastry cases. With origins in Brittany, France, it's like a mix between a palmier cookie and a croissant. At B. Patisserie, chef Belinda Leong has been perfecting her version for 16 years. Flaky, light, crunchy, gooey and buttery are all fitting descriptors. Oakland-based Starter Bakery's version, available in San Francisco at Reville Coffee Co. locations, has its own twist. Like a traditional croissant, the signature pastry is layered with salted butter. But unlike a croissant, it's also layered with sugar and baked in a pan lined with more butter and sugar. The result is buttery, salty, sweet and caramel-y.



Cinnamon Roll
at Mariposa Baking
Company

The most popular pastry at the gluten-free confectionary is also free of dairy and nuts.



Almond Croissant
at La Boulangerie de San
Francisco

This version of the French pastry has a twist, with extra frangipane and shaved almonds added on top.



Morning Bun
at Tartine Bakery

Laminated croissant dough gives this flaky bun a light, layered interior and a crisp, intensely caramelized exterior.

The Rebel Within
at Craftsman
and Wolves



The most popular (and the most Instagrammed) treat at this modern patisserie from James-Beard-nominated chef William Werner is a photogenic savory breakfast muffin that has asiago cheese, green onion and breakfast sausage baked into the mix and a full soft-cooked farm egg in the center. Praised by GQ and Bon Appetit magazines, the muffin sells out nearly every day and continues to spark curiosity and conversation.

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VALENTINE'S DAY GIFTING

A treasure trove of locally flavored delights to shower on someone special

By Renee Brincks

WHETHER YOU AND YOUR DARLING are starry-eyed sweethearts or a couple celebrating a lifetime of love, you'll find something sure to set your significant other's heart aflutter. If jewelry will do it, look around Lang's Antique & Estate Jewelry, which buys and sells fine antique, vintage and estate jewelry dating back to the late 1700s, from rare engagement rings to Art Deco watches to cufflinks crafted with onyx and diamonds. Jarmilla Lang opened this Sutter Street store in 1969. A few blocks away at 150 Post St. is Shreve & Co., founded in 1854 and still one of the city's leading purveyors of fine jewelry, watches and crystal. For distinctive jewelry by independent designers, look to neighborhood standouts like the Mission's Love & Luxe and No. 3, along the Powell-Hyde cable car line. Gallery of Jewels displays the work of more than 100 independent artists across its three San Francisco galleries.

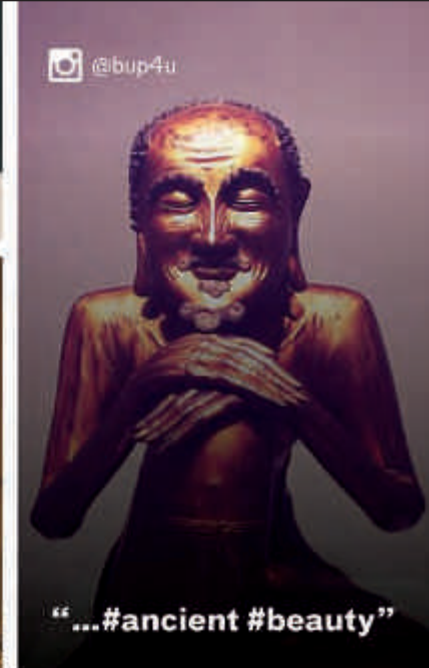
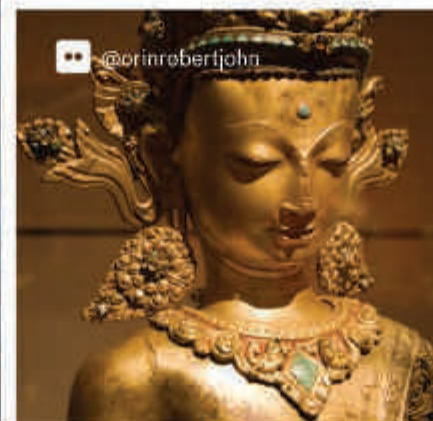
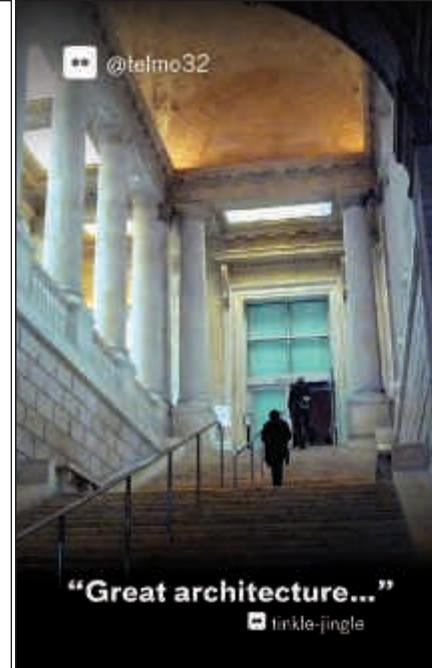
San Francisco Treats



Charles Chocolates carries truffles, caramels and other decadent offerings in a cute Mission neighborhood spot with outdoor seating, while **Dandelion Chocolate** also serves pastries and hot chocolate in its cafe and shop. In the Lower Haight, **Choux Bakery** makes authentic, sweetly packaged French cream puffs. Not into sweets? Visit **24th Street Cheese Co.** in Noe Valley for cheese, wine and gourmet goods, and bundle that with a bouquet from a locally owned flower shop.

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FIND THE BEST IN **CHINATOWN** ONE BLOCK AT A TIME / BY GARRICK RAMIREZ

CULTURE

On Feb. 24, the Year of the Dog kicks off when the **Chinese New Year parade** snakes its way through Union Square and Chinatown with dancing dragons, thundering drums and the crackle of firecrackers. Murals also contribute to the vivid streetscape. Erin Jang's new **"Chinatown Flavor"** transforms a stairway along tiny Vinton Court. Hidden on Ross Alley—the oldest alley in San Francisco—diminutive **41 Ross Gallery** features community-based exhibits such as "Chinatown Home Cooking." At the **Chinese Historical Society of America** (housed in a Julia Morgan building), displays tell the challenging story of early Chinese immigrants.

■ "Chinatown Flavor"

Vinton Ct. at Grant Ave.

■ 41 Ross Gallery

41 Ross Alley

■ Chinese Historical Society

965 Clay St.

DRINK

The market-filled sidewalks brim with bins of exotic fruits such as spiky rambutans and citrusy buddha's hands. Have a new favorite blended into a fresh juice at **Juicy Fruit**. At the modern **Steap Tea Bar**, globe-hop. Clockwise from top: Diorama of the Geary Act at the Chinese Historical Society of America; the "Chinatown Flavor" mural; inside the plush Cold Drinks lounge; chicken salad at Market Restaurant in China Live.



ping teas inform an extensive menu of inventive boba drinks. Come happy hour, seek out **Cold Drinks**, a clandestine cocktail lounge that marries rare scotches with Asian flavors.

■ Juicy Fruit 768 Jackson St.

■ Steap Tea Bar

827 Sacramento St.

■ Cold Drinks

644 Broadway

EAT

For a quick bite, get dumplings plucked from giant steam baskets at **Good Mong Kok Bakery** and crispy, ginger-infused wings at **New Golden Daisy**.

Century-old **Sam Wo** has new digs, but its barbecue pork-filled rice noodle rolls remain. **Katsu House** assembles poke bowls from a cozy take-out shop. Michelin-starred **Mister Jiu's** reinvigorates Cantonese dishes such as a roasted quail with homemade Chinese sausage. At **China Live**, a culinary temple to Chinese cuisine, you can shop exquisite pantry staples and cookbooks at the boutique and slurp tingly dan dan noodles at Market Restaurant.

■ Good Mong Kok Bakery

1039 Stockton St.

■ New Golden Daisy

1041 Stockton St.

■ Katsu House

112 Waverly Pl.

■ Sam Wo 713 Clay St.

■ Mister Jiu's 28 Waverly Pl.

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SHOP

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■ Fantastic Comics

2026 Shattuck Ave.

■ Body Time

1950 Shattuck Ave.

■ A Priori

2112 Vine St.

EAT

Get a taste of New Orleans at **Angeline's Louisiana Kitchen**. It serves up savory fried chicken, jambalaya, gumbo and shrimp creole. At **Gather**, flavorful dishes appeal to the meat-eater, vegan and every dietary restriction in between. Start with a small plate of pork cheeks topped with a fried farm egg or a bowl of lentil soup made from mushroom broth. **East Bay**

Clockwise from top: Spread at Gather restaurant; pizza and beer at Jupiter; the outdoor heated patio at Jupiter; popular year-round; the stylish bar at East Bay Spice Company.



