

# SAN FRANCISCO, CA



Unquestionably one of the world's most scenic cities, San Francisco offers much for a visitor to do and see. Some of the most famous sites are as follows:

## Civic Center:

The Civic Center includes City Hall, Federal and State Buildings, Bill Graham Civic Auditorium and Brooks Hall, Main Library and the Performing Arts Center's handsome components:



Davies Symphony Hall, Veterans Building/Herbst Theatre where the U.N. charter was signed and War Memorial Opera House.

## Mission Delores:



Father Serra established this Spanish Mission in 1776; the historic church was completed in 1791.

## Twin Peaks:

The scenic drive to its 910-foot summit offers a 360 panoramic view of the city.



## Japanese Tea Garden:

An authentic Japanese garden dating back to 1894, is located in Golden Gate Park. It has a tea house, pagoda ponds, bridges and bonsai. In the spring the

cherry blossoms and flowering shrubs create a rare floral spectacle. Strybing Arboretum, a "living library," nurtures over 6,000 species of plants.



## Presidio of San Francisco:



It was established in 1776 by Spaniards and offers 1,500-acres of park like hills and ocean vistas.

## Alcatraz:

The infamous former Federal prison, is an island a mile and a half off Fisherman's Wharf.



## Golden Gate Bridge:



The bridge that "couldn't be built," opened in 1937 to become the most photographed man made structure in the world. Its distinctive International Orange spans 1.2 mi/2 km between San Francisco and the Marin Headlands. A pedestrian sidewalk 220 ft

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above the entrance to San Francisco Bay provides one of the most dramatic and beautiful views anywhere in the city. The suspension bridge design permits a sway of 27 ft at midspan on the 36-in diameter cables. On its 50th birthday the Golden Gate treated 200,000 well-wishers to a drop of 10 ft because of their combined weight. Nearly 45 million vehicles cross the bridge annually.

### Fisherman's Wharf:

The center for seafood restaurants, fishing boats, harbor cruise boats, gift shops and numerous attractions.



### San Francisco Bay Cruise

Spend an unforgettable 1-1/4 hour narrated cruise on the San Francisco Bay.

### Chinatown/ San Francisco by Night



Discover the mystery and history of one of the largest Chinese communities outside the Orient. Take a guided walking tour of unique

Grant Avenue and explore Chinese markets, restaurants, theaters, herb shops, temples, a fortune cookie factory and more - weather permitting. Walking shoes are recommended.

Chinatown evokes all the exotic sights and sounds of Hong Kong or Canton beginning at the Chinatown Gate, Grant Avenue at Bush Street.

Drive past the Ferry Building, Embarcadero Center and the - Esplanada.

### Ferry Building:

A terminal for computers before the bridges were built, this is one of the city's famous landmarks.



### Embarcadero Center:

This is an eight building complex, embracing shops and restaurants. Justin Herman Plaza is framed by Vaillancourt Fountain.

View Telegraph Hill, Coit Tower (a 210-foot landmark with one of the city's best views) and the beautiful night lights of Fisherman's Wharf, Ghirardelli Square, The Anchorage, The Cannery and Pier 39. Conclude with a drive across the Bay bridge for a magnificent view of the city by night from Treasure Island.



Coit Tower

### Ghirardelli Square:



A collection of red brick buildings that served as a chocolate factory, now is a charming restaurant and shopping center with open-air plazas and waterfront views. Across the street is landscaped Victorian Park.

**Pier 39** is a waterfront festival marketplace. Built on a 1,000-foot-long pier and flanked by small boat marinas, it offers sweeping views of the bay and city.

### All day tours recommended as a post reunion activities:

**To the Wine Country.** Every year some three million visitors head north of San Francisco to the heart of California's wine country. It's about an hour's drive to the Napa and Sonoma Valleys, which have several hundred wineries - most open daily for tastings, many for tours. Cycling, hot-air ballooning, galleries and dining, too.

**To the Monterey Peninsula.** The two-and-a-half hour trip south to the Monterey Peninsula leads to what many visitors consider the state's most scenic coast. Renowned for their art galleries, both the quaint village of Carmel and historic Monterey offer visitors outstanding shopping, dining and a host of outdoor delights, including world-famous golf courses. The 17-mile drive linking Monterey and Carmel is an hour-long tour of magnificent seaside sights.

**To Angel Island State Park.** Just a brief ferry ride from Fisherman's Wharf, this 740-acre/300-hectare rustic park offers spectacular views of the Bay Area and is ideal for picnics, hiking, bicycling and jogging. Several campsites are available.