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*EVERYDAYS MORE OR LESS ANY DAY

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contents & notes



What
Is
This?

Whenever friends would visit or move to cities I'd been to, I would send them lengthy e-mails with places to go if they found themselves in the neighborhood. The little edition in your hand is a result of collecting experiences, making places feel like home, even as a visitor.

Some entries on "the list" are completely work-a-day, others are more special. But they've all lent some kind of delight and satisfaction that goes beyond economic value and transactional routines (although there are quite a few bargains here!). Things do change fast, though. In the time it took to put this book together, I've had to delete ten entries. This is not a complete, final word by any stretch. After all, there is life beyond chasing the latest and momentous. A bit like Goldilocks, "just right" eschews hot and cold. The list should be tasted, not consumed.

It's personal, an idiosyncratic autobiography of living and roaming with good people. There are no guarantees you will share my experience, but these are folks and places worth checking out when you're in reach. Best case scenario, you come away with a story or two of your own (good or bad). In the context of a decent life, that's worth the price of entry.

Safe journeys!
— T.J.P. SECRET

an
introduction.

San Francisco

This is an easily weird place to love. It's gritty, it's gracious, it's beautiful and bursting at the seams. It underwhelms as it over promises, and for hundreds of years, people have been coming to see what all the fuss is about. A look across the bay only hints at the virgin landscape where Native Americans of the Ohlone tribe and European explorers followed streams that shaped its contours.

The personality of the city is also rooted in this terrain of bedrock and sand; peaks and valleys; slow warmth and cold bursts. It has confounded and ennobled seekers of all kinds — with fog, with fire, promises of riches, political upheaval, sex, drugs, and caricatures of every expectation. Still we are gluttons of her gifts and pleasures.

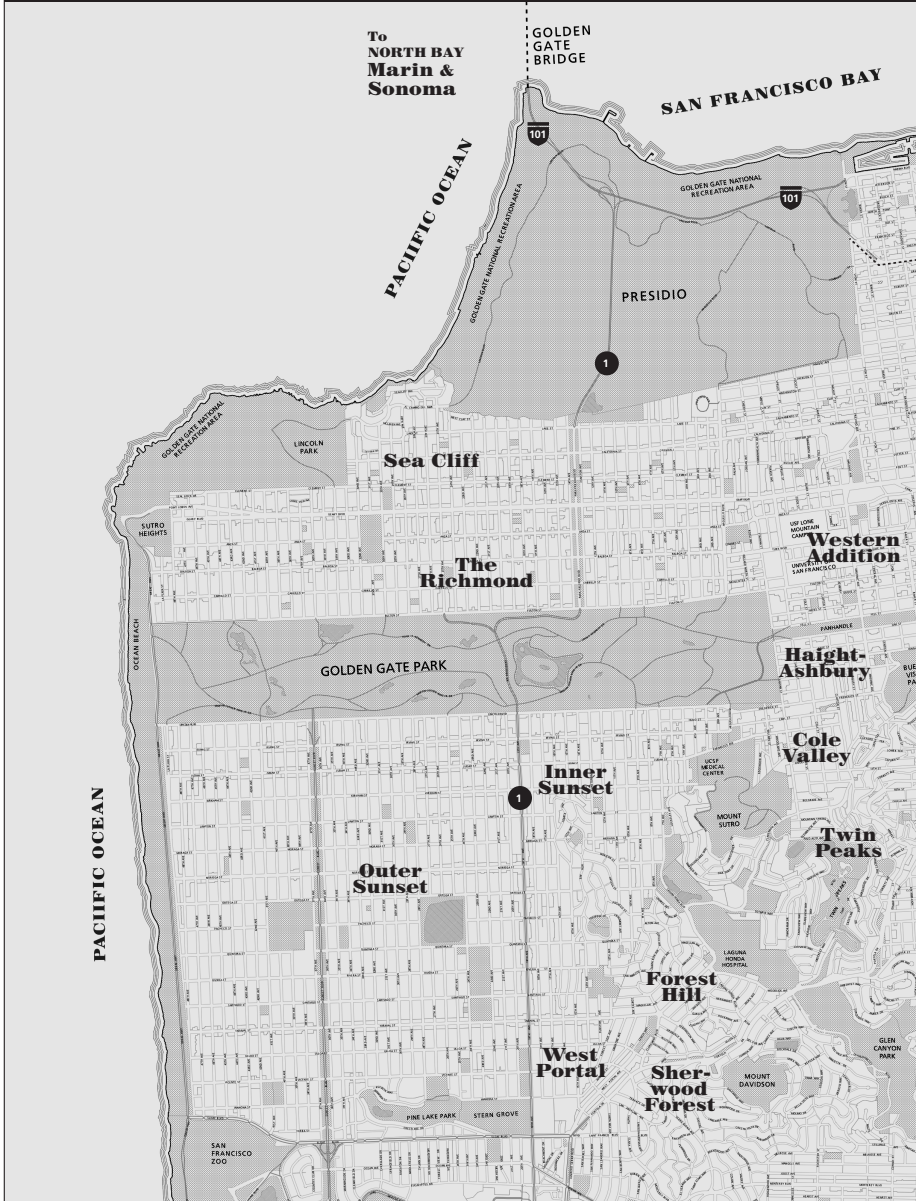
The Spanish colonized the Presidio and established the Misión de San Francisco de Asís in 1776. They named the territory after a native plant they called *yerba buena*, or "good herb." From that point, the arguably strategic location of a sleepy collection of villages would change hands between countries, corporations, cultures, classes, and bickering ideologies. The 1849 Gold Rush brought prosperity to people taking advantage of treasure hunters whose ships were often abandoned in the original harbor. The city built right over them. And

when the 1906 earthquake burned the place to the ground, they rebuilt the whole damn thing. World Wars and industries launched from its piers and welcomed migrants and soldiers home to changing social and economic morals. And there have always been those looking for love in all its shapes.

It seems like it has always been, that as soon as an idea of the city was established, its counter would shake. This is San Francisco: an aging "painted lady" in what is still the frontier, whose colors shimmer, wearing a corset that hides and reveals the allure and mystery of a spirit aglow in just the right light. But on closer inspection, her wares are a bit saggy, and the clothes threadbare. Yet she welcomes you — to give it a whirl, to try something new, even though she's seen it all. She's curious what you have to offer. Cliché can be her middle name, and she will cost you your two cents.

Whether you're here for a day or a lifetime, it is that mercurial spirit that will keep you wondering. Many have left empty handed and disillusioned. But still, there are nuggets and bits we can all find in the cracks beneath her surface. Just don't be surprised that what you expected never was what you thought it would be in the first place. It's just her way.

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a map of san francisco

Know where you are — not completely to scale

To
Lake Merced,
SF State &
Pacific Coast
Highway

**BART**

- 1 Embarcadero
- 2 Montgomery Street
- 3 Powell Street
- 4 16th Street
- 5 24th Street
- 6 Glen Park

**To
SOUTH BAY
SFO
Airport
&
San Jose**

- HIGHWAYS**
- 1 Pacific Coast Highway 1 follows Presidio Park Blvd. and 36th Ave. south from the Golden Gate Bridge.

- 101** After a major earthquake in 1989, parts of the highway system that ran within the city limits were taken down. The 101 freeway separates and is connected by Van Ness and Lombard on surface streets. Alternately, where it empties onto Octavia, Van Ness connects via Fell or Oak.

How Do I Get There?

Book tickets Tuesdays to Wednesdays, for travel in that day range for the best prices, preferably two weeks in advance. The high season generally runs June 15 through September 15.

UNITED.COM
JETBLUE.COM
VIRGINAMERICA.COM

These guys seem to have good frequency and direct flights between major cities.

How Do I Get Around?

BART

bart.gov

The most economical and efficient option for those travelling alone from the airport. Take trains headed toward SFO/Daly City/Millbrae to get TO the airport. Check flight times. Trains will not run before 8 AM or after 11.30 PM or so on weekends. Check *Google Maps* or *511.org* for more detailed trip planning. Trains headed toward Fremont/Pittsburgh/Richmond travel through downtown San Francisco. BART travels beyond SF into the East Bay, which includes Berkeley and Oakland. Overlaps with MUNI and CalTrain at certain points.