Spice Company combines a trendy atmosphere with traditional Indian fare. Spices such as garam masala and tamarind add a kick to the cocktails.

■ Angeline's Louisiana

Kitchen 5812 College Ave.

■ Gather

2200 Oxford St.

■ East Bay Spice Company

2134 Oxford St.

DRINK

Jupiter checks all the boxes for a college-town hotspot: pizza, beer and live music. It serves up to 12 of its own beers alongside 30 local guest taps. Be sure to head out to the heated beer garden. **Tupper & Reed** mixes classic cocktails in a historical brick building, which for more than 80 years housed a music store owned by John Tupper and Lawrence Reed. The extensive cocktail list includes spirits such as absinthe, a perfect ingredient for mixologists to light on fire to entertain patrons.

Revival Bar & Kitchen's bar menu emphasizes smaller craft distillers and organic wineries. Enjoy a drink alongside an order of St. Louis ribs or blistered padron peppers.

■ Jupiter

2181 Shattuck Ave.

■ Tupper & Reed

2271 Shattuck Ave.

■ Revival Bar & Kitchen

2102 Shattuck Ave.

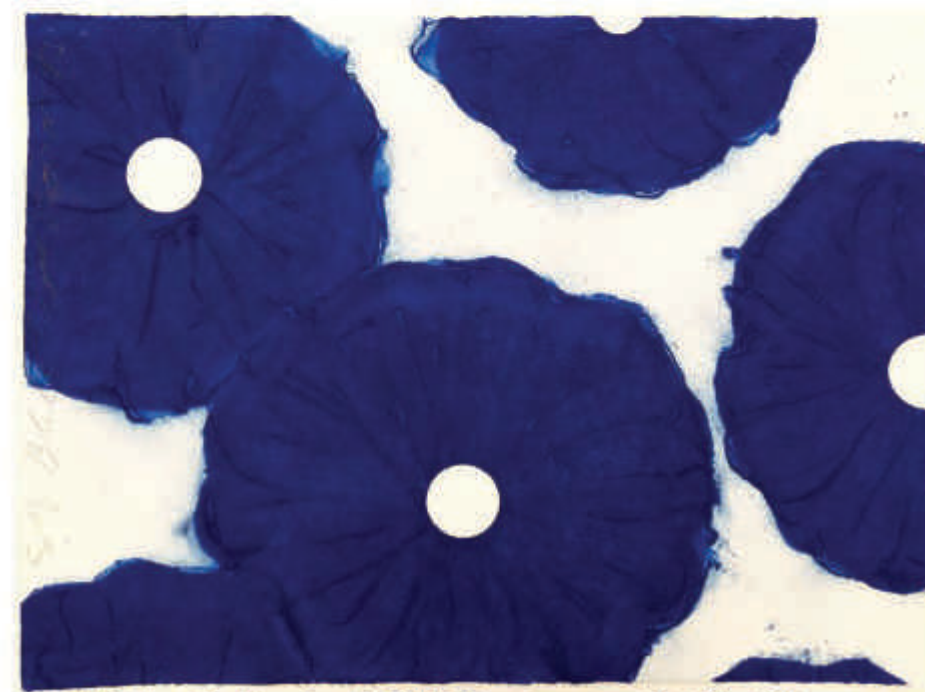
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Hunt Slonem, *Untitled*, 2016, Oil on canvas with diamond dust, 30" x 36"



Donald Sultan, *Six Blues Sept 20 2017*, Conté on paper, 22 1/2" x 30"

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San Francisco for Lovers

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SAN FRANCISCO CAN BE A DREAMY PLACE. In honor of the month of love, here are four itineraries for two. Each agenda couples a pair of neighborhoods for a day full of sightseeing, romance and distinctly San Francisco charm.

PRESIDIO + JACKSON SQUARE

If you and your partner enjoy:
nature, history, wine

Treat yourself at **B. Patisserie**, where the decor is modern, but the exquisite pastries are made using traditional Parisian and Viennese techniques. Valentine's Day ushers in particularly dazzling creations. *2821 California St.*

When you explore the Presidio, a retired military base that's now a 1,500-acre national park, make sure to meander down eucalyptus-shaded **Lovers' Lane**. Look through the trees and you might spot nature sculptor Andy Goldsworthy's "Wood Line," a winding arrangement of branches in the forest. At the quiet **Immigrant Point Overlook**, take a seat and gaze at a view of the vast Pacific and wild Marin Headlands.

Make your way across town to Jackson Square, a small neighborhood with distinguished 1800s-era brick buildings and a rich Barbary Coast history. You might feel as if you're in another century as you amble down the pedestrian **Hotaling Place**. Tucked away in an incon-

spicuous nearby alley is the **Hidden Vine**, where you can sink into one of the comfy couches with a glass of wine in hand or play a game of bocce under the stars. *408 Merchant St.*

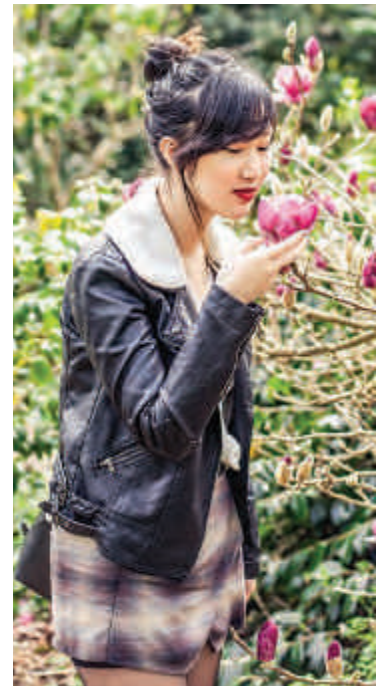
In another deceptively unassuming alleyway is a cryptic neon sign reading **Bix**. Walk in the door, and you'll find yourself in a cavernous Art Deco supper club with fluted columns, a grand mezzanine, jacketed servers and live jazz. *56 Gold St.*

EMBARCADERO + FINANCIAL DISTRICT

If you and your partner enjoy:
views, science, French food

Begin your rendezvous with oysters and Champagne overlooking the bay on the patio at **Waterbar**. On your way out, be sure to take a selfie at **Cupid's Span**, a 60-foot-tall sculpture. *399 Embarcadero*

Walk to the Ferry Building Marketplace for **Edible Excursions'** Valentine's Day tour. Past tours have sampled goodies like chocolates from Recchiuti Confections, rose and chocolate macarons from Miette and heart-shaped Mt. Tam cheese



FROM DAY TO NIGHT
(This page from top left) After Dark at the Exploratorium; Magnificent Magnolias winter bloom at the San Francisco Botanical Garden; one of many trails in the Presidio; Cupid's Span and the Bay Lights on Embarcadero.



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from Cowgirl Creamery.

Take a jaunt along the Embarcadero waterfront to the **Exploratorium**, a state-of-the-art science museum where every exhibit is a hands-on, interactive activity (perfect for parties of two). The museum hosts the adults-only After Dark gathering on Thursdays, where drinks are served, and the focus turns to potentially racy themes like Sexplorations. On your way out, catch a glimpse of the **Bay Lights**, a shimmering art installation of 25,000 LED lights installed on the Bay Bridge. *Pier 15*

End in the Financial District with an intimate dinner. (Hint: The storied local jeweler **Shreve & Co.** is nearby.) Situated in a quiet alley, **Café Claude** transports diners to bygone Paris with classic French dishes and live Jazz. Around the corner, French brasserie **Gaspar Brasserie** sets an amorous tone with glowing vintage chandeliers, tufted leather banquettes in a rich shade of cherry and a pressed tin

ceiling. *150 Post St.; 7 Claude Ln.; 185 Sutter St.*

GOLDEN GATE PARK + HAYES VALLEY If you and your partner enjoy: outdoor exercise, fashion, the arts

Golden Gate Park more than matches New York's Central Park in size, and like its East Coast counterpart, it presents plenty of opportunities for romance. Rent a pedal boat or rowboat at the **Stow Lake Boathouse** and glide under an old stone bridge and past an island with a Chinese pagoda and waterfalls. The concessions window sells pink popcorn. If you prefer to stay on land, rent a **tandem bicycle** and ride past the park's Dutch Windmill, secluded Shakespeare Garden and Conservatory of Flowers (a palatial Victorian greenhouse made of glass and wood). The **San Francisco Botanical Garden** leads a Valentine's Day walking tour through rare pink and magenta

SWEET INDULGENCES

(Clockwise from far left) The Hidden Vine, a tucked-away wine bar in Jackson Square; stylish sweets at Miette candy shop in Hayes Valley; Recchiuti Confections' My Forever Valentine Box; desert at Gaspar Brasserie; handcrafted cocktail at Gaspar Brasserie.



magnolia blossoms. 50 Stow Lake Dr.; 1199 9th Ave.

