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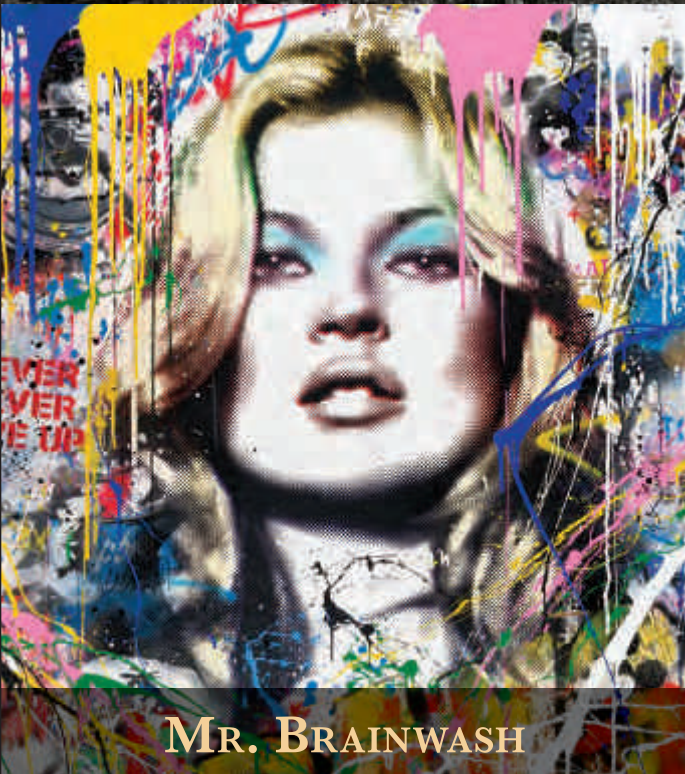
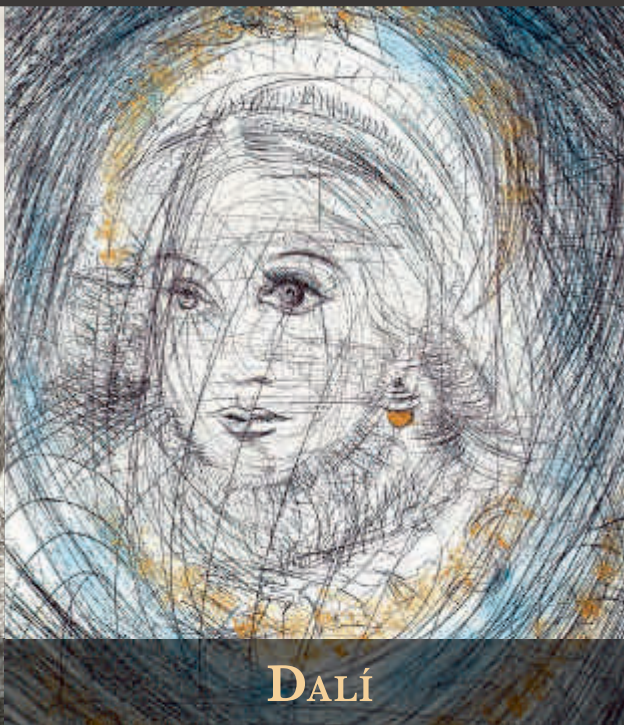
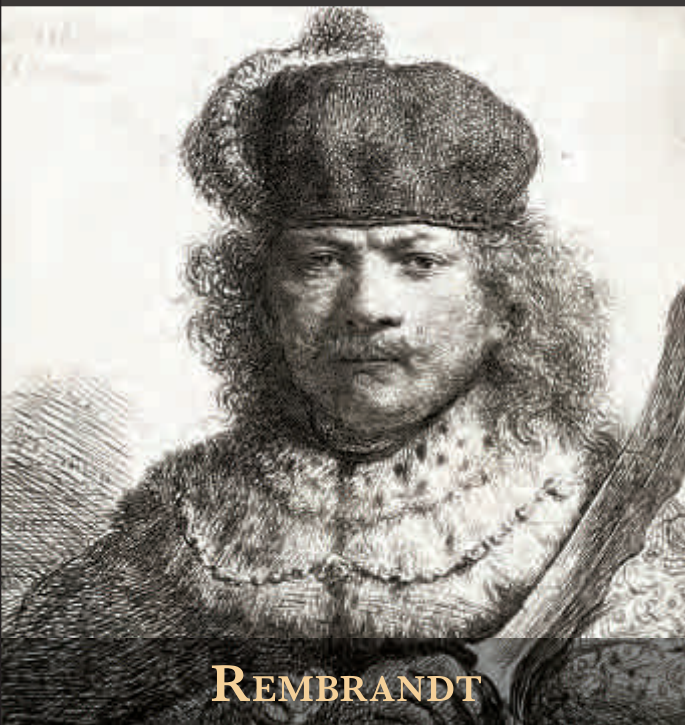
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SPRING HAS SPRUNG! Travelers list beauty as one of the top reasons to visit our City by the Bay. So, when guests come to town, I encourage them to hop on a cable car and head down to Fisherman's Wharf. A cable car ride is an opportunity to view the city (without killing your thighs hiking up the hills) while experiencing one of our iconic traditions. Hop on at Powell Street, and then it's only a short stroll from the last stop at Fisherman's Wharf to Franciscan Crab Restaurant. There you'll experience some of the best views of the bay, Alcatraz and both bridges and have the chance to indulge in another San Francisco classic: scrumptious seafood (the crispy crab cakes are one of my favorites).

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EDITOR'S NOTE

April 2018

Welcome to San Francisco! People are always asking me what’s currently on my radar, so here are a few of the things that I’m excited about this month. First, the city will become the epicenter of the dance world as the San Francisco Ballet premieres new works (I’ve had the chance to preview a few and can say they’re truly thrilling) by today’s most in-demand international choreographers for the “Unbound” festival. Kaya recently opened on Market Street, serving modern Jamaican cuisine (Salt cod fritters! Jerk chicken salad!) from chef Nigel Jones. And in North Beach, you’ll find something really different at Pesce e Riso, a cozy new restaurant on atmospheric Grant Avenue making elegant and satisfying Italian food with a (brilliant) Japanese influence. This city never ceases to surprise. Happy exploring!



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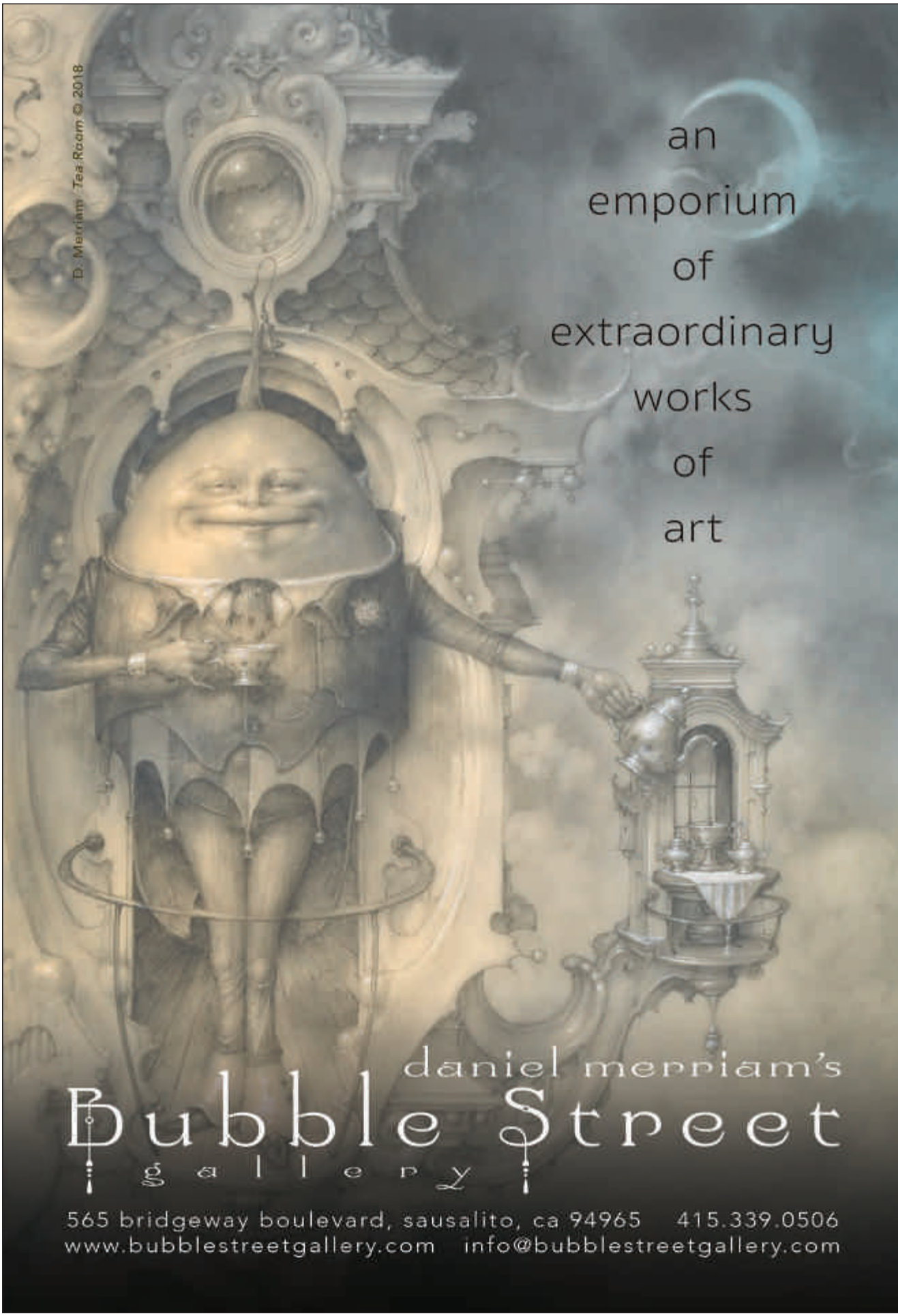
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ASK THE EXPERT

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What are your top tips for cable car riders?

Go either very, very early or later in the evening to avoid the lines. Spark up a conversation with at least two people while waiting in line to get their perspective and thoughts on the city. You might be able to add another destination to your itinerary. Make the event of taking a cable car ride an adventure that allows you to take in the variety of international backgrounds who visit our great city and the chance to have conversations and learn.



What do you love about spring in San Francisco?

I always make it a point to visit at least three neighborhood parks to see how they've changed from last year. Buena Vista Park, Lafayette Park, Lyon Street Steps and Marina Green Triangle are my favorites.

What are your favorite gardens in San Francisco?

Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden below the windmill in Golden Gate Park. Transamerica Redwood Park (so many people forget we have some great beautiful redwoods right in the city). Gardens of Alcatraz (so many people are not told to really take in all the beauty on Alcatraz Island besides the prison). Filbert Steps (this is a must when visiting Coit Tower and a chance to encounter the parrots of San Francisco). Buena Vista Park (this

is a great spot for any tennis players who want a hidden, quiet place to play a quick game).

Where would you go for the perfect San Francisco photo op?

Mount Olympus (this is the dead center of San Francisco, with views facing north, south, east and west). There was a monument there long ago, but only the base is left. It's an amazing view. Corona Heights Park is a great second option for those who don't want to trek up to Twin Peaks for amazing views.