FARE : ~\$8 Tolfrom airport

SUPER SHUTTLE

supershuttle.com

Depending on time of day, you may be the first or last of about 5 passengers to be dropped off. Convenient if you have a lot of luggage or at off hours. FARE : ~\$14 One way to/from airport

MUNI

sfmta.com

"Municipal" buses (*numbered*) run all over the city. Light rail (*lettered*) runs above and below ground, providing a comprehensive framework. The J train is a lovely ride, while most of MUNI is an interesting place to, err... experience people.

FARES : \$2.25/90 Min.; \$17/\$26/\$35 for 1/3/7 Days; \$70 Monthly, \$83+BART; \$35 Low income

CALTRAIN

caltrain.com

Commuter train runs from downtown San Francisco to San Jose. Frequency varies around 15-minute/30-minute mark, fewer trains on the weekend. FARE : Zone-based travel, ~\$10 from SF to Palo Alto

TAXI

Economical option for those travelling in groups. FARE : \$20+ One way to/from airport

LYFT / UBER

Those who use this stuff, know.

FARE : ~\$20-\$30 One way to/from airport

BICYCLE

San Francisco is fast becoming one of the bicycle-friendlier cities in the country. Rent, build, buy. Just double lock and check your hills.

Where Am I Gonna Stay?

These places seem like interesting options. There are plenty, but I like to be in the heart of life in the city.

PARKER GUEST HOUSE

06 | *parkerguesthouse.com*

520 Church St., 94114

P : (415) 621-3222

Charming place to stay. Great prices. B+B-like. Booked often.

HOTEL KABUKI

04 | *jdvhoteles.com*

1625 Post St., 94115

P : (415) 922.3200

Japantown 60's modern, still convenient to downtown

CLIFT HOTEL

02 | *morganshotelgroup.com*

495 Geary St., 94102

P : (415) 775-4700

INTERIOR : Philippe Stark, fun-ish.

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HOTEL NIKKO

02 | hotelnikkosf.com
222 Mason St., 94102
P: (415) 394-1111

If you're going to go classic, grown-up hotel, go Nikko.

GALLERIA PARK HOTEL

02 | jdvhotels.com
191 Sutter St., 94104
P: (415) 781-3060

Downtown hotel, boutique styling.

W HOTEL

03 | wsanfrancisco.com
181 3rd St., 94103
P: (415) 777-5300

Meh, why not. You've heard of it.

HYATT REGENCY

01 | sanfranciscoregency.hyatt.com
5 Embarcadero Ctr., 94111
P: (415) 788-1234

80's grand hotel style bigness, sweeping interior courtyard perspectives.

MOSSER HOTEL

03 | themosser.com
54 4th St., 94103
P: (415) 986-4400

Downtown, seems chic.

THE ST. REGIS

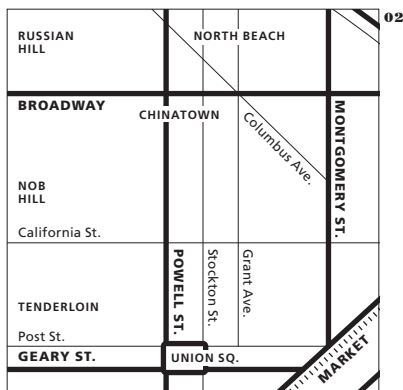
03 | stregissanfrancisco.com
125 3rd St., 94103
P: (415) 284-4000

'Cause sometimes you need the lap of luxury.

Where Am I?

BART HIGHWAYS
STREETS

Neighborhoods and streets you might find yourself wandering or living around. Maps are for context at various scales. [01] Numbers next to listings refer back to this section.



01

**MARKET STREET**

San Francisco's main thoroughfare extends from the Bay, southwest through downtown, the Civic Center, the Mission, and towards the Castro and Twin Peaks at the city's heart. Some of the grandest architecture, poorest residents, and biggest shopping centers share real estate.

THE EMBARCADERO

The waterfront of the city. Take a stroll by the Bay Bridge light show at night. Make your way west by Fisherman's Wharf to the Presidio and eventually, the Golden Gate Bridge.

WHERE: Northeast end of Market St. **HOW:** BART or MUNI to Embarcadero Station

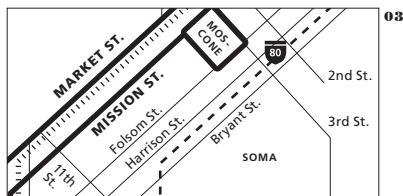
CIVIC CENTER

Civic Center houses City Hall's imposing gilded dome, the symphony, a few theatres, and a couple museums, as well as some of the grittier parts of the city. Gay Pride events anchor here, as well as farmers' markets, outdoor public events, and other celebrations. Just north sits Little Saigon and an area known as the Tenderloin.

UNION SQUARE

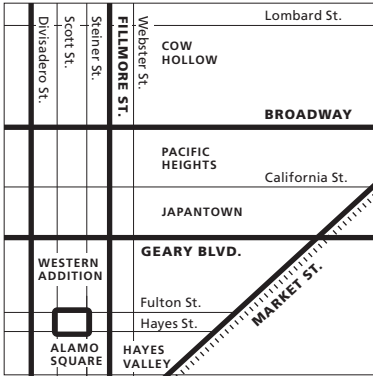
Tourist central — all the usual shopping and eating, convenient to downtown hotels. Tuck up towards Nob Hill, Chinatown, or North Beach.

WHERE: Between Post + Geary St. **HOW:** BART or MUNI Rail to Powell St. Station, Cable car turnaround at Powell and Market St.

**SOMA**

"South of Market's" formerly industrial landscape is being flipped for luxury lofts, design and tech incubators, and big medical complexes. Interesting night life, including some of the edgier, more "local" gay bars and danceterias also pulse here.

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HAYES VALLEY

Cute shopping and residential neighborhood winds westward from Market Street up towards Alamo Square and the famed "Painted Ladies."

FILLMORE STREET

Some higher-end, trendier shopping and a good venture beyond the Mission. Fillmore slices through a variety of San Francisco typologies, from the jazz and music scenes, through Japantown, up towards tonier Pacific Heights's perch over the Bay's entrance. **WHERE :** North of Market St. **HOW :** #22 bus along Fillmore St.

PACIFIC HEIGHTS

The famed hills of San Francisco sort of crest in the Pacific Heights, Russian Hill neighborhoods before dropping down to the city's northern shoreline. Storied mansions, hotels, and mythical settings still hold sway over how people perceive the city. Expect impressive views. **HOW :** Cable car up from Powell St. towards Nob Hill, #22 bus up Fillmore towards Pacific Heights

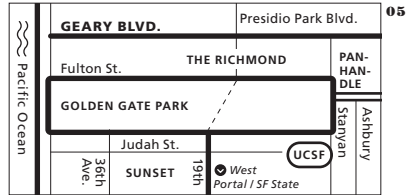
THE MARINA / COW HOLLOW

Along the shoreline, east of the Presidio, sits an area with a reputation — good or bad depends on whom you ask in what part of the city. For some it exemplifies 80's "yuppy-ness," for others, it's a very comfortable and attractive village populated with very fit, attractive people.

WESTERN ADDITION / ALAMO SQUARE

Artists and new restaurants have been slowly adjusting this stretch of the city, cutting through

the middle towards the west. **WHERE :** Sits around Divisadero St. **HOW :** Bicycle "the Wiggle," #24 bus travels through a broad selection of neighborhoods throughout the city



GOLDEN GATE PARK

THE escape from/within the city. A couple of world-class museums, veins of bike and hiking paths, and smells of cedar and eucalyptus trees lead to the Pacific Ocean on the west side of the city. Follow Ocean Beach north towards the Sutro Baths ruins, Lands End parklands, and the exclusive Sea Cliff neighborhoods.

LANDSCAPE : William Hammond Hall, John McLaren **WHERE :** Along Stanyan St. on the narrow east side **HOW :** MUNI N rail along Judah St. on the south side, #5 bus on the north along Fulton

HAIGHT-ASHBURY

South of the Panhandle park, Haight Street crosses Ashbury. 60's counter-culture has given way to establishment shopping. Worth a walk.