Part two takes place in Hayes Valley. Stop for an impossibly smooth, made-to-order ice cream cone at **Smitten** (the secret ingredient is liquid nitrogen). Or if your sweet tooth would be better served with candies or a petite baked good, the whimsical sweet shop **Miette** looks like something out of a storybook. 432 Octavia St.; 449 Octavia St.

Shop for your Valentine at **Alla Prima Lingerie**, a boutique importing luxury labels from Europe. 539 Hayes St.

Make reservations for an intimate dinner at chef Traci des Jardins' landmark **Jardinière**, a restaurant many San Franciscans consider synonymous with amour, or **Absinthe**, a French brasserie with a decadent Belle Epoque vibe. 300 Grove St.; 398 Hayes St.

Get tickets to see the **San Francisco Ballet** perform in the shows "Bright Fast Cool Blue" (Feb. 13-24) or "Distinctly SF Ballet" (Feb. 15-25) at the ornate War Memorial Opera House, or see the **San Francisco Symphony** perform at Davies Symphony Hall. 301 Van Ness Ave.; 201 Van Ness Ave.

MARINA + RUSSIAN HILL

If you and your partner enjoy: architecture, shopping, picnics

Start at the **Palace of Fine Arts**, a Beaux Arts monument with a grand rotunda that was built for the 1915 World's Fair and is now a popular site for wedding photos. The path around the swan lagoon makes for a lovely stroll. 3301 Lyon St.

Continue to **Crissy Field**, a former airfield that's now one of the city's most scenic and popular recreation areas. Admire the panoramic views of the Golden Gate Bridge as you walk along the waterfront past beaches and marsh.

Pick out a special bauble at the tiny and fashion-forward **No.3** boutique. It stocks edgier pieces by indie designers (making it a favorite among urban millennial couples looking for alternative



engagement and wedding rings) in the Russian Hill neighborhood, where you'll encounter unexpected views of Alcatraz and the bay around every other corner. 1987 Hyde St.

Swing by **Cheese Plus**, a charming corner market stocking gourmet goods, for a bottle of bubbly, a snack and a fresh bouquet. Climb up to the miniature **Ina Coolbrith Park** above the Vallejo Street Steps, where you can snuggle up on a bench surrounded by garden flowers and soak in the view of the city while you enjoy your light picnic. 2001 Polk St.; Vallejo and Taylor sts.

At night, Hyde Street oozes Old World enchantment with its al fresco dining, clanging cable cars and twinkling lights. Get dinner at a cozy neighborhood spot like **Venticello** or **Frascati**. The former serves Northern Italian fare, and the latter's forte is California-Mediterranean. If you want to extend your night, order a glass of wine at the sleek, Barcelona-inspired **Union Larder**, buzzing most nights of the week. 1901 Hyde St.; 1257 Taylor St.; 1945 Hyde St.

SIGHTSEEING FOR TWO

(Clockwise from far top left) Crissy Field with Alcatraz Island in the distance in the Marina District; Davies Symphony Hall on Van Ness Avenue in Hayes Valley at night; the kitchen view in always-buzzing Union Larder in the Russian Hill neighborhood.

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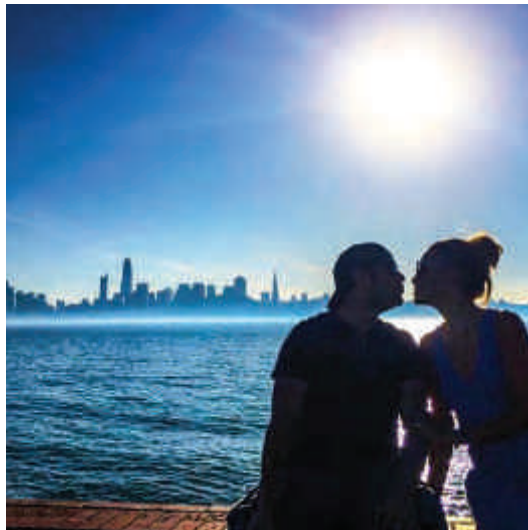
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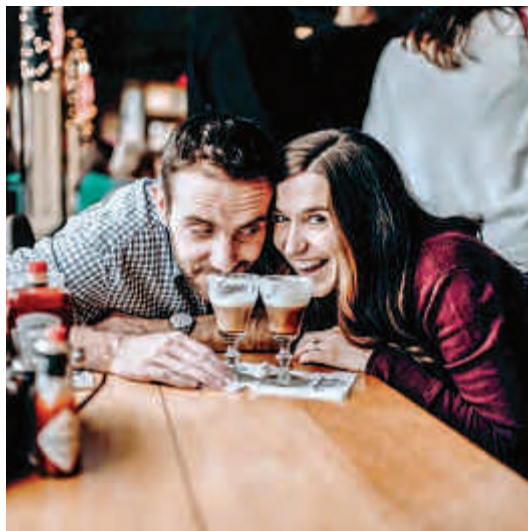
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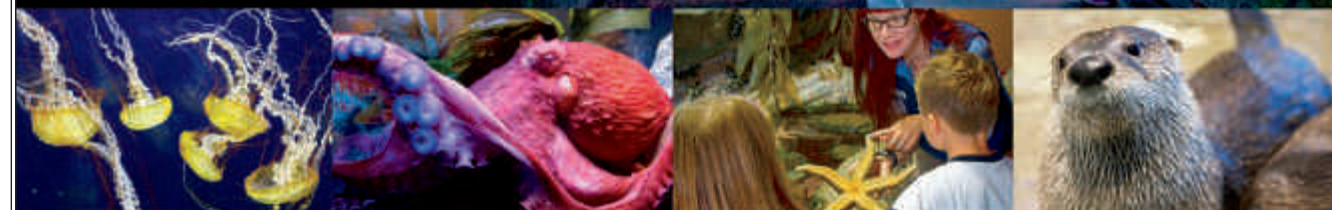
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Local Theater

See the world premiere of the New Conservatory Theatre Center's play **"Still at Risk"** by Tim Pinckney, on stage now through Feb. 25. This new production directed by Dennis Lickteig tackles the personal and political effects of the AIDS crisis on the current gay rights movement. The main character, Kevin, survived the frontlines of the AIDS epidemic and is searching for purpose in today's era, until an unexpected incident threatens the legacy that he fought for. Tickets \$20-45. 25 Van Ness Ave., Lower Lobby, 415.861.8972

BARS & NIGHTCLUBS

15 ROMOLO
One of the best bars in the city for a perfectly crafted, creative cocktail, this dim, hidden spot in an alley off the North Beach strip also serves well-priced carnival-themed bar bites. 15 Romolo Pl., 415.398.1359.

ALCHEMIST BAR & LOUNGE

This bar and lounge mixes SF's famed speakeasy-style bar scene (classic cocktails served in an off-the-beaten-path second story location) with a hipster vibe (shuffleboard, board games) in the SOMA district. 679 3rd St., 415.746.9968.

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.

BOURBON & BRANCH

This Tenderloin speakeasy offers strong Prohibition-era cocktails in a 1920s private club atmosphere. Imbibe Champagne or bourbon-heavy libations at the library or book a booth in the main bar in the back. Check the website for reservations and read the rules before you go. 501 Jones St., 415.346.1735.

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.

CASK

Sip boutique bourbons, hard-to-find whiskeys and more at this bar specializing in artisanal distillers. Created by the people behind Bourbon and Branch, this is the place to find a well-crafted drink, and with engraving services at hand, maybe even a thoughtful gift. 17 3rd St., 415.424.4844.

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.