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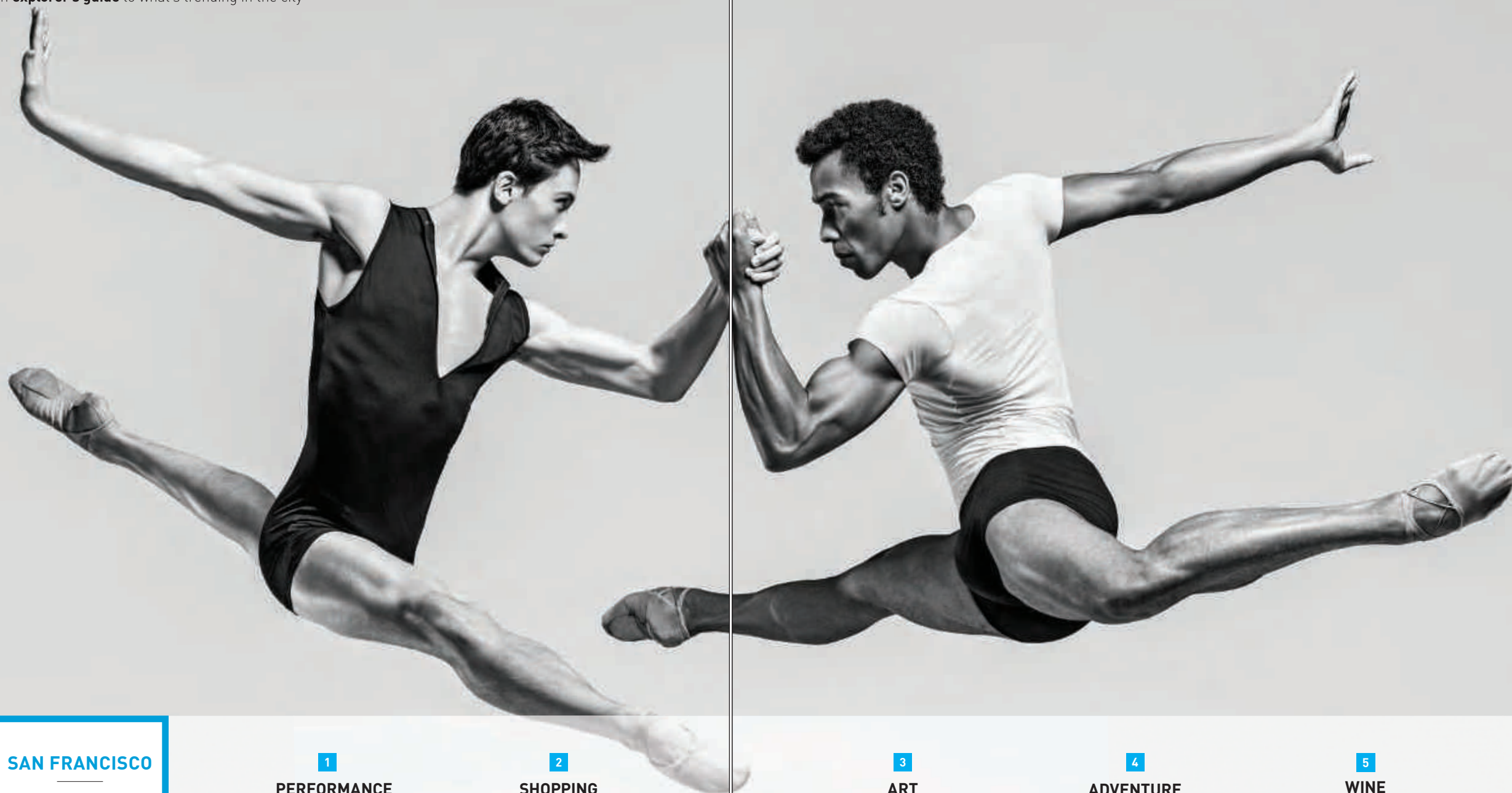
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An **explorer's guide** to what's trending in the city



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TOP 5

Ways to Connect

1

PERFORMANCE

See an experimental world premiere at the San Francisco Ballet's Unbound festival.

2

SHOPPING

Visit Omnivore Books in Noe Valley, a cookbook lovers' wonderland of food-related titles.

3

ART

Wander (no ticket required) the 45,000 square-feet of ground-level galleries at SFMOMA.

4

ADVENTURE

Hop on a ferry to Angel Island to explore the island's rugged beauty on foot.

5

WINE

Sip a flight at urban wineries like Bluxome Street Winery and Tank18.

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WHERE NOW

CALENDAR

April at a Glance

April 4-17

San Francisco International Film Festival

This year, the longest-running film festival in the Americas includes a tribute to Charlize Theron at Castro Theatre with a screening of her new film "Tully." "A Kid Like Jake," starring Claire Danes, opens the festival, and Sundance hit "Sorry to Bother You" is the centerpiece. Other events include marquee premieres, international competitions, documentaries, new media work and musical performances.

April 14-15 and 21-22

Cherry Blossom Festival



One of the largest celebrations of Asian culture on the West Coast, the 51st annual Cherry Blossom Festival brings dancing, singing, martial arts and traditional and non-traditional Japanese delicacies to one of the country's three remaining Japantowns.

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CALENDAR



April 20-May 6

Unbound: A Festival of New Works

San Francisco Ballet invited 12 of the world's most groundbreaking choreographers to create new pieces for the company's fearless, virtuosic dancers. The dozen world premieres are packed into four programs over 16 days. War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness Ave.

April 26-29

Art Market San Francisco

Featuring an extensive selection of modern and contemporary artworks, Art Market is now in its eighth year after last year's sky-high sales and attendance.

Fort Mason Center, 2 Marina Blvd.



LET'S DO THIS

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IN APRIL

The Effect at SF Playhouse (through April 28)

Two volunteers in a clinical trial for a super-antidepressant fall for each other and end up questioning their feelings in this clever play.

SF Giants Home Opener (April 3)

Cheer on the orange-and-black as they take on the Seattle Mariners for the first home game of season.

Cider Summit (April 14)

This annual festival in the Presidio features over 150 ciders from local and international producers.

Smuin Ballet's Dance Series 02 (April 20-29)

This performance includes the world premiere of the cutting-edge piece "If I Were A Sushi Roll."

Earth Day (April 21)

Held at the Civic Center Plaza, Earth Day features live entertainment, a climate rally, vegan food courts and a celebrity chef showcase.

Opening Day on the Bay (April 22)

Hop aboard the classic schooner Freda B and join a parade of hundreds of vessels for this celebration of the beginning of the Northern California boating season.

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SAN FRANCISCO, GARDEN CITY

Where to see the springtime blooms

By Chelsea Iversen

SPRING HAS ARRIVED, and with it thousands of small green plants will mature into full, colorful blooms in gardens throughout San Francisco. Perhaps the most prominent of these gardens dotting the city is the **San Francisco Botanical Garden**. With over 8,000 different plants from around the world, a visit to the botanical garden in spring is a delight for the senses. This is the best time to visit the Arthur L. Menzies Garden of California Native Plants, splashed with the vibrant colors of lilacs, poppies and irises and abuzz with diligent pollinators. April also brings the bloom of thousands of multi-colored tulips and Icelandic poppies to the **Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden** under the shadow of the 75-foot-high Dutch Windmill. Located at the western edge of Golden Gate Park, the garden was planted in the 1980s in honor of the late queen of the Netherlands.

A Fragrant Tour



Rhododendron Dell

In honor of former Golden Gate Park superintendent John McLaren, 850 varieties of his favorite flower were planted in this garden. When in bloom, it becomes a sea of pinks and deep reds.



Conservatory of Flowers

With roots in the in-home tropical greenhouse trend among 19th century aristocrats, this stunning glass-walled building in Golden Gate Park holds rare and tropical blooms.

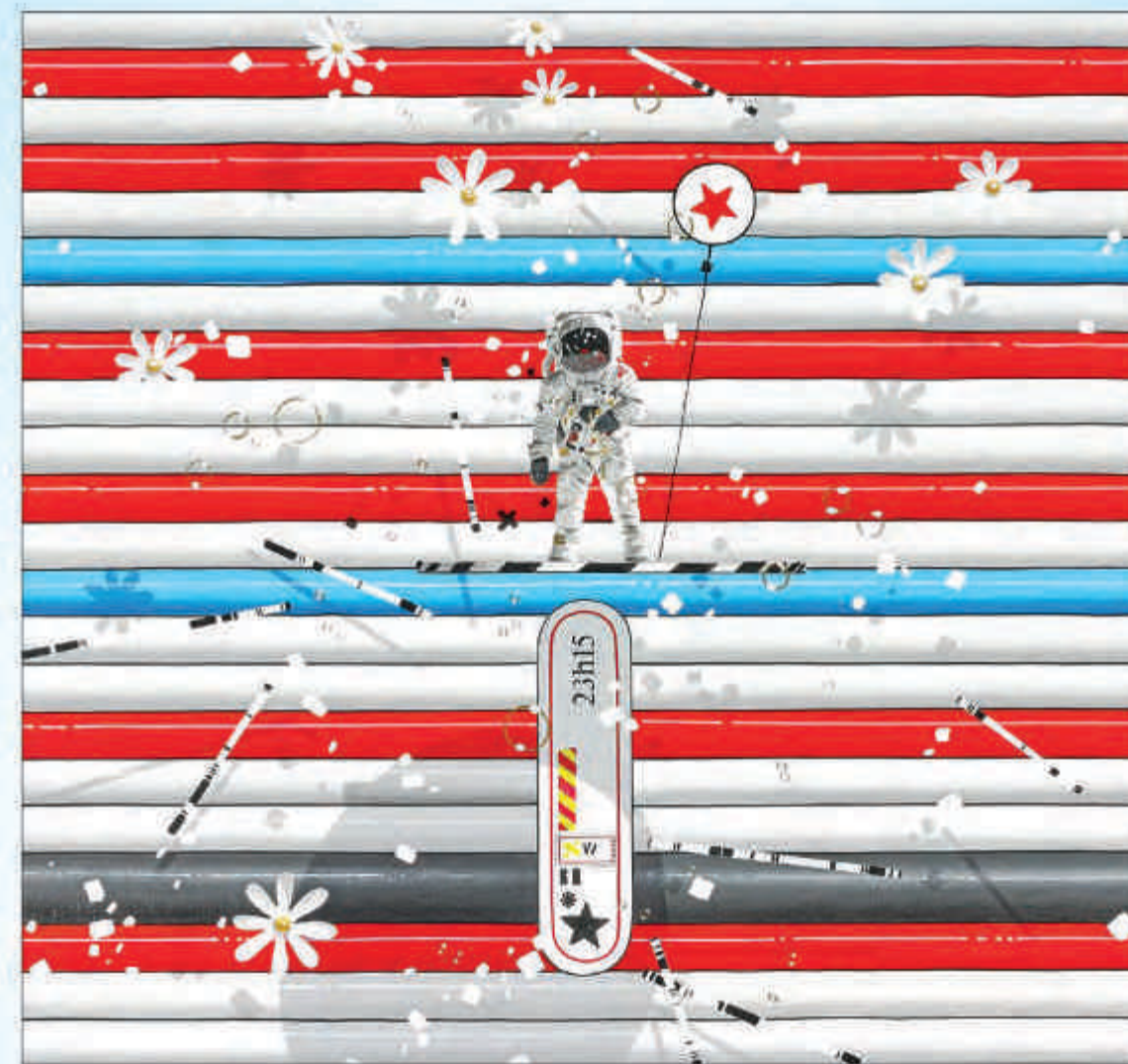


Japanese Tea Garden

The *sakura*, or flowering cherry trees, bloom in an array of white petals. On the ground, azaleas line the paths with brilliant shades of pink.

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COASTLINE REPORT

The best Bay Area beaches

MANY VISITORS ARRIVE TO CALIFORNIA dreaming of soaking up the sun on West Coast beaches and are disappointed when greeted by San Francisco’s wind, fog and chill. But when the sun does come out in the city (more common in the spring than summer), it’s glorious. Locals and visitors flock to several scenic beaches located within city limits. The largest is Ocean Beach on the city’s Pacific border at the end of Golden Gate Park. The 3.5-mile blustery stretch of sand is known for fog and cold (although spring is usually milder than summer). Expert board and kite surfers brave the icy waters, and the beach attracts seabirds and locals gathering for bonfires. Baker Beach’s draw is the classic postcard view of the Golden Gate Bridge with the Marin Headlands in the distance. The waters are unsafe for swimming, but it’s a popular destination for picnicking, sunbathing and strolling. On a sunny day, Crissy Field’s East Beach is a little slice of heaven, with views of the Golden Gate Bridge, Marin Headlands, Angel Island and Alcatraz Island plus happy dogs bounding through the waves and children building sand castles and splashing in the shallow bay shore.

Sandy Escapes



Stinson Beach

Drive down Highway 1 to the white sands and brisk waters of this 3.5-mile crescent of sand. You’ll find picnic tables (some with grills) and ideal conditions for windsurfing and bodyboarding. Seal sightings are common.



Rodeo Beach

Bordered by cliffs and the thundering Pacific, this windswept beach in the Marin Headlands has an isolated vibe. The dark sand is made up of tiny red and green pebbles, and a freshwater lagoon attracts pelicans, hawks, gulls and herons.