THE RICHMOND

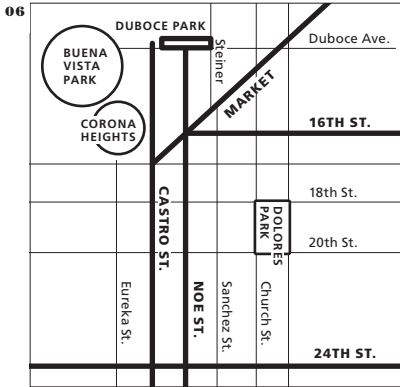
Cold and grey, but apparently has some of the best Asian food in the city, especially along Geary Boulevard, north of Golden Gate Park. Somewhat residential/suburban in feeling, but the rents are cheaper, and you get more space. **HOW :** #38 bus heads out to Ocean Beach along Geary

THE SUNSET

The Sunset sits south of Golden Gate Park, divided into "Inner" and "Outer." Anchored by the UCSF Parnassus campus, one of the best medical education institutions in the country, Inner Sunset has some cute retail neighborhoods. The Outer Sunset is fairly residential, bordering the Stonestown Galleria mall, SF State, and West Portal on the southwestern end of the city. A few artsy outposts are attracting venturers. **HOW :** MUNI N rail heads out to Ocean Beach

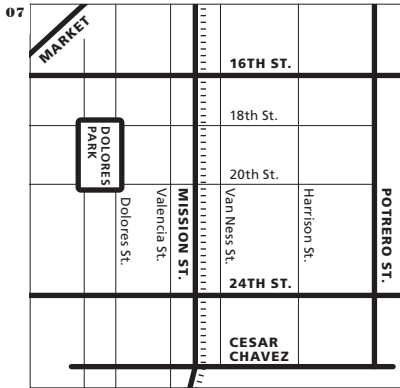
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THE CASTRO / NOE VALLEY / DUBOCE

Mecca for LGBT liberation, even if Stonewall went down in New York. This once Irish-Catholic neighborhood sometimes screams more theme park than social-political relevance. But it's still a gentle rager in its way. Castro Theatre — yes!



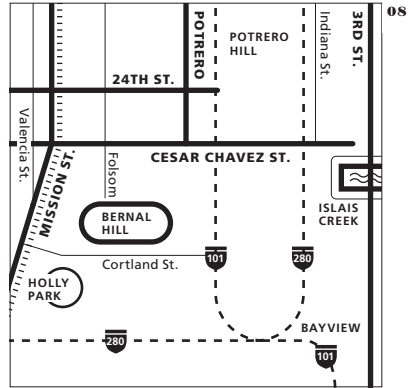
THE MISSION

Currently one of the fastest changing neighborhoods in the city, full of clothing shops, restaurants just this side of precious, coffee houses just north of culty, and a variety of people who like being watched. Experience the current mix and tension between the now and then. Latin flavor meets new tech money as the sunniest part of the city tries to figure out what it means to be one of the most desirable places to live. Check out Mission, Valencia, and 24th Streets to taste what's happening. **HOW :** BART to 16th or 24th St. stations, or #14/49 bus along Mission St.

DOLORES PARK

On unusually sunny summer days, and during impending Indian summer falls, Dolores becomes a sea of people — a perfect spot for a picnic if

you don't like to go far from anything, including other people. **WHERE :** Between 18th St. and 20th St. along Dolores St. **HOW :** BART to 16th St. station, or MUNI J rail, #18 bus to 18th St.



POTRERO HILL

Sits along Potrero Avenue east of the Mission through a series of streets named for states. But charming neighborhoods with vast views of the city and the Bay also host strips of shops and restaurants that'll keep you hilltop.

BERNAL

For easily accessed views of the city, a compact selection of good food, and a nice hike to boot, head up Bernal Hill or along Cortland Street to Holly Park on the southern end of the Mission. **WHERE :** On the southeastern end of Mission St. **HOW :** MUNI J rail to San Jose St. near 30th St., or #14/49 bus along Mission St. to 30th St., #24 bus up Cortland

THE BAYVIEW

Industrial, neglected in some stretches, but also home to revitalization projects centered around Third Street and expanded light rail service. Stretches from the eastern side of Potrero Hill to the water's edge.

EAST BAY

Drive across the Bay Bridge along I-80, or BART into Berkeley or Oakland: cities with their own orbit of interesting goings-on. Food scenes and cultural movers set up shop in more affordable digs and warmer climates. Sacramento, Tahoe, and Napa await further northeast by train or car.

NORTH BAY

Marin County, the Golden Gate National Park continued, Sonoma, Point Reyes, Sausalito, Russian River Valley, all situated across the Golden Gate Bridge. Beautiful scenery, well accessed by car, bike, ferry, or bus. Everyone here hikes.

**I'm
So
Hungry**

Some of the best food in the country, not all of it an arm and a leg — well, maybe a thigh.



LUCCA RAVIOLI COMPANY

07 | luccaravioli.com
1100 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 647-5581

Sometimes an Italian market is just the right place to find the right stuff you want to eat.

LOCAL MISSION EATERY

07 | localmissioneatery.com
3111 24th St., 94110
P: (415) 655-3422

Specializing in fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

BOOGALOO'S

07 | boogaloossf.com
3296 22nd St., 94110
Good standby for breakfasts, some with a Latin angle. Vegetarian/vegan friendly. Avoid the scene, go on a weekday 'round 1:30 PM.

ICHI SUSHI + NI BAR

08 | ichisushi.com
3282 Mission St. (at 29th), 94110
P: (415) 525-4750

Delicious, innovative, busy, casual hang-out with good energy, fun staff, and ties to the community.

CRAFTSMAN & WOLVES

07 | craftsman-wolves.com
746 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 913-7713

Pastries, sandwiches, done with a precision and fussiness, how could you resist?

TARTINE BAKERY

07 | tartinebakery.com
600 Guerrero St., 94110
P: (415) 487-2600

World famous, artery-clogging, mouth-drooling.

DELFINA / PIZZERIA

07 | delfinasf.com
3621 18th St., 94110
P: (415) 552-4055

3611 18th St., 94110

P: (415) 437-6800

04 | pizzeriadelfina.com

2406 California St., 94115

P: (415) 440-1189

One of the best restaurants in the country. The pizzerias are more casual, but the wait might be just as bad.

PUERTO ALEGRE

07 | menupages.com
546 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 255-8201

Always a pleasure. Margaritas and Mexican food.

BI-RITE CREAMERY

07 | biritcreamery.com
3692 18th St., 94110

The sweetspot hour sits between 6:15 and roughly 7:40 PM, when you can avoid lines and gain a few pounds. A very happy place in the city.

WHERE: Across from northeast corner of Dolores Park

MISSION PIE

07 | missionpie.com
2901 Mission St. (at 25th), 94110

P: (415) 282-1500

Walnut or rhubarb pie. Sweets and savories. MMM.

LITTLE STAR PIZZA

07 | littlestarpizza.com
400 Valencia St. (at 15th), 94110

P: (415) 551-7827

04 | 846 Divisadero St.

P: (415) 441-1118

Cornmeal crust deep dish! So fresh, so satisfying.

TAQUERIA VALLARTA

07 | menupages.com
3033 24th St., 94110
P: (415) 826-8116

People flock to the taco stand. Open till 3 AM, plenty vegetarian burrito options. Stay for the murals. "Street food" style.

KEN KEN RAMEN

07 | eatkenramen.com
3378 18th St., 94110

P: (415) 967-2636

Stop by for lunch till 3 PM, when your choice is pork or veggie Japanese curry. Leave sated. The folks and space are fun. The ramen is tasty.

CHA-YA

07 | menupages.com
762 Valencia St. (at 18th), 94110

P: (415) 252-7825

Vegetarian Japanese. The zen-old ladies keep this place humming. No meat, no problem.

useful information

Food for thought, a penny saved, and a place of your own — a few friendly suggestions

WALZWERK

07 | walzwerk.com
381 S. Van Ness Ave.,
(at 15th), 94103
P: (415) 551-7181
German food with an Eastern
Bloc kitsch angle.