ELIXIR

This Mission Dolores bar—part pub, part sports bar, part lounge and part certified green business—offers a taste of the Old West. Serving its neighbors since 1858, there's no better spot for handmade fresh fruit cocktails. Tuesday nights are a hit with bar trivia, and weekends bring a make-your-own Bloody Mary bar. 3200 16th St., 415.552.1633.

LI PO 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.

MATRIX FILLMORE

Once housing some of San Francisco's most legendary rockers like Jefferson Airplane and The Grateful Dead, Matrix Fillmore is a refreshing integration of modern nightlife and history. While the DJ spins, sip a cocktail and revel in the swank ambiance. 3138 Fillmore St., 415.563.4180.

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.

MR. TIPP'S RECORDING STUDIO

This spirit-driven jazz bar with bar bites is tucked away in a 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.

NIHON

Nihon is as much a delicious Japanese restaurant as it is a seductive whiskey bar, serving over 400 selections of whiskey. The servers are attentive and the bartenders know exactly which whiskey to pour, either straight up or sour. 1779 Folsom St., 415.552.4400.

NOIR LOUNGE

This spot in the Hayes Valley neighborhood is part wine bar, part brewpub and part movie lounge, showcasing Noir films in a private screening area. It has a 1940s jazz-era feel and serves an extensive

menu of bar bites and entrees along with a changing array of flights of popcorn, both savory and sweet. 581 Hayes St., 415.431.6647.

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.

RICKHOUSE

Step into this bustling saloon and the sweet, musky odor of bourbon slaps you across the face. And for good reason. Launched by the owners of Bourbon & Branch, this place draws bourbon lovers from across the area. Groups of four should throw in their cards and order the Pisco Punch Bowl, a guaranteed party maker. 246 Kearny St., 415.398.2827.

RYE

Expert mixologists at this chic and artfully decorated lounge work hard to perfect their craft—and we think they're pretty darn close. 688 Geary St., 415.474.4448.

SHOTWELL'S

First opened in 1891 as the Schlichtmann & Bredhofy Grocery Saloon, this location still serves as a place for San Franciscans to meet and drink. With a decadent design, it offers visitors an old-time feel with local, regional and international beers. 3349 20th St., 415.648.4104.

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.

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.

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. 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 activism. 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.

SFJAZZ 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. Map 1, B8

SF PLAYHOUSE

Located on the second floor of the charming Kensington Park Hotel, this theater company is dedicated to presenting 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 original Broadway cast productions, pre-Broadway world premieres and current hits fresh from Broadway. 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. 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.

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. 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.

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Valentine's Day Shopping

A San Francisco institution since 1852, **Shreve & Co.** opened a new, 15,000 square foot flagship store off Union Square last year. The store's two floors of selling space feature a dedicated diamond room, private viewing suites, a VIP entertaining room and a showroom for renowned watchmaker Patek Philippe. In addition to Patek Philippe's collection, Shreve offers watch brands including Rolex, Bell & Ross, Tudor and Jaeger-LeCoultre, along with jewelry brands such as Mikimoto. 150 Post St., 415.421.2600

ACCESSORIES & BAGS RIMOWA

Find Europe's leading manufacturer of high-quality, luxury luggage at this expansive store in Union Square. Rimowa is known for its four-wheeled, lightweight, hard-cased luggage that makes carting around belongings while traveling easy and safe. 259 Post St., 415.230.2688.

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 ACRIMONY

This Hayes Valley boutique draws from art, music and fashion in its expertly curated collection of exclusive men's and women's labels from around the globe. A stop here will challenge you to evolve your style. 333 Hayes St., 415.861.1025.

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

AMOEBAMUSIC

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 826 VALENCIA

Writer Dave Eggers opened this pirate supply store that serves as a front for a tutoring center. You can buy eye patches, message bottles and spy glasses. It's worth a visit just to see the clever interior and pick up student publications, books or magazines. The center also hosts interesting events and creative activities for the whole family. 826 Valencia St., 415.642.5905.

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 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.

WILKES BASHFORD

This high-end specialty retailer boasts six floors brimming with men's and women's clothing, accessories, jewelry, shoes and housewares. In the city for more than 40 years and owned by the Mitchell Family of Stores, Wilkes Bashford offers truly unique and unexpected style that is San Francisco. With service that's unparalleled. 375 Sutter St., 415.986.4380.

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

COURTESY SHREVE

Shop

prints, works on paper, magnets and postcard sets. 4541 Irving St., 415.242.3474.

ALDEA HOME + BABY

This hip home furnishings store in the Mission District is full of fresh ideas for the home (or apartment). It's also a great spot for affordable gifts, with lots of little home accessories, dishware and throw pillows. The store also covers all baby and toddler needs, stocking urban chic clothing and cribs. An in-store play area entertains any little ones tagging along. 890 Valencia St., 415.865.9807.

ALESSI

The Italian houseware brand's flagship Union Square location is filled with an array of products for the home, including iconic 20th-century industrial design masterpieces like the Michael Graves whistling bird teakettle, the "Juicy Salif" citrus squeezer by Philippe Starck and the "Anna G" corkscrew by Alessandro Mendini. Bridal registry, gift certificates, complimentary gift-wrap and shipping are available. 424 Sutter St., 415.434.0403.

THE ANTIQUE TRADERS

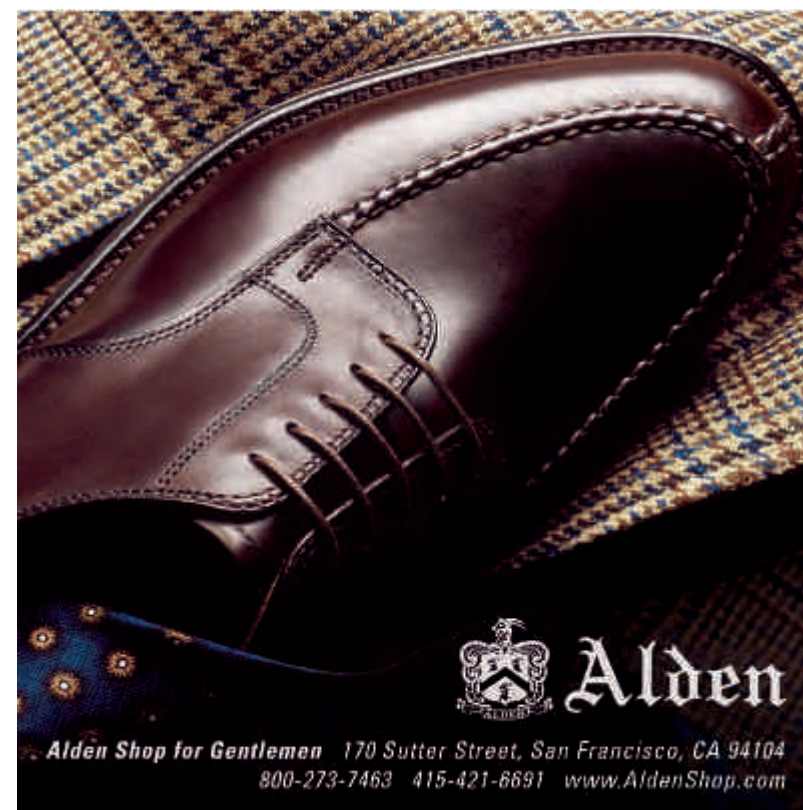
This shop specializes in stained-glass lamps and windows, estate jewelry, cut crystal, bronzes and furniture, primarily from the Art Nouveau period. Worldwide shipping is available. 4310 California St., 415.668.4444.

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, Germany, France and Italy. 2149B Union St., 415.441.9220.

BRITEX FABRICS

A landmark Legacy Business in Union Square, Britex has offered the finest selection



of fabrics, accessories and notions since 1952. This family-run fashion designers' dream is a must-visit stop for textile lovers and anyone who sews, featuring fabrics, buttons, trims and laces from iconic fashion houses and emerging design stars, plus workshops, classes, events and free store tours (every other Saturday). 117 Post St., 415.392.2910.

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

HUBLOT
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, limited-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.

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.

ARICIE

A sexy and tasteful selection of lingerie and loungewear by top European and American designers, including Lise Charmel, Aubade and Christies of Italy. 50 Post St., Crocker Galleria, 415.989.0261.