Pacifica State Beach

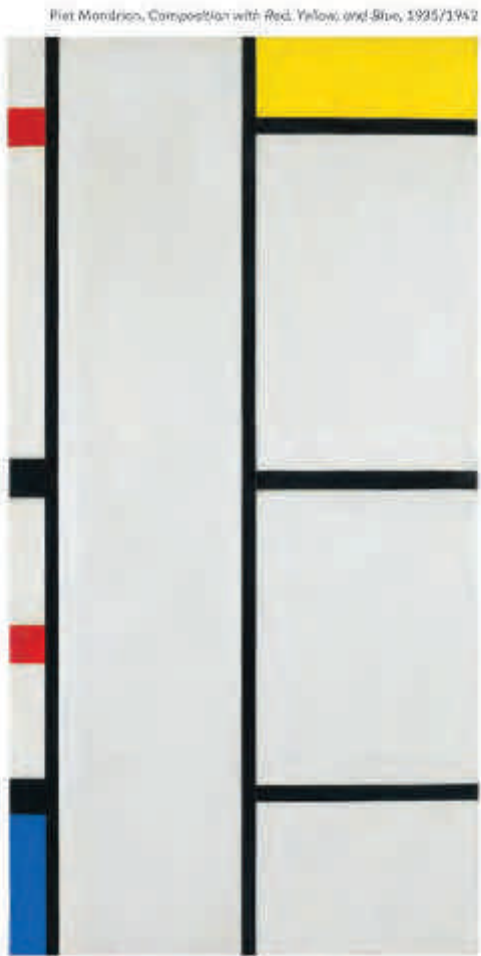
Two miles south of San Francisco, this wide, moon-shaped beach flanked by dunes and cliffs is popular with beginner surfers.

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FOOD

GROUND-LEVEL FEASTING

Locals-approved picnic itineraries

WHILE SAN FRANCISCO IS FAMOUS for its summer fog, sunny spring weekends send locals flocking to the many green spaces that help make the city special. Pack some sunscreen and a comfortable pair of walking shoes and join them at the **Presidio Picnic**. Held on the Presidio Main Post Lawn on Sundays, this gathering of San Francisco restaurants and gourmet food trucks is hosted by Off the Grid. Sample fare from Del Popolo's roving pizza oven or Nopalito's fresh Mexican street tacos. No need to get up if you're thirsty for lunchtime libations—the foodie feast features blanket-side bloody Mary and mimosa service. Walk it off afterwards by heading north for a stroll along Crissy Field. 11 am–4 pm, Sundays. 103 Montgomery St., Presidio

Outdoor Seating



Dolores Park

Go to Ike's Place in the Castro for a seemingly endless menu of giant, made-to-order sandwiches. Next, take a two-block stroll to Dolores Park. This huge, hilly green is also one of the warmest spots in the city.



Golden Gate Park

Grab coffee and paninis at Velo Rouge Café, and then continue to Stow Lake Boathouse to enjoy your spread at the picnic site before taking a pedal boat for a spin.



Alamo Square

The Mill on Divisadero Street is famous for its toasts and locally roasted Four Barrel Coffee. Arrive early to get the best pastries, and then take your breakfast up to Alamo Square.

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

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Morning

Ease into the day with a pour-over cup at **Pinhole Coffee**, outfitted with reclaimed wood, playful artwork and pops of vibrant color. On Saturdays, head to the **Alemanys Farmers' Market**. Featuring farmers, bakers, cheese makers, chefs and flower sellers, this lively gathering has been a community favorite for over 60 years. Make your way to **Bernal Heights Park** to explore and shoot photographs. Trails wind around Bernal Hill and offer impressive panoramas. From native grasses to Anna's hummingbirds to California alligator lizards, the park also supports a rich natural habitat. Head to **Avedano's Holly Park Market** to pick up some pressed sandwiches packed with meat and melted cheese and sit down for a picnic at nearby **Holly Park**.

■ Pinhole Coffee

231 Cortland Ave.

■ Alemanys Farmers' Market

100 Alemanys Blvd.

■ Avedano's Holly Park Market

235 Cortland Ave.

Clockwise from top: Inside cool and cozy Pinhole Coffee on Cortland Avenue; burger at Old Bus Tavern; the culinary school friends who co-founded Hillside Supper Club create unexpected combos using fresh farmers' market finds; Alemanys Farmers' Market on the neighborhood's southern edge.



Afternoon

Succulence stocks plants, pots, terrariums and garden supplies, along with garden books, vintage goods, bath items and artwork. Artsy, airy **Heartfelt** bills itself as a modern version of the old-school general store. Find treats and toys for four-legged friends at **Bernal Beast**, and then sample artisanal snacks and purchase a chocolate bar, some coffee beans or a shaker of spice. at **The Epicurean Trader**.

■ Succulence 402 Cortland Ave.

■ Heartfelt 436 Cortland Ave.

■ Bernal Beast

509 Cortland Ave.

■ The Epicurean Trader

401 Cortland Ave.

Evening

Refuel with happy hour at **Holy Water**. Known for creative cocktails, this low-key lounge also pours a solid selection of craft beer. Sit down for dinner at the cozy bistro **Hillside Supper Club**. Start with the meatballs sprinkled with fresh herbs, and ask about any off-menu specials. End the evening with a chile porter (or, for something lighter, a lemon basil saison) at **Old Bus Tavern**.

■ Holy Water 309 Cortland Ave.

■ Hillside Supper Club

300 Precita Ave.

■ Old Bus Tavern

3193 Mission St.

—Renee Brincks

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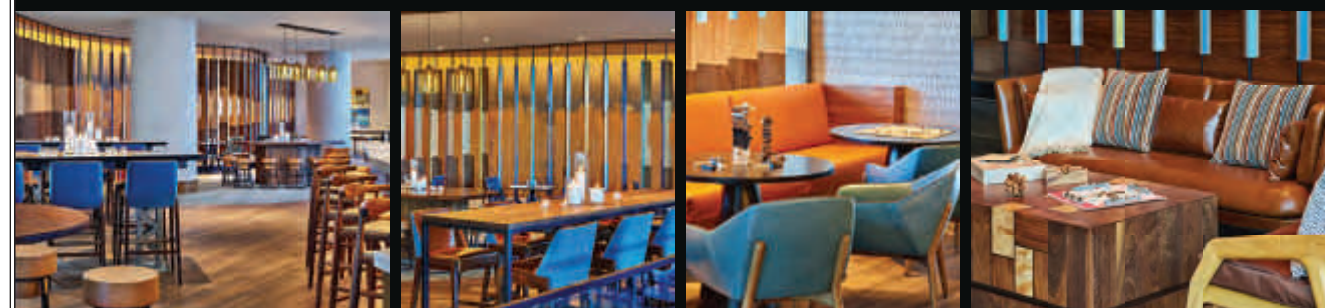
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FIND THE BEST OF ALAMEDA

Morning

Take a bike to San Francisco's Ferry Building to catch a 20-minute ferry over to the Alameda Main Street Terminal. From there, you'll be steps away from the **Alameda Point Antiques Faire**, a large outdoor market held the first Sunday of every month. Make your way to **Rock Wall Wine Company** to enjoy a tasting with stunning views and tasty bites from Scolari's. At the Point on the patio overlooking the bay. Or head over to family-friendly **Faction Brewing** for beers and to order from the rotating food truck.

■ **Rock Wall Wine Company** 2301 Monarch St., Ste. 300

■ **Faction Brewing** 2501 Monarch St.



Afternoon

Pop in **St. George Spirits** to taste any six of the available spirits. Then, take a tour to see the Willy Wonka-esque machinery and aging barrels. Next door is **Hangar 1**. From vodka made with fog to the new rosé vodka, this distillery taps into local ingredients. The best craft beers in the Bay Area use malts made at the new

Clockwise from top: Alameda Point Antiques Fair; the Pacific Pinball Museum is open late on Fridays and Saturdays; brand ambassador Andie Ferman giving a distillery tour at St. George Spirits; downtown Alameda.



Admiral Maltings barley malting facility. Grab lunch and a brew at the onsite pub, the Rake. For a more kid-friendly afternoon, ride the bike lane down to **Crown Memorial State Beach**. Stop at Crab Cove to see bay wildlife burrowed in the mud flats at low tide and spend time at the **Crab Cove Visitor Center** with hands-on marine life exhibits.

■ **St. George Spirits**

2601 Monarch St.

■ **Hangar 1**

2505 Monarch St.

■ **Admiral Maltings**

651 W Tower Ave.

■ **Crab Cove Visitor Center** 1231 McKay Ave.

Evening

Stop for dinner at **Trabocco**, where they serve creative Italian dishes in style. Then stroll around downtown, taking in the island's historical, small-town charm. Catch a blockbuster at **Cinema Grill**, where you can order snacks and cocktails to your seat. Finally, test your pinball skills at the interactive **Pacific Pinball Museum**.

■ **Trabocco Kitchen and Cocktails** 2213 South Shore Center

■ **Cinema Grill** 2301 Central Ave.

■ **Pacific Pinball Museum** 1510 Webster St.

—Chelsea Iversen

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Museums on the Move

San Francisco's cable cars are a peek into the city's past.

By Renee Brincks

FOG SWIRLED OVER San Francisco's Nob Hill as Andrew Smith Hallidie tested the city's first cable car in August of 1873. A fear-consumed conductor vanished before the 4 a.m. trial, accounts suggest, leaving Hallidie to navigate steep Clay Street himself. So, the entrepreneur hopped on and piloted the car downhill, past Portsmouth Square to Kearny Street.

That successful journey inspired the development of San Francisco's cable car system. At its early 1890s peak, eight companies operated 22 lines citywide. Today, three lines remain and the cable cars have National Historic Landmark status. Locals climb aboard to commute to downtown offices, and the museums in motion carry visitors to popular highlights in Union Square, Chinatown, Nob Hill and Fisherman's Wharf. Though they're now a well-known thread in San Francisco's cultural fabric, efforts to eliminate the cable cars trace back to the turn of the century. And, it's been just over 70 years since community members campaigned to protect the vehicles.

Hallidie's original cable cars provided a safer, more efficient alternative to the horse-drawn cars they replaced. Their utility on both slopes and flat streets prompted the construction of more than 50 miles of tracks linking San Francisco's downtown core and outer neighborhoods. By the early 1890s, cable cars departed from the Ferry Building every 15 seconds during rush hour. Within two decades of Hallidie's first test, however, electric streetcars emerged as a preferred mode of transportation. "Transit companies didn't want to keep cable car lines if they didn't have to. Electric streetcars were simpler and cheaper to operate, and they brought in more money," says Robert Callwell, a retired San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (Muni) employee and local transit historian. The 1906 earthquake and fire that devastated San Francisco hastened the cable car system's decline, adds Callwell, who co-authored "Of Cables and Grips: The Cable Cars of San Francisco" with the late Walter



Rice. As local railway companies pushed to replace cable cars, bribes also turned some city leaders into streetcar advocates. By 1912, just eight San Francisco cable car lines welcomed passengers. Citizens unsuccessfully fought to save some routes in the following decades, until the preservation message went mainstream in 1947. As the city's mayor called to end cable car service, local resident Friedel Klusmann launched a grassroots drive to save the iconic vehicles. The fledgling civic activist channeled the community's passion for cable cars, explains Darcy Brown of SF Beautiful, a nonprofit that grew out of Klusmann's campaign and continues to spearhead citywide livability and beautification projects. "One voice can change the world," says Brown. "It just takes one person to inspire their friends, and that's what Friedel Klusmann did." Under Klusmann's leadership, the Citizens' Committee to Save the Cable Cars brought local and national attention to the threatened transit mode. Magazines such as Life and Time covered the debate. Former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt spoke out for the system, as did prominent business leaders



MAKING THE CLIMB

(Clockwise from opposite page) Outside the Fairmont San Francisco hotel on Nob Hill; at the peak of California Street; cable cars run between Market Street and Fisherman's Wharf.

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and celebrities.

The campaign led to a successful 1947 ballot measure that mandated the maintenance of the city-owned Powell Street lines. Latter battles to save routes once owned by the California Street Cable Railroad Company achieved mixed results. In 1964, San Francisco's cable cars became a National Historic Landmark.