SCHMIDT'S

07 | schmidts-sf.com
2400 Folsom St., 94110
P: (415) 401-0200
Walzwerk's more refined sister.

ATLAS CAFE

07 | atlascafe.net
3049 20th St.
(at Florida), 94110
P: (415) 648-1047
Veggie friendly, way laid back.
Great place to grab a
solid sandwich and light fare.

TRICK DOG

07 | trickdogbar.com
3010 20th St.
(at Florida), 94110
P: (415) 471-2999
Overcrowded bar, but the pub
fare is priced right and satisfy-
ing. Kale, kale!

EL FAROLITO

07 | menupages.com
2779 Mission St., 94110
P: (415) 824-7877
People seem to love this place.
If you like meat, go here.

PAPALOTE

MEXICAN GRILL
07 | papalote-sf.com
3409 24th St., 94110
P: (415) 970-8815
Friends say it's delish.

ARIZMENDI BAKERY

arizmendibakery.com
07 | 1268 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 826-9218
05 | 1331 9th Ave., 94122
P: (415) 566-3117
Co-operative bakery. Top
notch. Walnut sourdough,
anyone? Pizzas, foccaccias,
cookies, scones...

LINEA CAFFE

07 | lineacaffe.com
3417 18th St., 94110
P: (415) 590-3011
Espresso bar, salads,
and Belgian waffles.

PETE'S BARBEQUE

2399 Mission St., 94110
07 | P: (415) 826-1009
The rotisserie chicken is the
thing. Completely unpreten-
tious. \$1.50 baked potato!

YAMO

07 | sfyamo.com
3406 18th St., 94110
P: (415) 553-8911
Burmese-Chinese food. Spicy!
Often a line.

THE PHOENIX IRISH BAR

07 | phoenixirishbar.com
811 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 695-1811
Happy hour nosh. Irish break-
fast. Meet and chew.

**HUMPHREY SLOCOMBE
ICE CREAM**

07 | humphryslocombe.com
2790A Harrison St., 94110
P: (415) 550-6971
It's good. It's what it's
supposed to be.

MITCHELL'S ICE CREAM

08 | mitchellsicecream.com
688 San Jose Ave., 94110
P: (415) 648-2300
Less precious, endless variety.

BLUE BOTTLE COFFEE CO.

bluebottlecoffee.com
08 | 66 Mint St., 94103
P: (510) 653-3394
04 | 315 Linden St., 94102
I hear they're serious
about coffee. SF original.

SIGHTGLASS COFFEE

07 | sightglasscoffee.com
3014 20th St., 94110
P: (415) 861-1313
Of course you should. Why not.
It's pretty inside.

FOUR BARREL COFFEE

fourbarrelcoffee.com
07 | 375 Valencia St., 94103
P: (415) 252-0800
04 | The Mill
736 Divisadero St., 94117
Cult coffee. No tea.
+Bakery at the Mill. Oh, and
great people watching.

RITUAL COFFEE ROASTERS

07 | ritualroasters.com
1026 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 641-1011
I hear people like coffee.

PHILZ COFFEE

07 | philzcoffee.com
3101 24th St., 94110
P: (415) 875-9370
Coffee with another cult fol-
lowing through various shops
around the city.

ST. FRANCIS FOUNTAIN

07 | stfrancisfountainsf.com
2801 24th St., 94110
P: (415) 826-4210
I love a good diner. More hip,
but it works. Hearty portions.

UDUPI PALACE

07 | udupipalaceca.com
1007 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 970-8000
Very vegetarian friendly. Mix
and match, and order to taste.
Pretty darn good Indian food.

DOSA

dosasf.com
08 | 995 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 642-3672
04 | 1700 Fillmore St.
(at Post), 94115
P: (415) 441-3672
Nice take on Indian street food.

**OLD JERUSALEM
RESTAURANT**

07 | menupages.com
2976 Mission St., 94110
P: (415) 642-5958
Real deal Middle Eastern fare.

ALI BABA'S CAVE

07 | menupages.com
799 Valencia St., 94110
P : (415) 863-3054

Grab a falafel wrap the size of your head. You will feel it later.

WEST OF PECOS

07 | westofpecos.com
550 Valencia St., 94110
P : (415) 252-7000

A bit of a surprise. Saddle up for a drink, but the broccoli tastes like mac n' cheese.

LITTLE CHIHUAHUA

thelittlechihuahua.com
07 | 581 Valencia St., 94110
P : (415) 355-9144

04 | 292 Divisadero St. (at Page), 94117

P : (415) 255-8225

06 | 4123 24th St. (at Castro), 94114

P : (415) 648-4157
Mexican food using fresh, quality ingredients.

MAU

07 | eatmau.com
665 Valencia St., 94110
P : (415) 934-8889

A slight twist on Vietnamese Pho. Cute crowd. Nice vibe.

ZANTE INDIAN PIZZA

08 | zantepizza.com
3489 Mission St., 94110
P : (415) 821-3949

Ever had pizza with Indian ingredients? It's kind of addictive.

VEGA

08 | vegapizzasf.com
419 Cortland Ave., 94110
P : (415) 285-6000

Simple, tasty, Italian.

THAI HOUSE EXPRESS

06 | menupages.com
599 Castro St., 94114
P : (415) 864-5000

Casual, laid back Thai food.

ORPHAN ANDY'S

06 | orphanandys.net
3991 17th St., 94114
P : (415) 864-9795

Just 'cause you need something diner to soak up late night action in the Castro.

SPARKY'S 24 HOUR DINER

06 | sparkysdinersf.com
242 Church St., 94114
P : (415) 626-8666

More toward the Mid-Market extension of the Castro. Nice greasy spoon with some room. Catch the J train from here.

CHOW

chowfoodbar.com
06 | 215 Church St., 94114
P : (415) 552-2469

05 | Park Chow
1240 9th Ave., 94122

P : (415) 665-9912
Casual, extensive menu. Good eats, fresh ingredients, Bay Area mini chain.

IT'S TOPS COFFEE SHOP

01 | itstopscoffeeshop.com
1801 Market St., 94103
P : (415) 431-6395

Greasy spoon. We all like a greasy spoon. Only till 3 AM.

SUPER DUPER BURGER

superduperburgers.com
06 | 2304 Market St., 94114
P : (415) 558-8123

08 | 783 Mission St., 94103
P : (415) 882-1750

A really fresh take on burgers and fries, and very veggie friendly.

SUSHI ZONE

01 | menupages.com
1815 Market St., 94103
P : (415) 621-1114

Best strategy I've heard recommends putting your name on the list on your way home from work, run errands, and come back in an hour or two for something dee-licious. So worth it. Tiny, tiny space.

IZAKAYA ROKU

01 | rokusf.com
1819 Market St., 94103
P : (415) 861-6500
Japanese pubby comfort food!

PLOW

08 | eatatplow.com
1299 18th St., 94107
P : (415) 821-7569
Local, seasonal, just south of pretentious. Or is that precious? Still tasty.

SUPPENKÜCHE

04 | suppenkuche.com
525 Laguna St., 94102
P : (415) 252-9289
Yet more German food in a tavern setting.

LA MÉDITERRANÉE

lamediterranee.net
04 | 2210 Fillmore St. (at Sacramento), 94115
P : (415) 921-2956
06 | 288 Noe St., 94114
P : (415) 431-7210
Consistently good casual eats.

BISTRO GAMBRINUS

05 | menupages.com
1813 Fulton St. (at Masonic), 94117
P : (415) 221-7777
Casual Eastern European fare.

useful information

Food for thought, a penny saved, and a place of your own — a few friendly suggestions

GREEN CHILE KITCHEN

05 | greenchilekitchen.com
1801 mcallister st., 94115

P : (415) 440-9411

New Mexican — as in state — restaurant. Good eats.

CAFE DU SOLEIL

06 | menupages.com
200 Fillmore St., 94102

P : (415) 934-8637

One of those places on a corner where you just want to sit and grab a coffee and some eggs and pastries.