LES CENT CULOTTES

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

TOUJOURS LINGERIE

The charming boutique carries fine European lingerie and sleepwear and specializes in personalized bra fittings and bridal trousseau selections. Designers include: Chantelle, Falke, Hanro, Lise Charmel, Little Bra Company, Marlies Dekkers, Marie Jo, Pluto, Prima Donna and Simone Perele. 2484 Sacramento St., 415.346.3988.

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

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.

FERRY BUILDING MARKETPLACE

Located within the historic Ferry Building at the foot of Market Street, this marketplace is home to shops large

and small that celebrate food in all its forms, offering everything from artisan cheeses to handmade chocolates to the best spreadable salumi you've ever tasted. You'll also find exquisite ceramics, gardening supplies and skin care. A great place to find local souvenirs and gifts. 1 Ferry Building, 415.983.8030.

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

Considered by some to be one of the best spice shops in the world, 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

AMOUR VERT

Founded by a husband and wife team in 2010, this eco-fashion brand is now sold in 350 stores worldwide. Based in the Dogpatch neighborhood, the company opened its first freestanding boutique in Hayes Valley in 2014 and is gearing up for a rapid expansion that will set a new standard for socially responsible clothing. 437 Hayes St., 415.800.8576.

CUYANA


Meaning "to love" in Quechua, Cuyana celebrates a philosophy of fewer, better things. The brand creates premium apparel and accessories, designed with a classic, mod-



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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

Save 25-65 percent every day at five Premium Outlet locations throughout the Bay Area: Gilroy, Livermore, Napa, Petaluma and Vacaville. The indoor and open-air centers are home to impressive collections of designer and name-brand outlet stores, including Banana Republic, Burberry, Calvin Klein, Coach, Cole Haan, Lacoste, Michael Kors, Nike, Tommy Hilfiger and more. 681 Leavesley Rd., Gilroy, 408.842.3729. 2774 Paragon Outlets Dr., Livermore, 925.292.2868. 629 Factory Stores Dr., Napa, 707.226.9876. 2200 Petaluma Blvd., North Petaluma, 707.778.9300. 321 Nut Tree Rd., Vacaville, 707.447.5755.



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.

49 GEARY

The remarkable building that once housed the entire West Coast operation of Western Union is now home to about 20 art galleries and four rare-book dealers. Holding what may be the largest single concentration of art, photography, prints and rare books anywhere in the country, 49 Geary will keep any art lover entertained for hours. 49 Geary St.

ASIAN ARTS CENTER

Located near Union Square, the Asian Arts Center features traditional Asian artwork exhibits including silk embroidery art, Tibetan metalwork, Burmese jade and Hetian nephrite. Open daily. 45 Kearny St., 415.296.8508.

CALDWELL SNYDER GALLERY

Caldwell Snyder is a leading contemporary art gallery representing many of the most significant international painters and sculptors of the 21st century. It has con-

sistently been a vital force in the art world by introducing many renowned artists to the Bay Area for the first time. 341 Sutter St., 415.392.2299. 1328 Main St., St. Helena, 707.200.5050.

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, Chéret and Tissot. Twentieth century masters Picasso, Matisse, Chagall and Dalí 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 transcultural nature and works to integrate its contemporary artists into the global community of art professionals, institutions and collectors. 161 Jessie St., 415.346.7812.

HACKETT MILL

This gallery presents rare works from the 1950s and 1960s by important American, European and Asian artists. The gallery focuses on historical movements that took place in the mid-20th century including American Modern, Post-War Abstract Expressionism and California/Bay Area Figurative Art. Closed Su, M. 201 Post St., Ste. 1000, 415.362.3377.

HASHIMOTO CONTEMPORARY

Located in Nob Hill, Hashimoto Contemporary is home to an eclectic blend of new contemporary artists. With monthly rotating exhibitions, the gallery focuses on a range of painting, sculpture and installation-based work. 804 Sutter St., 415.655.9265.

JENKINS JOHNSON GALLERY

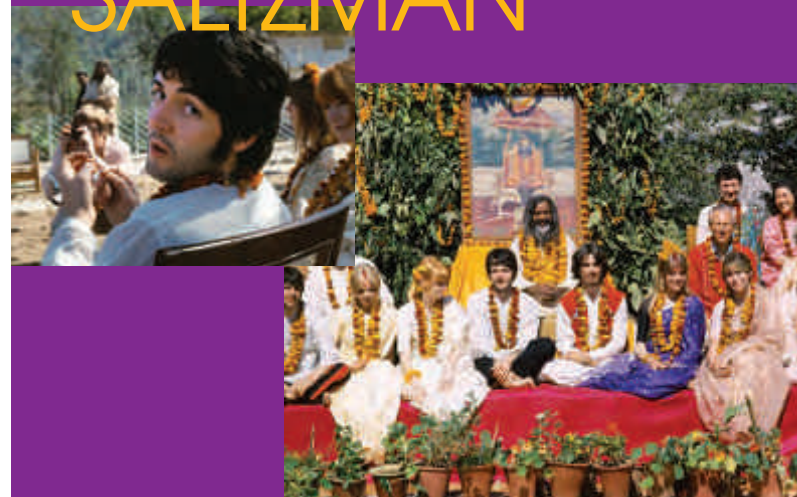
Features contemporary photography, painting, video, performance and glass sculpture by emerging, mid-career and established artists. With an emphasis on content-driven art, international artists challenge the traditional use of materials to produce work that focuses and reflects on societal issues. 464 Sutter St., 415.677.0770.

A California Perspective

The new exhibition "Designed in California" (all month) at SFMOMA examines the evolution of California design into the digital age and positions the state as the epicenter of a growing field. The show explores the conflicting desires of staying connected and escaping, with multimedia presentations of Ray and Charles Eames, North Face tents, Chouinard climbing gear, the first Apple desktop and new household items connected by the Internet of Things. 151 3rd St., 415.357.4000

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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.

MEYEROVICH GALLERY

One of the country's leading galleries, specializing in American and European paintings, works on paper, graphics and sculpture by modern and contemporary masters such as John Baldessari, Guy Dill, Alex Katz, Roy Lichtenstein, Robert Motherwell, Robert Rauschenburg, Frank Stella, Donald Sultan, Bernar Venet and Russian artist Grisha Bruskin. Closed Su. 251 Post St., Suite 400, 415.421.7171.

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 San Francisco art scene since 1984, this gallery features contemporary paintings, sculpture and photography by critically acclaimed American and European artists, including Donald Sultan, Hunt Slonem, Ross Bleckner, Eric Freeman, Miguel Condé, Thomas Struth and others. The gallery provides expert art advising services to its international clientele and ships all over the world. Closed Su. 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.

ZK GALLERY

This contemporary and modern art gallery exhibits both internationally renowned and emerging artists, seeking

to present hand-selected talent from across the globe. It serves both the novice art enthusiast and the discerning collector. 213 Jefferson St., 415.632.1036.

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.

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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.

MUSEUM OF CRAFT AND DESIGN

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 fea-

tures 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 con-

temporary 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 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.

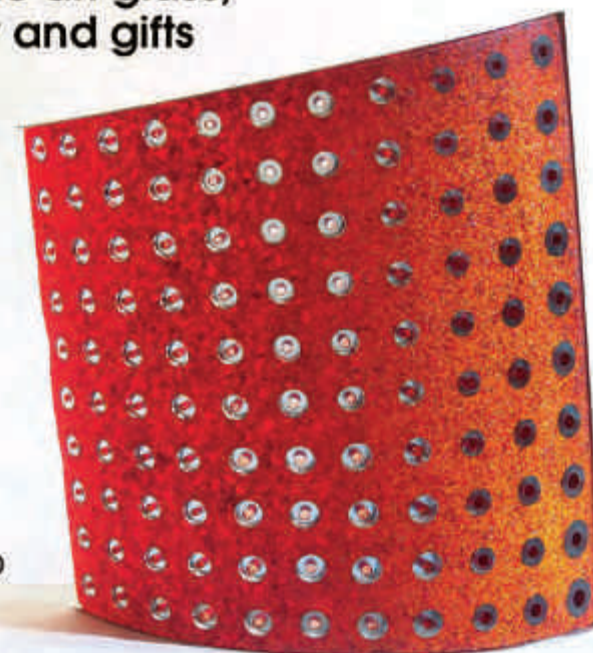
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CASTRO/UPPER MARKET

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

ESPETUS BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE

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

AKIKOS RESTAURANT

Sushi Changing daily, the menu at this popular downtown sushi restaurant features an eclectic range of local and seasonal seafood with an emphasis on raw fish. It can be hard to get a reservation at the intimate, 30-seat restaurant, but you'll find incredible sashimi and some of the most unique rolls in town, and odds are they won't be on the menu next visit. The interior features imported rosewood floors and exposed brick walls, and the place settings and tableware are made by Sausalito's Heath Ceramics. L (M-F), D (M-Sa). Closed Su. 431 Bush St., 415.397.3218.