"When people think of San Francisco, the first thing that comes to mind is the cable car. It's important to retain that iconic symbol of our city. But, it's also a nod to when this was an advanced mode of transportation," says Brown. "San Francisco was ahead of its time in having cable cars throughout the city.

In 1982, more than a century after Hallidie's Clay Street trial, San Francisco's cable car system was shut down and rebuilt. The ambitious two-year project produced new tracks, restored cars and a rehabbed cable car barn and powerhouse. Today, guests will find the Friedel Klusmann Memorial Turn-

around where the Powell-Hyde cable cars switch directions at Hyde and Beach Streets; in Union Square, the cable car lines end at Powell and Market Streets, near a transit plaza named for Andrew Smith Hallidie. At the cable car powerhouse at 1201 Mason St. (at the intersection of Washington Street), visitors get a behind-the-scenes look of these legendary vehicles. Viewing areas overlook huge wheels and engines that pull the cables, while the free San Francisco Cable Car Museum features restored cars dating back to the 1870s. The museum also displays mechanical equipment and historical photos that document how cable cars revolutionized San Francisco—and why they remain relevant.

"Cable cars are 19th-century transportation. They're mechanical. There's electricity now, of course, and electronic safety devices that make things much safer than back then, but the system works on gravity and cables," says Callwell. "It's a part of San Francisco history, and it still works today."



HANG ON TIGHT

(Clockwise from opposite page) A trip on the California line; riders can sit or stand; cable cars travel past Union Square, the city's most famous shopping district.

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CABLE CARS: BY THE NUMBERS

- Length of underground steel rope that propels San Francisco's cable cars: *11 miles*
- Constant speed of the underground cable that moves the cars: *9.5 miles per hour*
- Grade of Hyde Street, where cable cars travel between Bay and San Francisco streets: *21 percent*
- Weight of an empty, double-ended California Street cable car: *16,800 pounds*

■ **CABLE CAR OR STREETCAR?** San Francisco's robust public transit system includes cable cars and streetcars, two often-confused vehicles that operate by different means. Cable cars run on tracks built above an underground cable. That cable cycles continuously, driven by motors in the central powerhouse, and a mechanism below the vehicle bed grips and lets go of the cable to make the car go and stop. While today's powerhouse motors run on electricity, they were propelled by steam prior to San

Francisco's 1906 earthquake and fire. Streetcars, also known as trolleys or trams, run on steel rails and are powered by electricity fed from an overhead wire. They move faster than cable cars and can typically carry more passengers.

THE BEST OF THE BELL RINGERS

It's an iconic San Francisco scene: a cable car crawls up a steep Hyde Street slope, with the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz Island in the background. Of course, the sounds of this journey—clacking tracks, clanging bells, the call of a conductor—are almost as legendary as the sights. For more than 50 years, San Francisco's cable car operators have celebrated their craft at the annual Cable Car Bell Ringing Contest. Uniformed participants present their best musical melodies during the summer competition, with judges rating each on rhythm, originality and style. The winner earns the Bell Ringing World Champion title.



ICONIC TRANSIT

(Clockwise from opposite page) Riding up Hyde Street in Russian Hill; traveling on Powell Street near Union Square; waiting for a streetcar, not to be confused with a cable car.

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From Italy With Love

The same 12-time World Pizza Champion who gave us Tony's Pizza has now opened **Giovanni Italian Specialties** in North Beach. Whether you're planning to cook, in need of a hostess gift or looking for a souvenir, Tony Gemignani's new shop is a good place to start. Pick up fresh pasta and sauces (or just grab a meatball sandwich) for dinner, choose a snack of Mediterranean olives or fresh mozzarella to share, or design your own gift basket with spices, cookbooks and Venetian linens. *Buon appetito.* 629 Union St., 415.576.8806

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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 MARINE LAYER

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., 415.779.2712.

BOOKS, MUSIC, & ELECTRONICS

AMOEBA MUSIC

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

eos, vinyl records and vintage rock posters anywhere. 1855 Haight St., 415.831.1200

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 activ-

ities 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 BLOOMINGDALE'S

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

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MACY'S

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

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.

EYEWEAR

JINS

This is the first U.S. store of the Japanese eyewear company, which has 350 retail locations in Japan, China and Taiwan. JINS boasts over 1,200 styles—all designed in Tokyo. The Union Square location promises your prescription eyewear in less than 30 minutes thanks to an onsite lens-edging robot, and also offers 15-minute eye exams. 151 Powell St., 415.391.2481.

WARBY PARKER

This is the first San Francisco store from the hip and affordable eyeglass retailer. You'll find library-inspired bookcases, chevron wood floors, periodicals sourced

from independent presses, banquet seating, San Francisco-inspired murals and limited-edition styles you can't find anywhere else. 357 Hayes St., 415.906.5313.

HOME & DESIGN 3 FISH STUDIOS

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

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.

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. 900 18th St., 415.361.5552.

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

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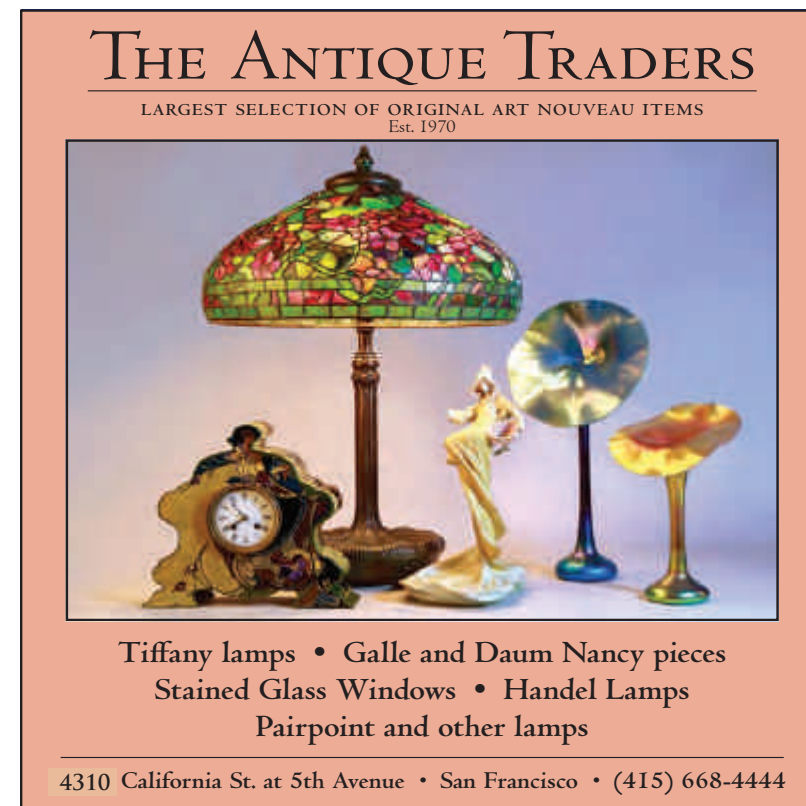
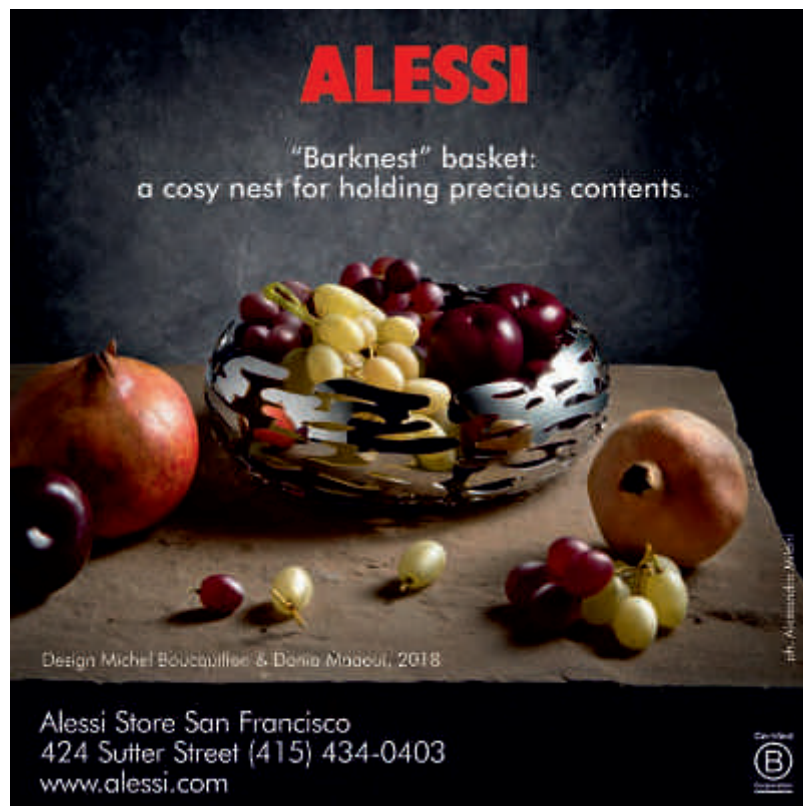
Located in the heart of Union Square in the historic 180 Geary St. building, Hublot San Francisco offers an extensive selection of timepieces for ladies and men. Hublot timepieces merge classic Swiss horological complications with modern design and materials, redefining what a Swiss watch looks like.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

LANG ANTIQUES

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

SHREVE & CO.

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



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.

CONVERSE

The 8,200-square-foot store features two floors showcasing the largest assortment of Converse footwear, apparel and accessories globally. The store is home to women's, kids and premium footwear collections, the latter of which is located in a gallery-like space alongside the work



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At the Asian Art Museum, the exhibit “**Divine Bodies**” (through July 29) shows Hindu and Buddhist sculptures and paintings alongside contemporary photography, inviting viewers to consider “the relationship of the body to the cosmos.” Look for connections and overlapping details in the beautiful portraits of modern humans and the historical paintings and sculptures of gods and goddesses displayed throughout three thematic galleries. 200 Larkin St., 415.581.3500

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..

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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 consistently 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.

CHLOE FINE ARTS GALLERY

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CHRISTOPHER-CLARK FINE ART

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

CK CONTEMPORARY

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

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DOLBY CHADWICK GALLERY

Represents international emerging and mid-career artists who specialize in oil painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture and photography. A recurring theme is optical effects that explore and redefine visual perception. Closed Su, M. 210 Post St., Ste. 205, 415.956.3560.

FOULADI PROJECTS

This newer gallery on Mid-Market offers relevant and inspiring contemporary fine art complemented by carefully curated functional works in an inviting setting. Works span a wide range of mediums including painting, drawing, conceptual sculpture and installation. The owners welcome novice and seasoned art enthusiasts and encourage community engagement by hosting studio visits, artist dinners and performances as well as participating in art fairs. 1803 Market St., 415.621.2535.

FRAENKEL GALLERY

Founded in 1979, this world-class gallery at 49 Geary focuses on photography,

with rotating shows of various genres that span the medium's beginnings to new works. Closed Su, M. 49 Geary St., 4th fl., 415.981.2661.

GALLERY 16

A wide range of contemporary work in all media, as well as artist workshops and lecture series, define the gallery's open attitude and investigative approach to art. Closed Su, M. 501 3rd St., 415.626.7495.

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.

GREGORY LIND GALLERY

Established in 2002, this gallery specializes in challenging, boundary-pushing works by emerging and midcareer artists primarily from California, New York and Boston. Lind also exhibits a variety of feature paintings, drawings, sculpture and photography by contemporary artists. Closed Su, M. 49 Geary St., 5th fl., 415.296.9661.

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.

HAINES GALLERY

Cheryl Haines, the owner of this gallery at 49 Geary, has a sharp eye for new talent and relationships with major museums that allow for significant exhibitions. The space showcases diverse contemporary works, including minimalist, abstract, conceptual and multimedia. Closed Su, M. 49 Geary St., 415.397.8114.

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

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MARK WOLFE CONTEMPORARY ART

This all-media gallery offers a good mix of hip young urbanism and new traditional media. It focuses on exposition in art, choosing to show works that encourage audiences to perceive visuals in new ways. The gallery has hosted the debut shows of several rising and established artists from around the world and has showcased works at SFMOMA and Civic Gallery in Milan. Open M-F and every second Sa of the month. 1 Sutter St., Ste. 300, 415.369.9404.

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.