ON THE BRIDGE

04 | menupages.com
1581 Webster St., Ste. 205 (at Post), 94115

P : (415) 922-7765

Japanese style spaghetti. Butter, shoyu, and garlic — mmm.

PHO HA TIEN

05 | phohatien.com
1900 Ocean Ave., 94127

P : (415) 337-2168

Good Vietnamese towards the southwestern end of the city.

PHO PHU QUOC (PPQ)

05 | ppqs.com
1816 Irving St., 94122

P : (415) 661-8869

Delicious Vietnamese in the heart of the Sunset. Garlic noodles and get something with squid!

SAN TUNG CHINESE RESTAURANT

05 | santungchineserestaurant.com
1031 Irving St., 94122

P : (415) 242-0828

Chinese-Korean. I hear it's delicious.

TON KIANG

05 | tonkiang.net
5821 Geary Blvd., 94121

P : (415) 752-4440

Most of the good Chinese food in the city is on this side of town.

OUTERLANDS

05 | outerlandssf.com
4001 Judah St., 94122

P : (415) 661-6140

I just like this place. Simple, clean fresh fare, in a rustic, slightly isolated and cold neighborhood. Grab a blanket and apple cider while you wait.

IN-N-OUT BURGER

01 | in-n-out.com
333 Jefferson St., 94133

P : (800) 786-1000

California born and raised, this chain has a national cult following. Back to the basics. Complete your tourist trip.

FERRY BUILDING MARKET

01 | ferrybuildingmarketplace.com
1 Ferry Bldg., 94111

P : (415) 291-3276

San Francisco port landmark, fine foods, waterfront views

EL PORTEÑO

01 | elportenosf.com
1 Ferry Bldg., 94111

P : (415) 513-4529

The best empanadas I've ever tasted!

JAPACURRY

03 | japacurry.com

Follow this food truck and grab a bento. Veggie friendly.

KING OF THAI NOODLE HOUSE

02 | kingofthainoodle.net
184 O'Farrell St., 94102

P : (415) 677-9991

One of a small chain, but satisfying meal to be sure. A gem among tourists.

THE LOVING HUT

lovinghut.us
02 | 1365 Stockton St. (near Broadway), 94133

P : (415) 362-2199

02 | 845 Market St., Ste. 12 (Westfield Centre), 94103

P : (415) 975-3888

05 | 524 Irving St. (at 7th Ave.), 94122

P : (415) 731-1957

Vegan Chinese food. Surprisingly tasty, nationwide even.

M.Y. CHINA

02 | tastemychina.com
845 Market St., 4th Fl. (Westfield Centre), 94103

P : (415) 580-3001

Quite delicious, bit of a show.

THE GROVE

thegrovesf.com
03 | 690 Mission St., 94105

P : (415) 957-0558

04 | 2016 Fillmore St. (near California), 94115

P : (415) 474.1419

Good comfort food. Big menu.

NICK'S CRISPY TACOS

02 | nickscrispytacos.com
1500 Broadway St., 94109

P : (415) 409-8226

Louche setting. Food truck fun.

KOKKARI ESTIATORIO

02 | kokkari.com
200 Jackson St., 94111

P : (415) 981-0983

Greek food at the highest level. Some of the best service I've ever had, anywhere. It will cost something special.

THE STABLE CAFE

07 | stablecafe.com
2124-8 Folsom St., 94110

P : (415) 552-1199

THE CHEESE SCHOOL
thecheeseschool.com

P : (415) 346-7530

So these two are separate entries that share the same space. The café is a cute breakfast to lunch shop with basic fare. The School holds classes and caters events around cheese, wine, pizza-making, and very good taste. But the star is the garden space, which is a great place to work or hold a group gathering. Grown up and still cooler than normal. Rent the space or take a class. It's worth it.

EAST BAY

**CHEESE BOARD
BAKERY / PIZZA**

cheeseboardcollective.coop
1512 + 1504 Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94709
P : (510) 549-3183
The original cooperative bakery.

CHEZ PANISSE / CAFÉ

chezpanisse.com
1517 Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94709
CAFÉ : (510) 548-5049
RESTAURANT : (510) 548-5525
Go once in your life. Have a Gewürztraminer grape juice. The café is easier to get into and more casual.

**ZACHARY'S
CHICAGO PIZZA**

zacharys.com
5801 College Ave.
Oakland, CA 94618
P : (510) 655-6385
Deep dish, top notch freshness.

LO COCO'S

lococospiedmont.com
4270 Piedmont Ave.
Oakland, CA 94611
P : (510) 652-6222
lococospizzeria.com
1400 Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94709
P : (510) 843-3745
A family of Italian family restaurants done well.

MAKE YOUR OWN

MISSION FARMERS MRKT.

07 | *missioncommunitymarket*
Bartlett St. (at 22nd)
THURS : Evenings

CASTRO FARMERS MAKT.

06 | *pcfma.com*
Noe St. (at Market)
WED : Evenings

**NOE VALLEY
FARMERS MRKT**

06 | *noevalleyfarmersmarket*
24th St. (at Sanchez)
SAT : Mornings

DUC LOI SUPERMARKET

07 | *ducloimarket.com*
2200 Mission St., 94110
P : (415) 551-1772
A little bit of everything. Tofu for \$1.50. Vietnamese sandwiches. Decent selection of Western and Eastern foods.

RAINBOW GROCERY

07 | *rainbow.coop*
1745 Folsom St., 94103
P : (415) 863-0620
Be good to yourself. A San Francisco classic. Fresh and bountiful.

VALENCIA WHOLE FOODS

07 | *sfweekly.com*
999 Valencia St., 94110
P : (415) 285-0231
Everyone seems to love this place. Good salad bar.

LA PALMA MEXICATESSEN

07 | *lapalmasf.com*
2884 24th St., 94110
P : (415) 647-1500
Tortillas by the pack made in-house. Delicious tamales.

TRADER JOE'S

traderjoes.com
08 | 555 9th St., 94103
P : (415) 863-1292
04 | 3 Masonic Ave., 94118

P : (415) 346-9964
The go-to for staples and supplies at more than decent prices. Great for parties.

WHOLE FOODS

06 | *wholefoodsmarket.com*
2001 Market St., 94114
P : (415) 626-1430

SAFEWAY

06 | *safeway.com*
2020 Market St., 94114
P : (415) 861-7660
'Cause sometimes in the middle of the night, you need milk, and bread, and kitty litter.

**LEHR'S GERMAN
SPECIALTIES**

06 | 1581 Church St., 94131
P : (415) 282-6803
Miss the old country? Little old German ladies keep this emporium stocked in candies, condiments, newspapers, toys, and foodstuffs. Holiday souvenirs? Last minute unexpected hostess gifts? Go here. Very old school.

NIJIYA MARKET

04 | *nijiya.com*
1737 Post St., 94115
P : (415) 563-1901
Really good quality Japanese market. The ready-cut *na-be* set is the go-to. Stock up on onigiri and sauces.

EAST BAY

MONTEREY MARKET

montereymarket.com
1550 Hopkins St.
Berkeley, CA 94707
P : (510) 526-6042
I dig it. The mushrooms alone...

BERKELEY BOWL

berkeleybowl.com
2020 Oregon St.
Berkeley, CA 94703
P : (510) 843-6929
Love buying food.

useful information

Food for thought, a penny saved, and a place of your own — a few friendly suggestions

I **Shouldn't** **Really** **Drink Alone**

Getting blind drunk isn't the goal. Find a place to sway or have a nibble with a pint instead.

THE STUD

03 | studsf.com
399 9th St.
(at Harrison), 94103
P: (415) 863-6623

Casual gay bar and club. Friday nights feature "Something," a drag-as-art experience hosted by Vivian Glamamore. Just go. It's hip with a loyal following.

EL RIO

08 | elriosf.com
3158 Mission St., 94110
P: (415) 282-3325

More fun than the usual dive bar. Karaoke nights, and every third summer Saturday afternoon, get in line round 2 PM to get into Hard French, a soul barbecue on the patio. They call it cruising.

BENDER'S BAR & GRILL

07 | bendersbar.com
806 S. Van Ness Ave.
(at 19th), 94110
They have chicken tenders and tater tots. Need I say more?