KUSAKABE

Japanese For the ultimate in sushi, look no further than Kusakabe, a Michelin-starred restaurant that offers a prix fixe menu inspired by traditional Japanese "Kaiseki" cuisine. At \$95 per meal, the Kusakabe experience isn't cheap, but it is worth it—this is one of the few sushi restaurants in the Bay Area that offers an "Omasake" menu chosen specifically by the chef and prepared to order. 584 Washington St., 415.757.0155.

Elegant Downtown Dining

The inspiration for the menu at the spacious new restaurant **Gibson** comes from live fire and small local farms, and the design muse is the Art Deco movement. Helmed by rising star chef Robin Song and located in the same 1914 building as Hotel Bijou, it serves a daily dinner menu of contemporary starters, like chaud-froid egg, and mains, like trout grilled on the bone. The signature bread service consists of charcoal-grilled sourdough with a choice of seasonal garnishes such as curried currant with cauliflower. 111 Mason St., 415.771.7709



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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. \$\$\$

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. 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. \$\$

LA MAR CEBICHERIA PERUANA

Latin American The traditional Peruvian dishes at this attractive, modern space on the waterfront showcase fresh seafood with influences from China and Japan. Signature offerings include ceviches, causas, empanadas and anticuchos, as well classic and updated main courses. Pair them with a pisco sour cocktail. L, D (daily). Pier 1 1/2, 415.397.8880. \$\$\$

THE SLANTED DOOR

Vietnamese In a swank waterfront location in the Ferry Building, this restaurant from star chef Charles Phan serves modern interpretations of Vietnamese cuisine and is famous for its shaking beef dish. One of the most profitable dining establishments in the city, it won the James Beard Outstanding Restaurant Award in 2014. L, D (daily). 1 Ferry Building, 415.861.8032. \$\$\$

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. \$\$\$

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. \$\$\$

MISSION DISTRICT AL'S PLACE

California Cuisine Named America's best new restaurant of 2015 by Bon Appetit magazine, Al's Place is a casual, 46-seat restaurant located on an unassuming corner in the outskirts of the Mission District. Chef and owner Aaron London, a Sonoma native who's worked

at acclaimed restaurants like Ubuntu, creates vegetable-focused and seafood main dishes, offering meat as a side. 1499 Valencia St., 415.416.6136.

COMMONWEALTH

American Named after the concept of organizing for the common good, you can feel good about dining here—and not just because of the harmoniously layered, delectable dishes. This progressive eatery donates \$10 from each tasting menu to local nonprofits. D (nightly). 2224 Mission St., 415.355.1500. \$\$\$

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. \$\$\$



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Sushi Celebrated as one of San Francisco's top sushi destinations and izakayas, Ichi Sushi is the place to go for traditional nigiri, sashimi and an extensive sake list. Sustainability is a huge focus here, and the recently renovated space features a wall-sized mural with playful instructions on how to eat sushi correctly. D (M-Sa). 3282 Mission St., 415.525.4750.

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. \$\$

LOCANDA

Italian The masterminds behind the acclaimed Delfina and Pizzeria Delfina opened this modern trattoria that's a local hotspot. Start off with antipasti like fried olives, then dig into saucy pastas like rigatoni alla carbonara and charcoal-grilled dishes featuring lamb, quail and spare ribs. The wine and cocktail offerings are excellent, too. D (nightly). 557 Valencia St., 415.863.6800. \$\$

LOLÓ

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

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 1760

American Created by the family behind the acclaimed Acquerello, this spinoff highlights Italian and California-influenced dining in a sleek, casual atmosphere with Art Deco touches, expansive windows and a youthful slant. The service is polished, the atmosphere is lively and the presentation is beautiful. D (nightly). 1760 Polk St., 415.359.1212.

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. \$\$\$

NORTH BEACH BETTY LOU'S SEAFOOD & GRILL

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.

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. \$\$\$

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. \$\$

TONY'S PIZZA NAPOLETANA

Italian Dubbed the best pizzeria in America by Forbes magazine, Tony Gemignani's pizzas are authentic, with ingredients imported from the pizza capital of the world, Naples. The diverse array of styles, from the famous pizza Margherita to the savory Cal Italia, require seven different ovens. L, D (W-Su). 1570 Stockton St., 415.835.9888. \$\$

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 Suto Baths. The camera obscura on the deck is on the National Register of Historic Places. Suto'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 housemade levain bread is the menu standout, but the regular lineup of pastries, soups and cold and open-face sandwiches is always worth the trip. 4001 Judah St., 415.661.6140.

SOUTH OF MARKET 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.

MATHILDE FRENCH BISTRO

French Elegant, modern with a rustic touch, Mathilde is a neighborhood restaurant serving traditional French fare like seven-hour, slow-cooked duck confit in duck soup, French liver salad and homemade foie gras. Protected from street noise and surrounded by vines

and greenery, the inviting back patio evokes the French countryside, and is the perfect spot for a leisurely Sunday brunch or live Gypsy jazz on Thursday nights. 315 5th St., 415.546.6128.

UNION SQUARE FARALLON

Seafood This classic Pat Kuleto restaurant in Union Square has been enchanting guests for two decades 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. L (M-Sa), D (nightly). 160 Ellis St., 415.397.8470. \$\$

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.



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



MATHILDE FRENCH BISTRO

This neighborhood spot in SoMa is elegant, modern with a rustic touch. The cuisine of Chef Clement is quintessential French bistro faire, from the simple Steak Frites, traditional Duck leg confit to our voted best Onion Soup Gratinée, your body and soul will be nourished. Our service mission is "Comme chez nous," "as you are at our home" creating a convivial atmosphere with friendly service. Whether you dine in our whimsical dining room or our coveted covered patio room, where you are surrounded with greens and candle lights, evoke the memories of the French country side. Tu-Th 5:30-9:30 pm F-Sa 5:30-10pm Happy Hour Th-Sa 5-6 pm

315 5th St., 415-546-6128, www.mathildesf.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



TASTE OF THE CITY

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

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



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Magnificent Magnolias

The **San Francisco Botanical Garden** is home to one of the largest magnolia collections outside of China. This month, nearly 100 pink and white magnolias bloom, many of which are rare. The garden offers a variety of special events for this annual occasion, including Magnolias by Moonlight walks and curator tours. The internationally recognized urban oasis covers 55 acres of gardens displaying more than 8,000 different kinds of plants, plus a library and bookstore. *1199 9th Ave., 415.661.1316*

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.*

AT&T PARK

Home of the San Francisco Giants, AT&T Park boasts breathtaking city views and a classic design. The stadium features a nine-foot tall statue of America's greatest living ballplayer, Willie Mays, at the entrance, home runs that splash into McCovey Cove, an 80-foot Coca-Cola bottle with playground slides, a miniature AT&T Park for kids and diverse dining options within the stadium. You can also take tours of the ballpark that allow fans to explore areas normally closed to the public. *24 Willie Mays Plaza, 415.972.2400.*

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.*

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

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.*

FORT POINT

This powerful fort guarded the Golden Gate Bridge entrance for almost half a cen-

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tury 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.*

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.*

GRACE CATHEDRAL

A famous San Francisco landmark, this cathedral inspired by the architecture of Paris' Notre Dame serves as a diverse gathering place for worship, celebration and conversation. It is known for its striking architecture, stained glass, De Rosen mosaics and replica of Ghiberti's "Gates of Paradise." It's also home to an Interfaith AIDS Chapel, well-attended free community yoga classes on the labyrinth and three choirs, including one of the last Episcopal men and boys cathedral choirs. Guided tours available. *1100 California St., 415.749.6300.*

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.*

JAPANTOWN CENTER

The focal point of San Francisco's Japanese neighborhood (the oldest and largest such enclave in the country, founded in 1906 and encompassing six square blocks) stands near the famous Peace Pagoda in Peace Plaza. It contains Japanese supermarkets and shops selling books, anime and gifts as well as restaurants, sushi bars, galleries and night spots. Kabuki Springs & Spa, a traditional Japanese bathhouse, is also located here, as well as a number of cultural events and celebrations throughout the year. *Post and Buchanan streets, 415.922.6776.*

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.*

MISSION DOLORES

Completed in 1791, Mission Dolores is the oldest intact building in San Francisco, the city's first church and the sixth of 21 missions built along the El Camino Real from Mexico to Sonoma. Visit to learn about the mission's unique historic, religious and architectural significance and enjoy its tranquil garden. 3321 16th St., 415.621.8203.