MODERNISM WEST

Housed inside the French restaurant Foreign Cinema, stop at this tiny art space for, you guessed it, modernist works from 1950 to the present. M-F 6-10 pm, Sa-Su 11 am-10 pm. 2534 Mission St., 415.541.0461.

MODERNISM

For more than three decades Modernism has shown a variety of challenging, museum-worthy paintings, works on paper, photography and sculpture by contemporary and historic American, European and avant-garde Russian artists. This was the first Bay Area gallery to show Andy Warhol, and it introduced the nation to Austrian artist Gottfried Helnwein. Closed Su, M. 685 Market St., Ste. 290, 415.541.0461.

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.

MONTGOMERY GALLERY

Since 1984, this scholarly Jackson Square gallery has specialized in important 19th and early 20th century European Post-Impressionist and modern paintings, as well as American Impressionist and early Californian works. It's known for an extensive international network of collectors and its participation in art and antiques fairs around the world. Closed Su-M. 406 Jackson St., 415.788.8300.

PAUL THIEBAUD GALLERY

Located in historic North Beach, this contemporary gallery mounts six shows each year that feature representa-



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tional paintings and works on paper by established national midcareer artists such as Tom Birkner and Grace Munakata as well as talented emerging artists. The gallery is the primary dealer for California painter Wayne Thiebaud. Tu-Sa. 645 Chestnut St., 415.434.3055.

RENA BRANSTEN GALLERY

Since its inception, Rena Bransten Gallery, founded by Rena Bransten in 1974, has sought to define its artistic program by including both established and emerging artists, whose work engages with contemporary social and cultural climates. While originally focusing on ceramic sculpture by California artists, the physical gallery space and scope of exhibitions expanded to include a multidisciplinary program—all the while sustaining a deep rooted connection to the crafted

object. Now, over forty years later, the gallery continues to exhibit both national and international contemporary artists and thematic exhibitions, which maintain a dialog with other galleries, museums and curators. 1275 Minnesota St., 415.982.3292.

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.

SANDRA LEE GALLERY

This downtown gallery showcases original, innovative paintings, sculptures and photographs for art lovers and collectors. Representing both emerging and established local and international artists, it features superior art at affordable prices. Closed Su, M. 251 Post St., Ste. 310, 415.291.8000.

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

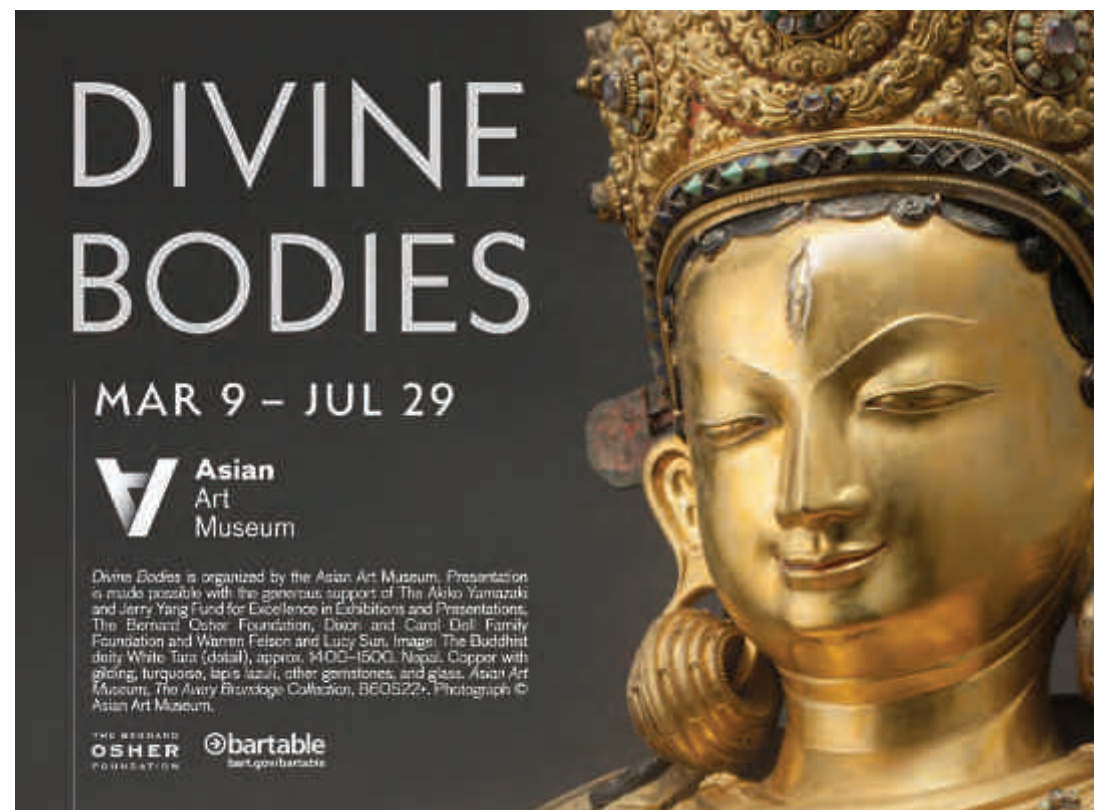
Donald Sultan, Hunt Slonem, Ross Bleckner, Eric Freeman, Miguel Condé, Thomas Struth and others. The gallery provides expert art advising services to its international clientele and ships all over the world. Closed Su. 361 Sutter St., 415.421.7770.

SFMOMA ARTISTS GALLERY

This two-story SFMOMA satellite houses more than 800 emerging and established Northern California artists. The non-profit gallery offers rentals and sales. Tu-Sa. 2 Marina Blvd., Fort Mason, Bldg. A, 415.441.4777.

STEVEN WOLF FINE ARTS

This 2,000-square-foot gallery on the border of the Mission and Potrero Hill specializes in the show and sale of post-war and contemporary American art. Artists include Derek Boshier, Lance Letscher, Norman Zammitt, Stephen



DIVINE BODIES

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Asian Art Museum

Divine Bodies is organized by the Asian Art Museum. Presentation is made possible with the generous support of The Akiko Yamazaki and Jerry Yang Fund for Excellence in Exhibitions and Presentations, The Bernard Osher Foundation, Dixon and Carol Dell Family Foundation and Warren Felson and Lucy Sun. Image: The Buddhist deity White Tara (detail), approx. 1400-1500. Nepal. Copper with gilding, turquoise, lapis lazuli, other gemstones, and glass. Asian Art Museum. The Avery Brundage Collection, B60522. Photograph © Asian Art Museum.

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TAKADA GALLERY

Since 1987, Takada Gallery has specialized in contemporary, museum-quality Japanese paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture. The gallery mounts solo and group exhibitions by major artists as well as newcomers. Sa and by appointment. 251 Post St., 6th fl., 415.956.5288.

TANGENT

Stroll by this Union Square landmark, and a remarkable and visually enticing work will likely catch your eye. The gallery showcases works from American and international artists that present new approaches to traditional media. Past exhibits have included candy sculptures, photomosaics and three-dimensional paintings. M-Sa, Su by appointment. 373 Geary St., 415.956.9999.

THOMAS REYNOLDS GALLERY

This small gallery housed in a restored Victorian near the Fillmore Street shopping district specializes in contemporary landscapes and cityscapes by emerging Bay Area artists. Open Th-Sa. 2291 Pine St., 415.441.4093.

V. VORRES GALLERY

This gallery specializes in contemporary painting, photography and works on paper. The work ranges from representation to abstraction, with a unifying theme of formal soundness, the achievement of originality and aesthetic excellence. The diverse artists presented range from strong emerging talent to established modern masters. 3681 Sacramento St., 415.423.4345.

VELVET DA VINCI

Named for an old "Perry Mason" episode, this gallery of contemporary crafts specializes in art jewelry and met-

alwork. It regularly organizes exhibitions of contemporary craft, representing more than 75 artists from around the globe. Tu-Sa 11 am-6 pm, Su 11 am-4 pm. 2015 Polk St., 415.441.0109.

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.

LEGION OF HONOR

High on the headlands above the Golden Gate—where the Pacific Ocean spills into the San Francisco Bay—stands this grand museum, the gift of Alma de Bretteville Spreckels to the city of San Francisco. A three-quarter-scale adaptation of the 18th-century Palais de la Légion d'Honneur in Paris, the museum was built to commemorate California soldiers who died in World War I. The collection includes works by European masters and major holdings of Rodin sculptures. The grounds offer spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean, Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco. Closed M. 100 34th Ave. in Lincoln Park, 415.750.3600.

MUSEUM OF CRAFT AND DESIGN

MCD develops and presents engaging exhibitions and educational programs that explore and define the role of craft and design in the changing global culture, encouraging its audience to see the world differently. This is San Francisco's only museum devoted exclusively to modern and contemporary craft and design and showcases designers, makers and artists through a series of craft and

design-focused exhibitions. 2569 3rd St., 415.773.0303.

MUSEUM OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

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

SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

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

YERBA BUENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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

BAY AREA

BAMPFA

UC Berkeley's visual-arts center reopened early 2016 after a \$112 million renovation by world-renowned firm Diller Scofidio + Renfro, known for projects includ-

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ing NYC's elevated High Line park and LA's Broad Museum. The 83,000 square-foot museum includes an expansive permanent collection with a dynamic schedule of rotating art exhibitions that range from classical Chinese painting to abstract expressionism to provocative multimedia work by emerging artists. The film archive has more than 450 public screenings each year of rare and restored movie classics, new and historic foreign films and experimental cinema. 2155 Center St., 510.642.0808.

BUBBLE STREET GALLERY

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

OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA

The OMCA brings together collections of art, history and natural science under one roof to tell the extraordinary stories of California and its people. 1000 Oak St., Oakland, 510.318.8400.

SFO MUSEUM

These rotating exhibition galleries are a nice treat while you wait for your plane at SFO. They include the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and the Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum located in a pre-security area in the International Terminal, as well as public art displayed throughout the airport in the form of paintings, sculptures, mosaics and environmental works. Located throughout SFO terminals, 650.821.6700.



The Beach Bar Grows Up

The Outer Sunset neighborhood has a new nightlife destination, the modern cocktail spot **White Cap**. It's just two blocks from foggy Ocean Beach, which served as the inspiration for the blue-and-and-white color scheme. Come evening, surfers ditch the wet suits and clean up to congregate around the slick bar and sip serious slushie cocktails like the Monkey Wrench, made with rum, coconut, seaweed and lime.

3608 Taraval St.

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.

HOTALING & CO.

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 Hotaling & Co. Established in 1993 as a top secret project, Hotaling & Co.

has opened its doors to the public with the launch of a tasting room. The company offers a one-hour, intimate tasting experience, in which a beverage expert guides you through the production process and helps you explore the flavors and aromas of the spirits, including Old Potrero 18th Century Whiskey, Hophead vodka, Genevieve gin and more. Reserve ahead. 1705 Mariposa St., 415.863.8350.

AUDIO DISCOTECH

With a nod to the past but an eye to the future, this dance club combines state of the art lighting and sound with a retro aesthetic reminiscent of a '70s Cadillac. It features a Funktion One sound system, a spring-loaded dance floor and two bars. The downstairs sister restaurant and bar, Bergerac, offers handcrafted cocktails and upscale pub food in a bohemian setting. 316 11th St., 415.481.0556.

BARREL HEAD BREWHOUSE

The first thing you'll notice when you walk into this modern brewpub is a giant torpedo behind the bar, which serves as the base of the bar tap. A must-visit for any beer aficionado, Barrel Head offers 30 rotating micro-beers on tap, along with cocktails and a full menu of high-end pub fare. The brewhouse also of-

fers a weekend brunch menu, featuring salads, Hog Island oysters, steak and eggs, and bottomless mimosas. 1785 Fulton St., 415.416.6989.

BENJAMIN COOPER

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

BIERGARTEN

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

BIMBO'S 365 CLUB

The atmosphere at this all-purpose event space brings you back to the era of smoking lounges and big bands. Check the web site for performances from major rock and roll acts to comedy to live jazz. 1025 Columbus Ave., 415.474.0365.

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.

CERVECERIA DE MATEVEZA

This tiny place on the northeast corner of Mission Dolores Park brews its beers with yerba mate for a caffeine-rich punch and also peddles piping-hot, Argentinian-style empanadas and assorted

bottled beers. 3801 18th St., 415.273.9295.

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.