PHONE BOOTH

07 | 1398 S. Van Ness Ave.
(at 25th), 94110
P: (415) 648-4683
A classic dive bar. Sure.

MAKE OUT ROOM

07 | makeoutroom.com
3225 22nd St., 94110
P: (415) 647-2888
Done up like Carrie's prom.

ELBO ROOM

07 | elbo.com
647 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 552-7788
A Mission anchor. Nice space, live bands, 'n pinball machines.

ZEITGEIST

07 | zeitgeistsf.com
199 Valencia St., 94103
P: (415) 255-7505
"Biker" bar with a giant outdoor space and burgers.

LUCKY 13

06 | 2140 Market St.
(at Sanchez), 94114
P: (415) 487-1313
An old standby of sorts, with a large beer selection. Nice dive.

CAFÉ DU NORD

06 | cafedunord.com
2174 Market St., 94114
P: (415) 861-5016
This place is moody and, I hear, a good place for live bands. A little like a Victorian underground saloon.

BLACKBIRD

06 | blackbirdbar.com
2124 Market St., 94114
P: (415) 503-0630
Casual, local favorite. Mixed crowds. Castro adjacent.

TWIN PEAKS TAVERN

06 | twinpeakstavern.com
401 Castro St., 94114
P: (415) 864-9470
Molly's favorite pre-flick Castro classic corner pub.

TONGA ROOM

02 | tongaroom.com
Fairmont Hotel
950 Mason St., 94108
P: (415) 772-5278
A city kitsch classic for a drink or a nibble and a good time.

THE STARLIGHT ROOM

02 | starlightroomsf.com
Sir Francis Drake Hotel
450 Powell St., 94105
P: (415) 395-8595
High above Union Square.

I **Do Food** **Good**

Let's give back. The Bay Area is the perfect place for turning local, bountiful agriculture into a force for opportunity.

PROJECT OPEN HAND

openhand.org
07 | 730 Polk St., 94109
P: (415) 447-2300
1921 San Pablo Ave.
Oakland, CA 94612
P: (510) 622-0221

Helping to provide nourishment to people living with illnesses and infirmities. Volunteer and learn some kitchen skills.

LA COCINA

07 | lacocinasf.org
2948 Folsom St., 94110
P: (415) 824-2729
Incubator for those who want to make a living with food.

Training programs, cooking facilities, support systems that encourage food education.

EAST BAY

THE EDIBLE SCHOOLYARD PROJECT

edibleschoolyard.org
1517 Shattuck Ave
Berkeley, CA 94709
P: (510) 843-3811
For the next generation. Kids learn about growing food — through science, literature, preparation, and co-operation.

Where Do I Get That?

The "I've-got-a-run-in-my-stocking" or "I-forgot-my-gladiator-party-pants" list.

826 VALENCIA PIRATE SUPPLY STORE

07 | 826valencia.org
826 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 642-5905

So this is kind of my home away from home. Now over 12 years old, this is a unique institution that helps to encourage young peoples' love of reading and writing. Volunteer here. They are always looking for folks to help out, and they take all kinds of people and backgrounds. Donate or work with them or any of their 6 sister chapters, nationwide. Or get involved somewhere. Give back! You'll be great.

THE APARTMENT

07 | [theapartmentsf@gmail](mailto:theapartmentsf@gmail.com)
P: (415) 255-1100

This little vintage shop is what I envision a version of my life might be in 20 years. But they're moving. Look for them in Petaluma, North Bay. Get on their mailing list for updates.

SALVATION ARMY STORE

07 | satruck.org
1500 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 401-0698

The old reliable. They do good works and sell good stuff.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

07 | sfgoodwill.org
2279 Mission St.
(at 19th) 94110

P: (415) 826-5759

Worker training, good stuff. Branches throughout the city.

STUFF

07 | stuffsf.com
150 Valencia St., 94110

A great selection of modern, period furniture, and knick-knacks. Some great bargains, some not-so-great bargains, but fun to roam through.

WHERE: *West side of north end Valencia St., just before the freeway overpass*

COMMUNITY THRIFT

07 | communitythriftsf.org
623 Valencia St.
(at 16th), 94110

P: (415) 861-4910

Another great place. There's an eye toward some curation and presentation. Not much. Proceeds go to a variety of non-profits and charity organizations.

ALEMANY FLEA MARKET

08 | sfgsa.org
100 Alemany Blvd., 94110
P: (415) 647-2043

Not the shiniest of flea markets, but likely some real goodies for not much.

DANDELION CHOCOLATE

07 | dandelionchocolate.com
740 Valencia St.
(at 18th), 94110

P: (415) 349-0942

Struggled with this one — food or retail? In the end, small batch chocolates are must-gifts. Frozen hot chocolate — yes!

SEE'S CANDIES

06 | sees.com
542 Market St., 94104
P: (415) 362-1593

An American, make that Californian classic chocolatier.

HEATH CERAMICS

heathceramics.com
07 | 2900 18th St., 94110
P: (415) 361-5552

Blue Bottle Coffee and home interior fantasy.

400 Gate Five Rd.
Sausalito, CA 94965

P: (415) 332-3732

North side of the bay. Curious about leftover stock in the factory outlet?

AMPERSAND FLOWER SHOP & STUDIO

07 | ampersandsf.com
80 Albion St. (off 16th,
near Valencia), 94103

P: (415) 654-0776

A recent discovery, this turquoise barn is maybe what I dream my life could've been 10 years ago. Buy a stem, rent the space.

LOST WEEKEND VIDEO

07 | [sflostweekend](http://sflostweekend.com)
1034 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 643-3373

Still going. Huge selection and smart movie club events.

LITTLE PAPER PLANES

07 | littlepaperplanes.com
855 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 643-4616

Cute, art-y collective of artisan and designer goods.

GRAVEL AND GOLD

07 | gravelandgold.com
3266 21st St., 94110
P: (415) 552-0112

Curated lifestyle wares if you're into new new-age camping.

useful information

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PARK LIFE

parklifestyle.com
07 | 3049 22nd St., 94110
 P: (415) 386-7275
05 | 220 Clement St., 94118
 P: (415) 386-7275
 Cool objects and art objects.
 Serious and whimsical gallery.

FLAX ART AND DESIGN

07 | *flaxart.com*
 1699 Market St.
 (at Valencia), 94103
 P: (415) 552-2355
 Family owned art supply store.
 Broad selection. Browse!

**ARCH ART +
DRAFTING SUPPLY**

archsupplies.com
03 | ARCH@CCA
 1111 8th St., 94107
 P: (415) 433-2724
05 | ARCH PopUP
 2349 3rd St., 94107
 Osmose and make. Angled
 approach to art supplies.
 They recently moved, but are
 still going strong.

FABRIC OUTLET

07 | *fabricoutletssf.com*
 2109 Mission St., 94110
 P: (415) 552-4525

TAP PLASTICS

07 | *tapplastics.com*
 154 South Van Ness, 94103
 P: (415) 864-7360
 One of those resources
 you never know you need.

COLE HARDWARE

colehardware.com
05 | 3312 Mission St., 94110
 P: (415) 647-8700
03 | 70 4th St., 94103
 P: (415) 777-4400
05 | 956 Cole St., 94117
 P: (415) 319-6705
 Everyday essentials. Great fam-
 ily of hardware stores citywide.

CLIFF'S VARIETY

06 | *cliffsvariety.com*
 479 Castro St., 94114
 P: (415) 431-5365
 Whatever you need, and a fun
 place to need it.

CHERINS APPLIANCES

07 | *cherinsappliancesf.com*
 727 Valencia St., 94110
 P: (415) 659-9122
 Their building sign on Valencia
 is now iconic. High end appli-
 ances and people who know
 what they're talking about.

BED, BATH, & BEYOND

03 | *bedbathandbeyond.com*
 555 9th St., 94103
 P: (415) 252-0490
 'Cause sometimes you just
 need that thing, and you
 can always find a 20% off
 coupon somewhere.

MUJI

03 | *muji.us*
 540 9th St., 94103
 P: (415) 694-5981
 Oh, I need some travel goods,
 some socks, some stationery,
 and I forgot I needed the
 most fabulously useful stuff
 I couldn't live without.