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 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

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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 archeologists 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 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.

SEA LION CENTER

The sea lions that hang out at the docks by Pier 39 have become a world-famous tourist attraction, getting millions of visitors each year. Now sightseers have the chance to not only see (and hear and smell) the 650 giant mammals, which started appearing at the pier out of the blue about 25 years ago, but also learn about the creatures at the Sea Lion Center, operated by the nearby conservation-focused Aquarium of the Bay. Located above the dock and

staffed by naturalists who give free presentations, this educational hub features a classroom and an interactive exhibit space with a sea lion skeleton, a great white shark replica and informative films. *Embarcadero at Beach St., 415.262.4734.*

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.

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URBAN PUTT

Located in the Mission District, Urban Putt is San Francisco's first and only miniature golf course. A team of local designers, robotics engineers, welders and artists designed the indoor, 14-hole course, which features imaginative handmade marvels and interactive, kinetic sculptures inspired by San Francisco's landmarks and architecture. Two bars pour drafts from local breweries, wines and cocktails which are served in custom-designed "adult sippy cups" so that players can drink on the green. After your game, grab a bite at the upstairs restaurant serving California comfort food with organic and locally sourced ingredients. 1096 South Van Ness Ave., 415.341.1080.

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 BEAT MUSEUM

Dedicated to the poetry and social movement that made San Francisco a part of literary history, this museum showcases artifacts from authors such as Jack Kerouac and Lawrence Ferlinghetti. Located across the street from City Lights Books. Open 10 am-7 pm daily. 540 Broadway St., 415.399.9626.

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.

CHILDREN'S CREATIVITY MUSEUM

This hands-on, multimedia arts and technology experience for kids of all ages is located in San Francisco's Yerba Buena neighborhood. The museum promotes 21st century skills—creativity, communication and collaboration—to inspire new ideas and a spirit of invention. 221 4th St., 415.820.3320.

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

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS

The Bay Area's professional basketball team currently plays at the Oracle Arena in Oakland but has plans to move to a state-of-the-art, privately financed recreation and entertainment facility in San Francisco's Mission Bay. Oracle Arena, 7000 Coliseum Way, Oakland, 510.986.2200.

HOUSE OF AIR

Jump to your heart's content at this expansive indoor trampoline park, located in a historic airplane hangar in the Presidio. Not only does it afford some of the best views of the city and the bay, but the park includes large trampoline decks with trampoline walls (dodgeball, anyone?) and a children's bounce house for ages 6 and under. 926 Old Mason St., in the Presidio, 415.345.9675.

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 cham-

pions 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 ANGEL ISLAND

This small island just off the Tiburon Peninsula offers hiking and biking trails, campsites, picnic facilities and spectacular views of the city. Bike rentals, open-air tram tours and concessions are offered daily. *Blue and Gold Fleet ferries depart from Pier 41, 415.773.1188; Angel Island-Tiburon Ferry departs from 21 Main St., Belvedere Tiburon, 415.435.2131.*

THE BLACKHAWK MUSEUM

Located in the East Bay, The Blackhawk Museum features two exhibition galleries: the

automotive gallery displays 55 rare and one-of-kind 1920s and 1930s classic cars and vintage sports cars from the 1950s and 1960s, and The Spirit of the Old West gallery presents the American Westward Expansion from the mid 1700s through early 1900s. 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, 925.736.2280.

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-prev-

alent deadly ghost net that was found in the belly of a sperm whale carcass. 2000 Bunker Rd., Fort Cronkhite, 415.289.7325.

MUIR WOODS NATIONAL MONUMENT

The world's most famous grove of virgin redwoods, this forest is full of trees that are 400-800 years old and grow to more than 250 feet high, as well as a plethora of other wildlife. Activities include a leisurely (wheelchair accessible) hike alongside a salmon-filled creek. Tip: Starting this year, parking (\$8) and shuttle reservations (\$3) are required. Visit gomuirwoods.com. Open daily. 1 Muir Woods Rd., Mill Valley, 415.388.2595.

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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.*

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section of Market and Drumm streets.

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TIX BAY AREA

This service offers deeply discounted tickets to theater,

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BART

Bay Area Rapid Transit trains serve the city of San Francisco as well as San Francisco and Oakland International airports, Berkeley, Oakland and other Bay Area destinations. Trains run until midnight daily. 415.989.2278.

BUSES

Golden Gate Transit provides regional fixed-route bus service from San Francisco to Marin and Sonoma counties. **AC Transit** offers frequent transbay connections to and from San Francisco and the East Bay, as well as service within Oakland, Berkeley and other East Bay cities. Dial 511 and request either Golden Gate Transit or AC Transit.

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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 and Alameda (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.

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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 con-

secutive 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' clubhouse and the field. *24 Willie Mays Plaza, 415.972.2400.*

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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

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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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Hear tales of high society, adultery and murder on the Nob Hill tour while seeing mansions, fountains, ballrooms and Grace Cathedral. The Financial District tour is full of architectural icons, sculptures and plaques, including the dazzling Julia Morgan ballroom and the Palace Hotel's Garden Court. The Chinatown, Theater District and Union Square walk mixes feng shui, Frank Lloyd Wright architecture and Philippe Starck design. 650.814.6303.

MAGIC BUS

All aboard the Magic Bus, a fantasy theatrical tour through San Francisco during the 1960s. This multi-media adventure is on an actual bus—half sightseeing tour through the city, half documentary film about San Francisco during the Summer of Love. Travel through Haight-Ashbury, Golden Gate Park and Chinatown as you relive the '60s through original videos, documentary footage, 3-D imagery, aural histories, live hippie trip attendants and music of the era. *Bus boards from Union Square, 855.969.6244. (As in 855.WOW.MAGIC)*

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.

PACIFIC HEIGHTS ARCHITECTURAL WALK

San Francisco Architectural 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.

SAN FRANCISCO WHALE TOURS

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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SFMOMA PRIVATE TOURS

Knowledgeable art historians facilitate art appreciation by providing in-depth analysis and historical context, plus they encourage tour participants to form opinions about artwork. Private tours are available during museum hours and last one hour (additional hours optional). \$30-\$35/adults (includes admission); \$14/18 and under;

\$340/groups fewer than 10. Reservations required. 151 3rd St., 415.357.4000.

STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO BIKING TOURS

If you're reasonably fit, perhaps the most exhilarating way to explore the city is to join the thousands of locals commuting on two wheels. The efficiency of a bicycle allows for routes that traverse multiple neighborhoods, and this young company takes out the urban intimidation factor. Go off the beaten tourist track on rides of 9-18 miles to areas where the locals work and live, like the Richmond, SoMa and the city's most highly trafficked bike route, The Wiggle. 370 Linden St., 415.448.7673.

SUPER SIGHTSEEING TOURS

Choose from Ultimate City Tour, Alcatraz Combination Tour, Giant Redwoods Tour,

Deluxe Wine Country Tour, Monterey/Carmel Tours, and much more. Tours range from a few hours to all day. All tours include pick-up and drop off at many San Francisco hotels. 415.353.5310.

URBAN HIKER SAN FRANCISCO

Get in a true workout while taking advantage of one of San Francisco's best secrets: great hiking within city limits. Trek hills, stairways and trails and take in history, nature and incredible views on 5-mile routes during these 2-3 hour jaunts. This tour outfit has even attracted a local following, with groups meeting up for monthly long hikes. 415.669.4453.