MIKKELLER BAR

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

MONK'S KETTLE

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

MR. TIPPLE'S RECORDING STUDIO

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.

TONGA ROOM AND HURRICANE BAR

A landmark Nob Hill restaurant and club with exotic decor, this is one of the oldest tiki bars in the nation. If you're lucky, you might even see it rain indoors while sipping your drink from a ceramic coconut. Fairmont Hotel, 950 Mason St., 415.772.5278.

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

COURTESY WHITE CAP

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.*

ZEITGEIST

This former Harley bar now caters to everybody from hipsters to parents with its sprawling beer garden and urban patio. Head here on a warm afternoon to sit outside with your traveling companion. *199 Valencia St., 415.255.7505.*

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.*

SAN FRANCISCO BREWERS GUILD

Formed in 2004 during a renaissance in American craft brewing, San Francisco Brewers Guild is a non-profit dedicated to preserving the city's brewing heritage and uniting local beer makers and enthusiasts. The guild organizes regular craft beer tutorials, tastings and events including the popular SF Beer Week, Brews on the Bay and Meet the Brewers. *1388 Haight St., #31, 415.915.5173.*

THIRSTYBEAR 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.*

SMUIN BALLET

Known for sassy dance numbers set to Bach, Gershwin and The Beatles, Michael Smuin founded this con-

temporary company in 1994, aiming "to infuse ballet with the rhythm, speed, and syncopation of American popular culture." *Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater, 700 Howard St., 415.912.1899.*

LIVE MUSIC

BOOM BOOM ROOM

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

BOTTOM OF THE HILL

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

FEINSTEIN'S

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

SAN FRANCISCO GAY MEN'S CHORUS

For 40 years, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus has been an international standard bearer for a powerful mix of extraordinary musical excellence and mission-driven 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 a range of theatrical experiences: original Broadway cast productions, pre-Broadway world premieres and current hits fresh from Broadway. Thanks to SHN, San Francisco has launched the world-premieres of "Wicked," "Mamma Mia!," "Legally Blonde" and more. *1182 Market St., 888.746.1799.*

THE SPEAKEASY

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

THE MARSH

Best known for its provocative one-person shows, this breeding ground for new performance hosts new work from emerging artists in an intimate theater space. *1062 Valencia St., 415.282.3055.*

URBAN WINERIES AND TASTING ROOMS

BLUXOME STREET WINERY

Located in the heart of the SoMa neighborhood, this destination is both a working winery and a place to relax and enjoy a drink or two. The tasting room features

expansive windows looking into the working winery, allowing you to enjoy a flight of wine while watching the crafting process. *53 Bluxome St., 415.543.5353.*

WINE BARS

AMELIE

This modern French-style wine bar has a happy hour that can't be beat. Try the thoughtfully paired small plates to complement your wine. *1754 Polk St., 415.292.6916.*

FERRY PLAZA WINE MERCHANT

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

PRESS CLUB

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

THE HIDDEN VINE

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

BOWLING

LUCKY STRIKE BOWLING

For a less conventional night out, try Lucky Strike, which

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

MISSION BOWLING CLUB

This boutique bowling alley offers six lanes (with automatic scoring) and leather sofas, and the kitchen serves up elevated comfort food along with specialty cocktails. *3176 17th St., 415.863.2695.*

BAY AREA

BARREL HOUSE TAVERN

This Sausalito spot mixes artisan cocktails, or you can build your own soda to sip while taking in the views from the waterfront bar seats. *660 Bridgeway, 415.729.9593.*

BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE

Born in a storefront on College Avenue, Berkeley Rep has moved to the forefront of American theater. It gained renown for an adventurous combination of work, presenting important, new dramatic voices alongside refreshing adaptations of seldom-seen classics, and sends its productions to Broadway on a regular basis. *2025 Addison St., Berkeley, 510.647.2949.*

GRATON RESORT & CASINO

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

Course Dr. W, Rohnert Park, 707.588.7100.

HEARST GREEK THEATRE

Since 1903, the Greek Theatre has been Berkeley's premiere concert venue. Catch shows featuring musical artists, dancers and acting companies at this tiered, outdoor amphitheater on the UC Berkeley campus. *101 Zellerbach Hall #4800, Berkeley, 510.642.9988.*

ST. GEORGE SPIRITS

Set up in a 65,000-square-foot former airplane hanger in Alameda, St. George Spirits is the grandfather of the American craft spirits movement. Master distiller Lance Winters oversees the production of every spirit category on site, from bourbon derived from popped corn to unique creations like Spirit of Long Now, distilled from pine needles. Try the funky Agricole Rum in a cocktail at Nopa, the Dry Rye Gin in an eponymous old fashioned at Bar Agricole or sip the Single Malt Whisky at Nihon Whisky Lounge. *2601 Monarch St., 510.769.1601.*

SWEETWATER MUSIC HALL

This intimate music venue has infused downtown Mill Valley with an electric energy since 1972. The hall has played host to Carlos Santana, Jerry Garcia and Elvis Costello. *19 Corte Madera Ave., Mill Valley, 415.388.3850.*

WEILL HALL AT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER

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

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A Quarter of a Century on Market

Given the cutthroat real estate market and the rising cost of business operations, San Francisco restaurants open and close at a dizzying pace. Yet a few classic businesses have stood the test of time.

One Market Restaurant has been serving classic American food, farm-to-table style, for 25 years. Opened in 1993, this upscale restaurant with views of the Ferry Building and the Bay Bridge serves contemporary American classics and rakes in awards for its all-American wine list. 1 Market St., 415.777.5577

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 cioppolini 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 STEAK HOUSE

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

NOPA

American Named for its location North of the Panhandle, this expansive, hip restaurant serves wood-fired rustic cuisine that epitomizes the best of San Francisco's current food scene. One of the city's best late-night dining options, it's also popular for its brunch, burger and pork chops. Brunch (Sa-Su), D (nightly until 1 am). 560 Divisadero St., 415.864.8643. \$\$\$

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.

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. \$\$

COURTESY ONE MARKET



The Franciscan Crab Restaurant is the crown jewel of Fisherman's Wharf and has the best food that the wharf has to offer. It sits right on the water with the picture perfect view of Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge.

Pier 43 ½ | 415.362.7733
franciscancrabrestaurant.com



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1177 California at Jones on Nob Hill | 415.771.6776
ossosteakhouse.com



The Stinking Rose: A Garlic Restaurant

325 Columbus Avenue in North Beach | 415.781.7673
thestinkingrose.com

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. \$\$\$

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. \$\$\$

JACKSON SQUARE COTOGNA

Italian This casual cousin to the acclaimed two Michelin star Quince restaurant next door opened under the same chef-owners. The rustic Italian eatery serves a seasonally changing menu that features spit-roasted meats and game

birds, wood-oven pizzas, house-made pastas and fresh local seafood. All wine bottles on the prix fixe wine menu are under \$40, and the floor-to-ceiling windows afford abundant natural light and dramatic views of the Transamerica Building. L (M-Sa), D (nightly). 490 Pacific Ave., 415.775.8508. \$\$\$

QUINCE

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

JAPANTOWN/LOWER FILLMORE

STATE BIRD PROVISIONS

American It's worth the effort to get a reservation at Bon Appetit magazine's 2012 Restaurant of the Year (and the 2013 James Beard Award winner for Best New Restaurant), run by one of Food and Wine magazine's Best New Chefs of 2013, Stuart Briozza, along with his wife Nicole Krasinski. This creative and innovative Michelin star restaurant does dim sum, American-style. Carts wheel around small plates, and diners can point to choose what they'd like. The menu changes frequently based on seasonal availability, but the house specialty remains the eponymous "state bird," a crispy half quail served with seasonal "provisions." D (M-Sa). 1529 Fillmore St., 415.795.1272. \$\$\$

MARINA/COW HOLLOW

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 CRAFTSMAN & WOLVES

Bakery This modern and sleek patisserie in the hip Valencia corridor from James Beard-nominated chef William Werner features a rotating



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ONE MARKET
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menu of breakfast pastries, cakes, confections, confitures, desserts, lunch and other savory fare. The bakery is famous for the Rebel Within, a savory breakfast muffin with asiago cheese, green onion and breakfast sausage baked into the mix and a full soft-cooked farm egg in the center. 746 Valencia St., 415.913.7713.

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 Neopolitan-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. \$\$\$

ICHI SUSHI

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

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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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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. \$\$

SOUTH OF MARKET (SOMA)/CHINA BASIN
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. 11 Division St., 415.525.4797.

MARLOWE
American This popular neighborhood bistro (sister restaurant to the acclaimed Park Tavern) just moved into sleek new digs in the SoMa district. The market-driven menu is known for upscale comfort foods like the famous burger, crispy brussel sprout chips and deviled eggs. L (M-F), D (nightly). 500 Brannan St., 415.777.1413.

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. 160 Ellis St., 415.397.8470.

SONS & DAUGHTERS
California 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. \$\$\$

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

SCROLLBAR WATERSIDE KITCHEN
International This new waterfront restaurant and bar at Pullman San Francisco Bay features both indoor and outdoor dining spaces. The menu focuses on locally sourced seafood and globally inspired ingredients in dishes like watercress mussels, cioppino and roasted Petaluma chicken. 223 Twin Dolphin Dr., Redwood City, 650.508.7105.

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The best damn cioppino in San Francisco!

SOTTO MARE

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

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

NEW DELHI RESTAURANT

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

160 Ellis St., 415.397.8470, NewDelhiRestaurant.com



THE BEACH STREET GRILL ORGANIC RESTAURANT

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

380 Beach Street, Fisherman's Wharf, 415.867.1711,
Beachstreetgrillsf.com/Facebook/TripAdvisor/Yelp

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*Serving Northern Italian Cuisine
Since 1886!*

FIOR D'ITALIA

Fior d'Italia is the place to have fun in North Beach! Voted San Francisco's "Best Italian Food" by the SF Examiner, The Fior was founded in 1886 and is America's oldest Italian Restaurant. Award-winning owner/chef, Gianni Audieri's mouth-watering traditional Northern Italian recipes feature baskets of fried Calamari, signature Caesar Salad, house made pasta, veal, fresh seafood and the Italian comfort food that made North Beach famous. Open daily 11:30 AM to 9:30 PM and 7 day happy hour 4-6 PM! Valet parking.

**2237 Mason—4 blocks from Fisherman's Wharf
between Francisco and Chestnut, just two blocks off
Bay St., 415.986.1886, www.fior.com**

CASTAGNOLA'S

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

286 Jefferson St., 415.776.5015, castagnolassf.com



BUENA VISTA

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

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



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ALIOTO'S

San Francisco landmark at Fisherman's Wharf - Alioto's serves world famous fresh Seafood & Sicilian family recipes since 1925, San Francisco's oldest family owned & run restaurant. Every table boasts a view: Golden Gate Bridge, harbor, Fisherman's Wharf & Bay. Alioto's offers Dungeness Crab year-round. Don't miss San Francisco's Finest Calamari or their Famous Crab Cioppino. Also visit Alioto's CAFE 8 for Artisan Pizza in our wood burning oven, Clam Chowder in sourdough bread bowl, or their outdoor Crab Market. Open daily 11am - 10pm. 2 hours free parking w/ validation.

8 Fisherman's Wharf 415.673.0183 www.aliotos.com



CONCIERGE CHOICE
VOTED TOP PICK FOR CLASSIC SF RESTAURANT
BY BAY AREA CONCIERGE

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

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**



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SHOPPING THE BARLOW

A sleek stretch of renovated warehouses (once part of an apple processing plant) in downtown Sebastopol is home to some of the best local food producers, wine-makers, brewers and artisans. This unique space is the first business community in the country to connect customers not only with products and the people who make them, but also with the production itself. 6770 McKinley St., 707.824.5600. Map 4, C6

DEAN & DELUCA

The gourmet supplier's store has separate deli, meat, and bakery counters, as well as an on-site wine shop to ensure one-stop picnic packing. 607 St. Helena Hwy. S., St. Helena, 707.967.9980.

JIMTOWN STORE

Part deli, part inspired five-and-dime shop, the Jimtown Store is the essential stop for small town souvenirs and tasty grilled eggplant-and-provolone box lunches. 6706 Hwy. 128, Healdsburg 707.433.1212.