DANDELION

dandelionsf.com
 55 Potrero Ave., 94103
 P: (415) 436-9500
 Got a recommendation for
 this one. Odds and ends for the
 home. Exotic and familiar.

KINOKUNIYA BOOKSTORE

04 | *kinokuniya.com*
 1581 Webster St., 94115
 P: (415) 567-7625
 'Cause a Japanese bookstore
 always delights.

AMOEBa MUSIC

05 | *amoeba.com*
 1855 Haight St., 94117
 P: (415) 831-1200
 Just the biggest selection of
 music anywhere. Now in LA

COOKIN':**RECYCLED GOURMET
APPURTENANCES**

04 | 339 Divisadero St.
 (at Oak), 94117
 P: (415) 861-1854
 Every imaginable Julia Child
 cookware fantasy you ever had
 and didn't know existed.

RARE DEVICE

04 | *raredevice.net*
 600 Divisadero St., 94117
 P: (415) 863-3969
06 | 4071 24th St., 94114
 P: (415) 374.7412
 Cute store, curated artsy
 design objects.

ICHIBAN KAN

04 | *ichibankanusa.com*
 22 Peace Plz., Japantown
 Center, Ste. 540, 94115
 P: (415) 409-0472
 Not quite dollar store, but kind
 of like a big Japanese conve-
 nience store. Soup to gadget.

SOKO HARDWARE

04 | *californiajapantowns*
 1698 Post St., 94115
 P: (415) 931-5510
 Old school and a lot of every-
 thing for the home. Roaming
 here is fairly inspiring.

**WESTFIELD SHOPPING
CENTER**

02 | *westfield.com*
 865 Market St., 94103
 P: (415) 495-5656
 'Cause sometimes you just
 need a giant mall.

TARGET

03 | *target.com*
 789 Mission St., 94103
 P: (415) 343-6272
05 | 2675 Geary Blvd.
 (at Masonic), 94118
 P: (415) 796-5280
 And sometimes, you just need
 to swarm in to find what
 you need in all its variety.

APPLE STORE

02 | *apple.com*
 1 Stockton St., 94108
 P: (415) 392-0202
 Free Wi-Fi.

UNIQLO

02 | *uniqlo.com*
 111 Powell St., 94102
 P: (877) 486-4756
 A fresh pair of whatever in
 every color.

BOOKS

Because bookstores deserve their own section, absolutely.

CITY LIGHTS BOOKSTORE

02 | citylights.com
261 Columbus Ave., 94133
P: (415) 362-8193
Of course.

DOG EARED BOOKS

07 | dogearedbooks.com
900 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 282-1901
Nice folks, good selection, manageable browsing.

ALLEY CAT BOOKS

07 | alleycatbooksgallery.com
3036 24th St., 94110
P: (415) 824-1761
Sister of Dog Eared. Revolving events and deep selection.

ADOBE BOOKSHOP

07 | adobebooks.com
3130 24th St., 94110
P: (415) 864-3936
Something old, something new. Art as bookstore.

MODERN TIMES BOOKSTORE

07 | moderntimesbookstore.com
2919 24th St., 94110
P: (415) 282-9246
For anarchists and people who care. Keep 'em going.

PRESS: WORKS ON PAPER

07 | pressworksonpaper.com
3108 24th St., 94110
P: (415) 913-7156
Very tightly curated and considered art and design bookstore.

NEEDLES & PENS

07 | needles-pens.com
1173 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 255-1534
'Zines, independent publishing!

AARDVARK BOOKS

06 | sfgate.com
227 Church St.
(at Market), 94114
P: (415) 552-6733
Used and new, mostly used. Meet Owen the cat.

BOOKS INC.

06 | booksinc.net
2275 Market St., 94114
P: (415) 864-6777
Nice people. Small local chain. This branch is pretty gay in a good way.

GREEN APPLE BOOKS

05 | greenapplebooks.com
On the Park
1231 9th Ave., 94122
P: (415) 742-5833
Newer space. Rent videos upstairs at institution, Le Video. The Richmond Original
506 Clement St., 94118
P: (415) 387-2272
Packed to the rafters. Depth and breadth. They know books.

THE BOOKSMITH

08 | booksmith.com
1644 Haight St., 94117
P: (800) 493-7323
Haight-Ashbury is a bit hard to pin down, but this sweet bookstore is a nice anchor.

E.M. WOLFMAN

GENERAL INTEREST
SMALL BOOKSTORE
wolfmanhomerepair.com
410 13th St.
Oakland, CA 94612
P: (415) 250-5527

Gentleman bookseller bringing a little pizzazz to downtown Oakland. Somewhere between art and wordsmith-ing, gallery and analog browsing. WHERE: Just near 19th St. BART Station

EAST BAY

IKEA

ikea.com
Emeryville
4400 Shellmound St.
Emeryville, CA 94608
P: (510) 420-4532
'Cause, you know.

ALAMEDA POINT ANTIQUES FAIRE

alamedapointantiquesfaire.com
2900 Navy Way
Alameda, CA 94501
P: (510) 522-7500
First sunday of the month, once naval base hosts an enormous quality flea market.

OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA ANNUAL WHITEL ELEPHANT SALE

whiteelephantsale.org
333 Lancaster St.
Oakland, CA 94601
P: (510) 536-6800
Early March, a giant rummage sale. Fine art to home goods, great bargains to be found for one weekend only, discounts compound exponentially

GALVIN APPLIANCE

galvinappliance.com
619 San Pablo Ave.
Albany, CA 94706
P: (510) 527-2244
Experts are great. Find a place that knows what you need and how things work.

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Food for thought, a penny saved, and a place of your own — a few friendly suggestions

What Do I See?

Even if you live somewhere, you gotta have something to do on the way home.

SUTRO BATHS

05 | nps.gov
Point Lobos Ave. +
Merrie Way, 94121
P : (415) 561-4323
My top choice! Not to be missed. San Francisco's very own Victorian ruins.

THE PRESIDIO

05 | nps.gov
103 Montgomery St., 94129
P : (415) 561-5300
Walk there, bike there, roam there. Find yourself on the edge of the city in the middle of the woods, at the base of the Golden Gate Bridge.

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

05 | goldengatebridge.org
Hwy. 101, 94129
P : (415) 921-5858
75 years and counting.

LEGION OF HONOR

05 | legionofhonor.famsf.org
100 34th Ave., 94121
P : (415) 750-3600
Like a tiny Louvre surrounded by forest and the ocean.

DE YOUNG MUSEUM

05 | deyoung.famsf.org
Golden Gate Park
P : (415) 750-3600
ARCHITECTURE : Herzog + DeMeuron.

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

05 | calacademy.org
Golden Gate Park
P : (415) 379-8000
ARCHITECTURE : Renzo Piano
Learn and roam, but especially Thursday nights at Night Life, when DJs spin for adults only. \$12 is a steal!

MISIÓN SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS

07 | missiondolores.org
3321 16th St.
(at Dolores), 94114
P : (415) 621-8203
Also known as the Mission Dolores, the structure is the oldest in the city — the 7th of the original 21 missions founded by the Spanish in colonizing California and essentially establishing what would become present-day San Francisco in 1776.
ENTRY : All this history for the bargain price of \$5!

MISSION PUBLIC LIBRARY

07 | sfpl.org
300 Bartlett St., 94110
P : (415) 355-2800
Charming branch with free Wi-Fi. Quiet place to work.

TWIN PEAKS SUTRO TOWER

06 | sfrecpark.org
501 Twin Peaks Blvd., 94114
Second tallest points in the city, just west of the Castro. Market eventually winds its way into the hills and a web of streets wraps their way along the contours. Native species + 360° views. HOW : #36/37/52 buses to points around the peaks, then hike

DUBOCE PARK

06 | sfrecpark.org
Duboce + Scott St., 94117
P : (415) 717-2872
A cute dog park, community center, and nexus for gathering.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

04 | stmarycathedralsf.org
1111 Gough St., 94109
P : (415) 567-4040
A feat of engineering and awesome modernism, free to enter during non-mass hours.
ARCHITECTURE : Paolo Nervi

GRACE CATHEDRAL

02 | gracecathedral.org
1100 California St., 94108
P : (415) 749-6300
Beyond the spiritual, they also hold concerts and yoga classes.