VISITORS CENTERS PRECITA EYES MURAL ARTS & VISITORS CENTER

Precita Eyes is the starting point for tours encompass-

ing 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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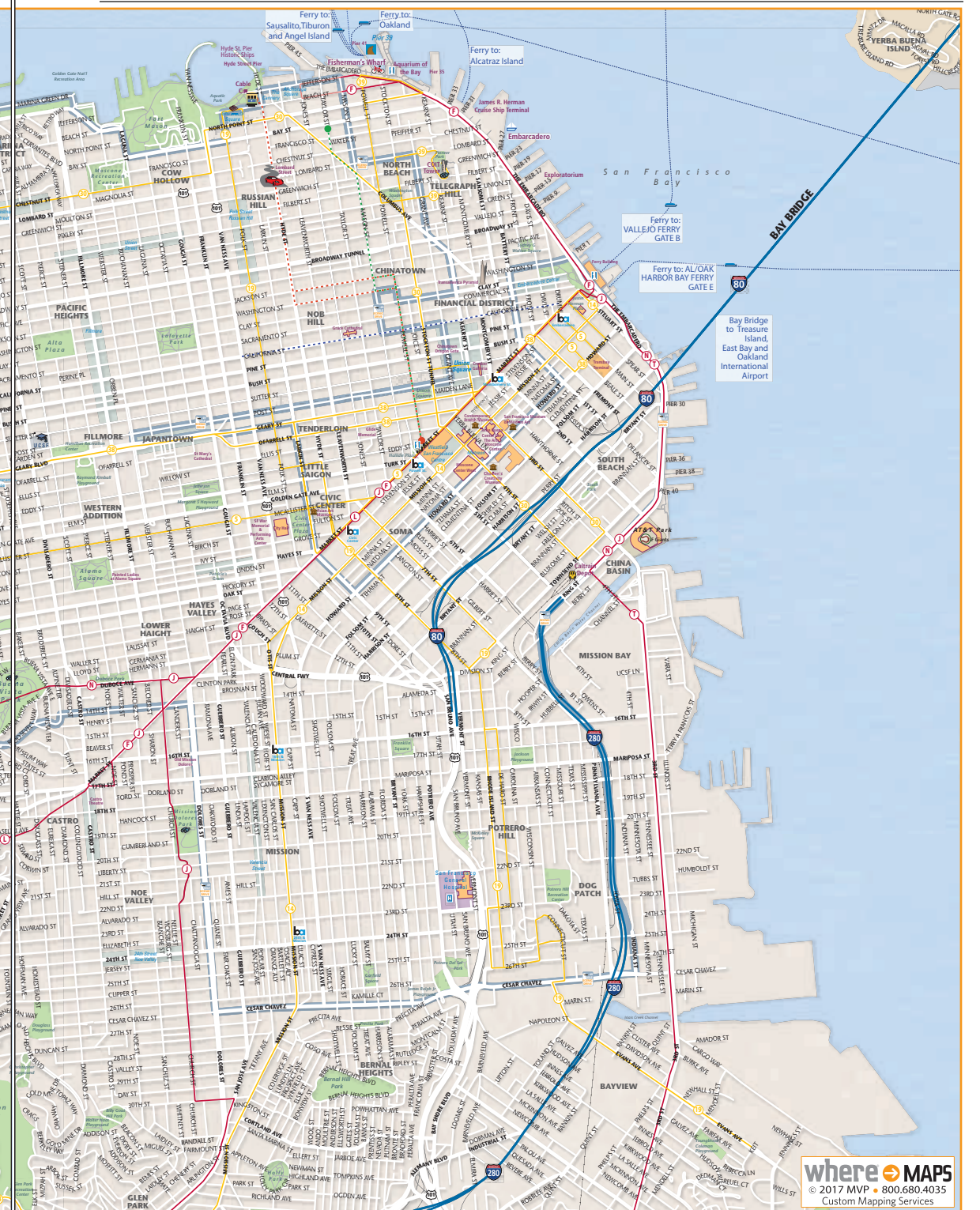
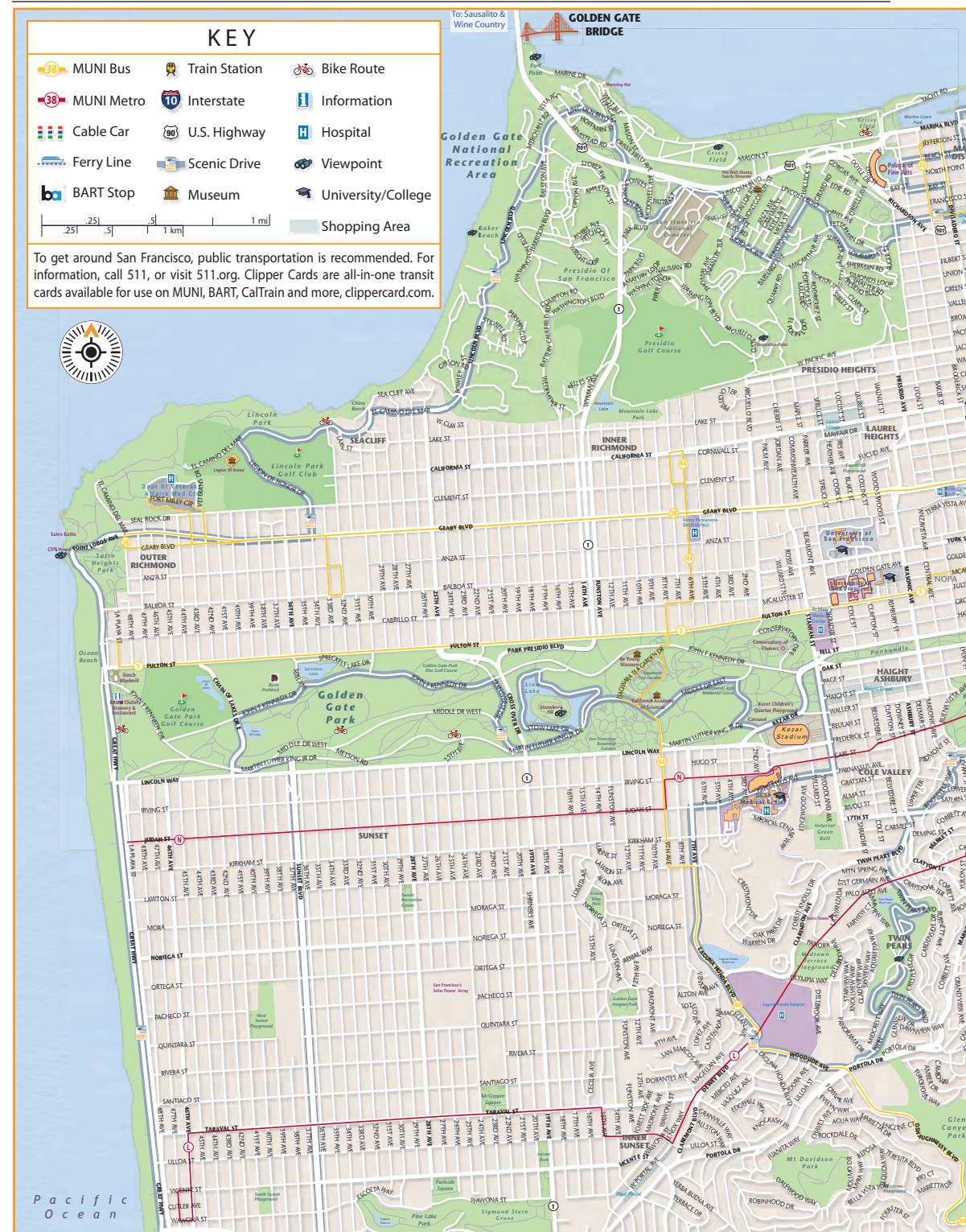
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Treasure Island

The views of downtown San Francisco from Treasure Island are magnificent, day or night.

—**Aaron Feeney, sales and marketing director, Viceroy San Francisco properties, @chiguy2xaron**

Bernal Hill

The top of Bernal Hill has an amazing 360-degree sweeping view of San Francisco. From that spot you can see the Golden Gate Bridge to the Bay Bridge, the

East Bay and even South to Brisbane.

—**Wes Rowe, chef/owner, WesBurger 'N' More, @wesburger_n_more**

Cavallo Point

We like stealing away to Cavallo Point in the Marin Headlands when it's sunny for a lunch on the covered porch. There's a gorgeous perspective of the tip of Gold Gate Bridge peeking from behind the hills framed by the open blue sky, which is pretty dreamy. —**Jacky and Michael Recchiuti, chocolatiers, Recchiuti Confections, @recchiuticonfections**

Alamo Square Park

I still love Alamo Square Park. I live two blocks from it, and eight years later it still takes my breath away. —**Jacob Cross, VP marketing and PR, Back of the House Inc., @jacobjohncross**

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