OWBOW PUBLIC MARKET

Visit this gourmet mall for the freshest local ingredients for an afternoon picnic before wine tasting. Or stick around and order from the selection

of independent eateries offering elevated takes on pizza, burgers and tacos plus oysters and rotisserie chicken and then grab a seat on the patio overlooking the Napa River. 644 1st St., Napa, 707.226.6529. Map 3, E7

SHED

Wine, dine and shop at this glass-walled, 10,000-square-foot locavore's paradise in Healdsburg. You'll find a store selling high-end kitchen and gardening equipment, local foodstuffs (including grains milled onsite) and books; a cafe with daily-changing menus inspired by neighboring produce and farms; and a coffee bar with its own espresso, house-made pastries and ice creams. Shed also has the only fermentation bar in the area, where local wines, beers, kombuchas, natural sodas and hard ciders are all available on tap. 25 North St., Healdsburg, 707.431.7433. Map 4, C3

TOURS & ATTRACTIONS

CIA AT COPIA

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

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

DI ROSA PRESERVE

Art and nature come together on these 217 rolling acres, where about 2,000 works of art by more than 800 artists make up what is considered the most significant collection of Bay Area art in the world. Outdoor sculptures stand amid ancient olive groves and a 35-acre lake. 5200 Sonoma Hwy., Napa, 707.226.5991.

LONG MEADOW RANCH

Farmstead Restaurant anchors this sustainable food, wine and agriculture center in St. Helena, which also features a wine and olive oil tasting room located in a restored Gothic Revival farmhouse, demo and aroma gardens, a full organic nursery and a seasonal outdoor farmers market. 738 Main St., St. Helena, 707.963.4555.

MA(I)SONRY

Housed in a beautifully maintained 1904 stone manor, this winery collective and art gallery feels like a luxurious home with rotating seasonal art collections that feature

The Wine Wonderland

Grab your swimsuit and head up to **Francis Ford Coppola Winery** in Sonoma. The Wine Park's 3,600-square-foot outdoor swimming pool and pool cafe are open for the season as of April 1. Partake in a variety of wine-tasting options, with a broad selection of more than 40 wines produced onsite. Attractions at the winery also include two restaurants, a movie gallery, a performing-arts pavilion and a park area with game tables and bocce courts. 300

Via Archimedes, Geyserville, 707.857.1400

internationally acclaimed names as well as Napa Valley and Bay Area artists. The tasting room pours bottles from limited-production boutique wineries such as Blackbird Vineyards, Casa Piena Estate, Renteria Wines and more, which can be enjoyed with a bite in the landscaped gardens dotted with contemporary sculpture. 6711 Washington St., Yountville, 707.944.0889.

NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN

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

WINERIES

BEAULIEU VINEYARD

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

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Wine

St. Helena Hwy., Rutherford.
707.967.5200. Map 3, C4

BERINGER VINEYARDS

Napa Valley's oldest continuously operating winery is also among its most accessible. Beringer is known for its Cabernet Sauvignons and bold, oaky Chardonnays. The large facility includes a gift shop that offers tableware, stemware and kitchen and home accessories. A variety of tours and seminars are available. Daily 10 am–5 pm. 2000 Main St., St. Helena, 707.257.5771. Map 3, B3

BREATHLESS WINES

Three sisters—Sharon, Rebecca and Cynthia—founded this winery alongside renowned winemaker Penny Gadd-Coster (recently named Winemaker of the Year by the North Bay Business Journal). They make refreshing sparkling wine in the traditional French method, *méthode champenoise*, from Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes. 499 Moore Ln., 707.395.7300.

CASTELLO DI AMOROSA

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

CHARLES KRUG

Since its opening in 1861, Charles Krug winery has produced award-winning Cabernets and renowned Sauvignon Blanc. Tasting



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room open daily. 2800 Main St., St. Helena, 707.967.2200. Map 3, B3

CHATEAU MONTELENA WINERY

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

CHATEAU ST. JEAN

Founded in 1973, Chateau St. Jean is inspired by the formal estate gardens in the south of France. The winery specializes in white varietals, including Chardonnay, Fumé Blanc, Riesling and Gewürztraminer, and is the home of the iconic Cinq Cépages. Stroll the gardens or relax on the beautiful patio and take in the perfect vista as you sip their acclaimed reserve and single-vineyard wines. 8555 Sonoma Hwy., Kenwood, 707.257.5784.

GLORIA FERRER CAVES & VINEYARDS

Settle on the scenic Vista Terrace, where you can sip a glass of sparkling wine that was aged in Spanish-style caves or an elegant Pinot Noir, paired with savory cheeses and other delicacies. Gloria Ferrer produces some of California's best sparkling wines, as well as estate varietal still Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from its 335-acre estate. The visitor center is open 10 am–5 pm daily, with wine service available until 4:45 pm. Guided winery tours offered daily at 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm; \$25 per person, includes two sparkling wine

tastes and one estate varietal taste. 23555 Hwy. 121, Sonoma, 707.933.1917. Map 4, F7

GUNDLACH BUNDSCHU

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

HALL WINES

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

JORDAN VINEYARD & WINERY

The quiet retreat of this 18th century French chateau-style winery (built in the 1970s) is the perfect setting for enjoying its Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay—the only vintages it bottles. By appointment only. 1474 Alexander Valley Rd., 800.654.1213.

KIEU HOANG WINERY

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

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1285 Dealy Lane, Napa,
707.253.1615. Map 4, D7

MATERRA, CUNAT FAMILY VINEYARDS

Roughly translated, Materra means Mother Earth. The Cunat Family Vineyards, where Materra wines are grown, combine terroir, hand-selected and planted vines, a cooler climate and the talents of a dedicated team to produce complex wines. Materra wines are grown in the Oak Knoll District of the Napa Valley, a region well known for its deep, rich alluvial soil and excellent microclimates. The winery is known for Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Viognier. 4326 Big Ranch Rd., 707.224.4900.

PEJU PROVINCE WINERY

For more than 30 years in the Napa Valley, this winery has

been a garden oasis along Highway 29 in the famed Rutherford appellation. Known for its legendary Cabernet Sauvignon, it produces many award-winning varietals, including Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Syrah, Zinfandel, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Fifty/Fifty, a Bordeaux blend. Guests can make an appointment for a private wine tasting 50 feet up in the French Provincial tasting room tower. Tastings open to the public. 8466 St. Helena Hwy., Rutherford, 707.963.3600. Map 3, C4

ROUND POND ESTATE WINERY

The winery joins a fabulous olive mill and features a stunning tasting room with dramatic views that complement the world-class Cabernet Sauvignons and Sauvignon Blancs. Tastings and tours by

appointment. 875 Rutherford Rd., Rutherford, 707.302.2575. Map 3, C4

STERLING VINEYARDS

Take in exceptional panoramic views of Napa Valley on a tram ride to this winery's visitors center, perched atop a 300-foot-tall hillside overlooking the valley. The winery specializes in Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and more. Tastings and self-guided tours open to the public; guided tours at 11 am. 1111 Dunaweal Ln., Calistoga, 800.726.6136. Map 4, E3

TRINCHERO NAPA VALLEY

The Trinchero family has been making wine in Napa Valley since 1948, and is best known for their Cabernet Sauvignon. The tasting room is a unique and inviting space where visitors can taste small-lot, single-vineyard wines from

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

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PEJU WINERY

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

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History Under the Bridge

You've likely visited the Golden Gate Bridge, but you may have missed the Civil War-era brick fort sitting at the foot of its southern anchorage. **Fort Point** was built in 1861, and up to 500 men were garrisoned there, but they never saw any action. Appreciation for the fort's architectural and historic value grew after World War II, and it was named a National Historic Site. Tour the landmark Friday through Sunday and go to the top for views of the bridge and bay. *Long Ave. & Marine Dr., 415.556.1693*

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 sevengill 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.*

FERRY BUILDING MARKETPLACE

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

colorful displays of local produce, meat, cheese, flowers, cooking demos, food trucks and more. *415.983.8030.*

FISHERMAN'S WHARF

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

FORT FUNSTON

This rugged stretch of coastal headlands includes a wild and windy beach at its foot. This beach is a dog's paradise, and visitors also enjoy horseback riding and walking. A premier hang-gliding spot. *500 Skyline Blvd at John Muir Dr., 415.561.4323.*

FORT MASON

Old port piers and warehouses have been transformed into the workspaces, theaters, galleries, museums and event pavilions of the nonprofit Fort Mason Center. Paved, accessible trails and steep steps connect the lush lawn of Fort Mason park—boasting a view of the Golden Gate Bridge and attracting picnickers and runners—with the Fort Mason Center buildings below. *415.345.7500.*

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 Sanyan 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.*

IMMIGRANT POINT

Dedicated to all those who came to San Francisco in search of a better life, Immigrant Point is located on the bluffs of the Presidio. Offering stunning vistas of the Marin Headlands, Point Reyes National Seashore, and the Pacific Ocean on clear days, this stone plaza built into the cliffs is the perfect place to enjoy the Bay Area coastline. *Washington Blvd. & Harrison Blvd.,*

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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.*

MARINA GREEN

The Marina Green is a beautiful 74-acre expanse of grass between Fort Mason and the Presidio, surrounded by the historic mansions of the Marina neighborhood. Running along the San Francisco Bay, it provides good views of the Golden Gate Bridge, Angel Island, Alcatraz Island, downtown and parts of Marin County. The adjacent marina is home to the St. Francis Yacht Club and the Golden Gate Yacht Club.

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.*

PALACE OF FINE ARTS

Originally designed for the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition, this domed rotunda is all that

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

PIER 39

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

THE PRESIDIO

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

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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 BOTANICAL GARDEN

This internationally recognized urban oasis and self-described outdoor classroom includes 55 acres of gardens displaying more than 8,000 different kinds of plants, plus a library, bookstore, family activities and guided walks. The Bay Area's mild temperatures, wet winters and dry summers, coupled with San Francisco's famous coastal fog, provide this garden with a rare and advantageous range of climatic conditions that allow it to grow and conserve plants from all over the world, including plants from high elevation tropical cloud forests and plants that are no longer found in their native habitats. *1119 9th Ave., 415.661.1316.*

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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.*

THE WOMEN'S BUILDING MURAL

This spectacular mural is a culmination of a multi-cultural, multi-generation collaboration of seven women artists. The mural was painted in 1994 and its themes include the healing power of women's wisdom over time and the contributions of women throughout history. *3543 18th St. #8, 415.431.1180.*

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,

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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 champions attract 3 million fans annually. Watch star players Madison Bumgarner, Hunter Pence and Buster Posey play ball at the beautiful waterfront 43,000-seat AT&T Park, which frequently sells out. *24 Willie Mays Plaza, 415.972.2000.*

BAY AREA

MARIN HEADLANDS

Windswept ridges, protected valleys and beaches offer opportunities for hiking, biking and picnics. Start at Marin Headlands Visitor Center and see an exhibit showcasing the history of the indigenous Miwok people. If you brought a canine friend, check out the dog-friendly Rodeo Beach for

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Cruise the Bay

Red and White Fleet cruises explore the most iconic vantage points. The daily Golden Gate Bay Cruise offers views of the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz, while an audio tour recounts the city's history. A longer Bridge 2 Bridge Cruise takes you under both the Golden Gate and Bay bridges. The California Sunset Cruise features cocktails, live music and appetizers as you sail to Sausalito, Tiburon, Angel Island, Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge. *Pier 43 ½, Fisherman's Wharf, 415.673.2900*

BAY CRUISES ADVENTURE CAT SAILING CHARTERS

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

BLUE AND GOLD FLEET

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

HORNBLOWER CRUISES & EVENTS

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

Francisco along with food and entertainment aboard Hornblower's fleet of luxury vessels. Offerings include a weekend Champagne brunch cruise, a dinner or supper club cruise, a lunch cruise or a cocktail cruise. Hornblower also has yachts available for private events accommodating up to 1,500 people. *Pier 3, Hornblower Landing, 415.788.8866. \$\$\$*

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. ; 501 Bay St., 415.346.2453.*

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Bike the bridge with this professional and accessible biking adventure company, offering eight San Francisco locations at Fisherman's Wharf and a fun, family friendly way to combine sightseeing and fresh air. *2715 Hyde St., 415.202.8888.*

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With multiple locations in Fisherman's Wharf, Wheel Fun Rentals offers the only free GPS-guided audio tour in town, and is the only rental company that offers "infinity shifting" bikes along with free maps, safety equipment, and locks. *Pier 43 1/2, 415.770.1978.*

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

511
This is a free mobile and web source for up-to-the-minute transportation information, covering the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. Just dial 511 or check the website.

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

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

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

FERRIES

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

GOLDEN GATE PARK SHUTTLE

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

MUNI

Citywide bus and light-rail service includes the restored, brightly colored F-line streetcars that run from the Castro District to Pier 39 and back. Light-rail trains run above ground on tracks and also below ground to make stops at various destinations on Market Street. Muni Passports,

good for unlimited rides for one, three or seven consecutive days, are available at the Visitor Information Center at the BART station on Powell and Market streets. 415.673.6864.

TOURS

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.*

AVITAL TOURS

Visit some of the city's best eateries and bars and take in the sights along the way as your guide shares engaging historical anecdotes. Stops on the Mission District tour include Bi-Rite Creamery and

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Hog & Rocks, the city's first ham and oyster bar. On the Union Square cocktail tour, you'll take a jaunt through former speakeasy territory and find out why San Francisco is now considered one of the top cocktail destinations in the world. At each stop you'll spend time with a chef, bartender or owner tasting, chatting and maybe even baking. 415.355.4044.

BIG BUS TOURS

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

CITY KAYAK

Docked near AT&T Park, this company offers all the gear you need for a day on the bay, regardless of your ability level. You can even paddle to McCovey Cove behind the park and try to catch a home-run ball. Guided tours available. *South Beach Harbor, Embarcadero at Townsend St., 415.357.1010.*

CITY SIGHTSEEING

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

CRUISIN' THE CASTRO TOURS

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



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ELECTRIC TOUR COMPANY - SEGWAY TOURS

Sign up for fully guided Segway tours of Fisherman's Wharf and the waterfront, Golden Gate Park, Chinatown and Lombard Street. Experienced Segway riders can try the Advanced Wharf & Crooked Street tour. Participants must be 12 years of age or older and weigh 100-250 pounds. 757 Beach St.; Golden Gate Park office located behind the stage in Music Concourse near Japanese Tea Garden, 415.528.5837.

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 teeth 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.

GRAY LINE OF SAN FRANCISCO

A popular provider of travel experiences since 1916, Gray Line of San Francisco offers

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HAIGHT ASHBURY FLOWER POWER WALKING TOUR

Stroll through the music, art, architecture, and fashion history of this famous neighborhood. Tour covers 12 blocks; advance purchase recommended \$20. Tours given Tu and Sa at 10:30 am, Fri at 2 pm. 888.832.0705.

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.

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 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.

SEAPLANE ADVENTURES

Get a bird's-eye view of the city and the bay on this flying tour, which takes passengers soaring above the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco skyline, Alcatraz and the Pacific coastline. Sunset Champagne flights are available. Daily departures on the hour from Sausalito, four miles north of the city. Reservations recommended. 242 Redwood Hwy., Mill Valley, 415.332.4843.

STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO BIKING TOURS

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VISITORS CENTERS PRECITA EYES MURAL ARTS & VISITORS CENTER

Precita Eyes is the starting point for tours encompassing more than 80 murals in an eight-block walk in the Mission District. The center is a multipurpose, community-based arts organization that has played an integral role in the city's cultural heritage and arts education. 2981 24th St., 415.285.2287.

PRESIDIO VISITOR CENTER

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

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 by 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.

BAY AREA JELLY BELLY FACTORY TOURS

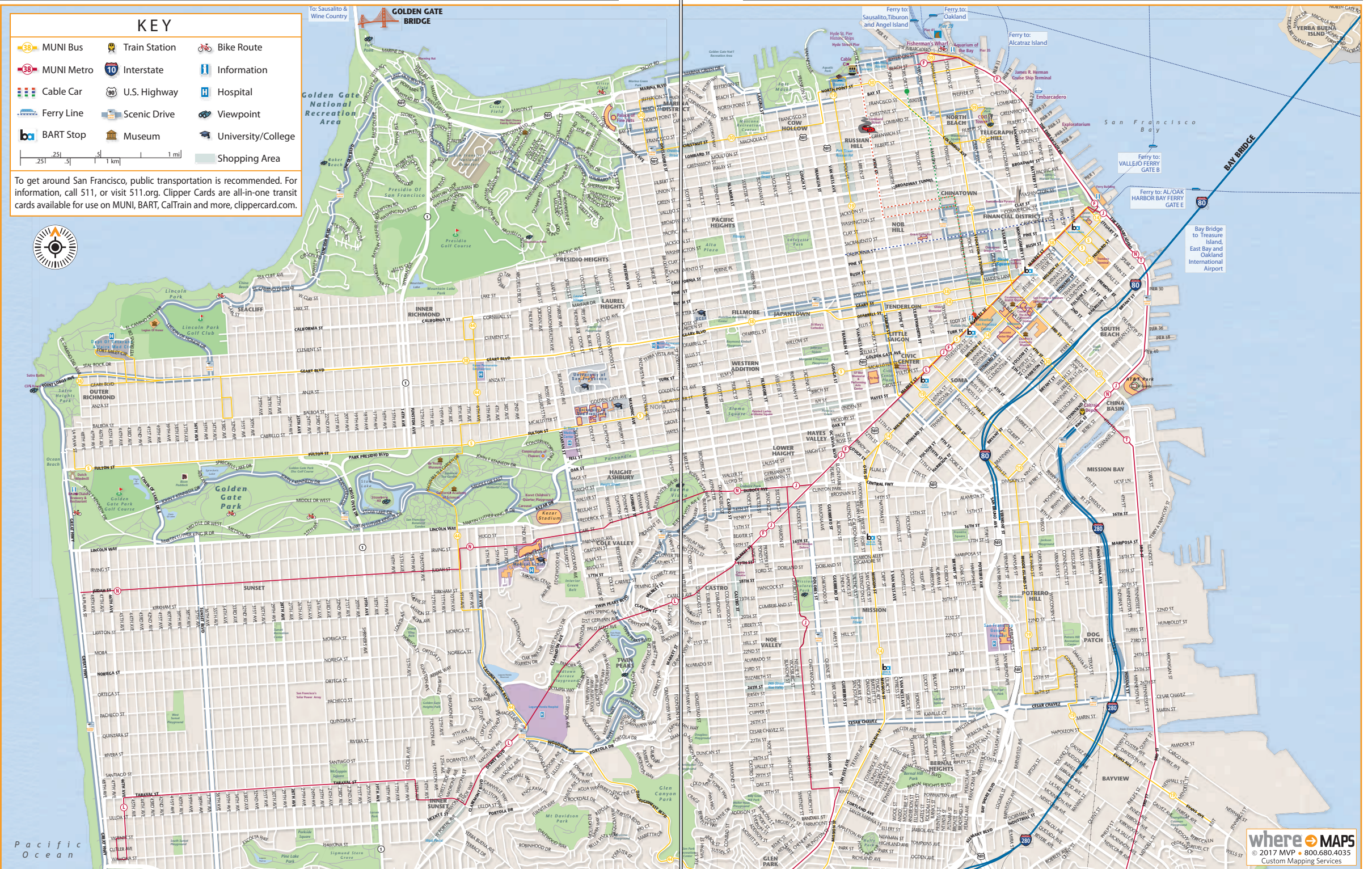
Take a complimentary self-guided tour around a working candy factory as you learn the secrets behind the company's world-famous candy making and play interactive games along the way. Finish off the tour with some samples of jelly beans at the sample bar, and stop in the store to pick up some sweets for the ride home. Tours run daily 9 am to 4 pm. 1 Jelly Belly Ln., Fairfield, 800.953.5592.

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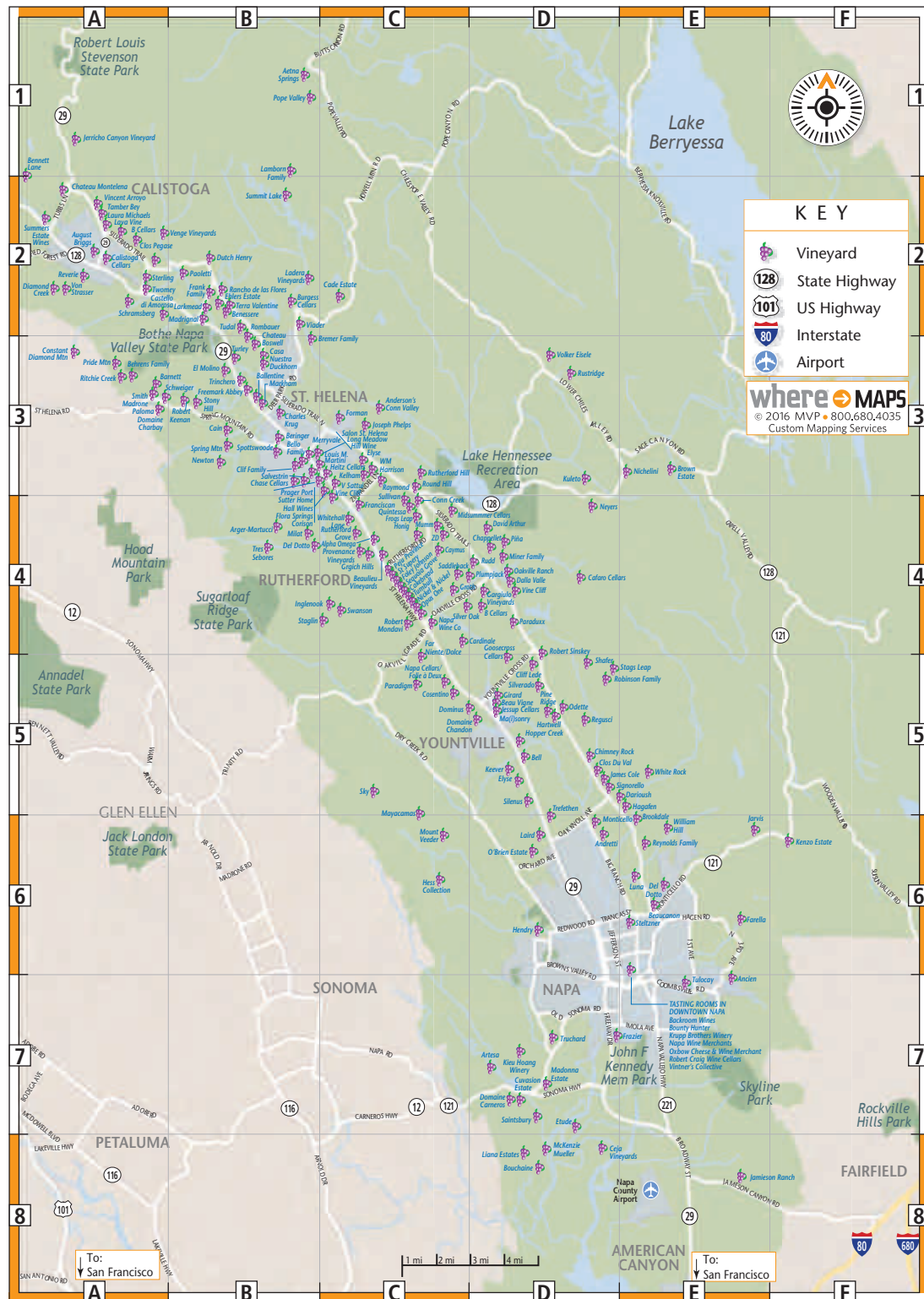


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—Jason Halverson, executive chef, Hi Neighbor Hospitality Group, @phokingchun

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aperitif hours in the style of Spain or Italy with low proof cocktails, sherry or vermouth. I frequent my beloved Horsies Saloon in the Royal Cuckoo Market or tiny Birba wine bar in Hayes Valley. —Virginia Miller, food and drink editor/writer, @thepfectspot

Sunday at the Museum

After 5 pm on Thursdays, you can grab \$5 beer and wine, \$1 oysters and Korean fried chicken... and then explore the entire Asian Art Museum

at night. It's not the best kept secret... It's literally the best. —Zac Rose, communications manager, Asian Art Museum, @asianartmuseum

The Riddler

This tiny Champagne bar tucked away in Hayes Valley is a fun, glam spot to meet up after work. Pair your glass of bubbly with a cheese board or a tater tot waffle. Perfection! —Rachel Ward, editor, Where San Francisco, @wanderingrachel

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