ALAMO SQUARE

04 | sfrecpark.org
Steiner St. + Hayes St., 94115
P : (415) 218-0259
Well if you remember the annoying theme song from that T.V. show, and the equally palatable children, you might as well find your way here.

MUSÉE MECANIQUE

01 | museemecaniquesf.com
Fisherman's Wharf
Pier 39, Embar., 94133
P : (415) 346-2000
Have the most fun under one roof. You'll need quarters.

ALCATRAZ

01 | nps.gov/alca
Pier 33, Embarc., 94123
P : (415) 561-4900
Spooky and lovely. Go ahead, be a tourist for a day.

COIT TOWER

02 | sfrecpark.org
1 Telegraph Hill Blvd., 94133
P : (415) 249-0995
W.P.A. murals, lovely views.

CIVIC CENTER

01 | sfviviccenter.org
355 McAllister St., 94103
What's St. Peter's Vatican dome doing here? Gilded and monumental, visit City Hall's grand entry. catch a show, attend the symphony or opera.

SAN FRANCISCO MAIN LIBRARY

01 | sfpl.org
100 Larkin St., 94102
P : (415) 557-4400
Free Wi-Fi. Po-mo madness.

ASIAN ART MUSEUM

01 | asianart.org
200 Larkin St., 94102
P : (415) 581-3500
Converted from the old Public Library, features exhibits covering the breadth and depth of ancient and contemporary Asian cultures. ARCHITECTURE : Gae Aulenti

EXPLORATORIUM

01 | exploratorium.edu
Pier 15, Embarc., 94111
P : (415) 528-4444

Everything for the kids, and something for everyone. Learn and like. Inspiring and the best.

PIER 24 PHOTOGRAPHY

01 | pier24.org
Pier 24, Embarc., 94105
P : (415) 512-7424

Free by appointment only. Southeast of the Ferry Building. M-F: 10:00 AM - 5:15 PM

AT&T PARK

sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com
08 | 24 Willie Mays Plaza (at 3rd), 94107
P : (415) 972-2000

I hear this is a great place to watch a ball game. The Giants are huge right now. Architecturally, I could hate it. But you can find \$5 tickets.

TRANSAMERICA CENTER PYRAMID BUILDING

transamericapyramidcenter.com
02 | 600 Montgomery St. (at Clay), 94111
P : (415) 829-5400

Worth a look. ARCHITECTURE : *William Pereira & Associates*

CONTEMPORARY JEWISH MUSEUM

03 | jmsf.org
736 Mission St., 94103
P : (415) 655-7800

ARCHITECTURE : *Daniel Libeskind*

SOUTHERN EXPOSURE

07 | soex.org
3030 20th St., 94110
P : (415) 863-2141

Gallery and arts organization that promotes education and research programs.

KADIST ART FOUNDATION

07 | kadist.org
3295 20th St., 94110
P : (415) 738-8668

Foundation and exhibit space for new art. Also in Paris.

GALERÍA DELA RAZA

07 | galeriadelaraza.org
2857 24th St., 94110
P : (415) 826-8009

Latino arts organization + gallery

THE WOMEN'S BUILDING

07 | womensbuilding.org
3543 18th St., 94110
P : (415) 431-1180

The U.S.'s first women-owned community center. Epic murals.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE LIBRARY & CHESS ROOM

02 | milibrary.org
57 Post St. (btw Lick Pl. + Kearny), 94104
P : (415) 393-0102

"Located in the heart of the financial district, the Mechanics' Institute is a nonprofit membership organization open to the public. The Institute has a rich and colorful history. Founded just after the Gold Rush to provide technical education and training for mechanics and to promote local and California industry, the Institute today is a vibrant intellectual and cultural center serving the entire Bay Area."

SFMOMA

03 | sfmoma.org
151 3rd St., 94103
P : (415) 357-4000

Closed for major renovations and expansion. But check out travelling exhibits and the Mario Botta classic façade. A real gem, good shows. ARCHITECTURE : *Mario Botta*; NEW ADDITION : *Snøhetta*

UNITED STATES

FEDERAL BUILDING

08 | gsa.gov
90 7th St., 94103
De-con architecture, just love it. ARCHITECTURE : *Morphosis*

EAST BAY

There's plenty to see in the East Bay, but I'm not as familiar with the area.

TILDEN REGIONAL PARK

2501 Grizzly Peak Blvd. Berkeley, CA 94708
P : (510) 843-2137
Go for a mountain hike in Berkeley's back yard. Gorgeous views across the Bay.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETARY

mountainviewcemetery.org
5000 Piedmont Ave. Oakland, CA 94611
P : (510) 658-2588
Jorge says it's a must. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE : *Frederick Law Olmstead*

NORTH BAY

MOUNT TAMALPAIS STATE PARK

parks.ca.gov
Panoramic Hwy. Mill Valley, CA 94941
P : (415) 258-2410
Popular with Bay Area hikers and campers, one of the highest points in the region.

POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE

nps.gov/pore
1 Bear Valley Rd. Point Reyes Station CA 94956
P : (415) 663-1835
North Bay jewel.

useful information

Food for thought, a penny saved, and a place of your own — a few friendly suggestions

**MARIN COUNTY
CIVIC CENTER**

marincounty.org
3501 Civic Center Dr.
San Rafael, CA 94901

P : (415) 499-6400

Bizarre and wondrous. Completed after architect, Frank Lloyd Wright's passing, a lesson in modern architectural history.

SEA RANCH LODGE

searanchlodge.com
60 Sea Walk Dr.
Sea Ranch, CA 95497

P : (707) 785-2371

Treat yourself: to architecture, to food, to flora and fauna.

GUERNEVILLE

guerneville-online.com
15905 River Rd.
Guerneville, CA 95446

P : (707) 869-0102

Innertube down a river? My favorite thing I have no idea about is something called "Lazy Bear Weekend." It just begs cuteness. Tiny bit trashy.

TIBURON

townoftiburon.org
308 Reed Blvd.
Mill Valley, CA 94941

P : (415) 388-8182

By the water, tiny, quirky train museum.

MUIR WOODS**NATIONAL MONUMENT**

nps.gov/muwo
Muir Woods Rd.
Mill Valley, CA 94941

P : (415) 388-2595

Get lost among giants. Redwoods, that is.

**HEADLANDS CENTER
FOR THE ARTS**

headlands.org
944 Fort Barry
Sausalito, CA 94965

P : (415) 331-2787

A cool campus of work being done within and around nature.

SONOMA COUNTY

sonomacounty.ca.gov
Coastal hills + wine country.

NAPA VALLEY

napavalley.com
Wine country. Hot + dry.

FURTHER EAST**CALIFORNIA
STATE CAPITOL**

capitolmuseum.ca.gov
1315 10th St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

P : (916) 324-0333

Everyone should visit the state capitol. **HOW :** *Amtrak from Richmond BART for about an hour and a half. Puts you out just near the Capitol, or Highway 80 from SF*

CROCKER ART MUSEUM

crockerartmuseum.org
216 O St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

P : (916) 808-7000

Excellent museum collection, just right.

LAKE TAHOE

visitinglaketahoe.com
S. Lake Tahoe, CA 91650

One lake, two states. Preservationists are bringing the clear waters back. Ski, swim, boat, board. THE resort in the region. Second homes and ski chalets.

HOW : *Take Interstate 50 all the way after Hwy. 80 splits in Sacramento.*

**NEVADA MUSEUM
OF ART / RENO**

nevadaart.org
visittrenotahoe.com
160 West Liberty St.
Reno, NV 89501

P : (775) 329-3333

Linked closely to North Tahoe's Nevada side, this was the closest alternative to Las Vegas gambling before gaming laws changed. Comparisons to ag-ging cousins aside, the "world's

biggest little city" attempts re-inventing itself, including a fairly new space age museum.

ARCHITECTS : *Will Bruder & Partners/Root Architecture*

HOW : *Hwy. 80, or take I-50 to 580 from South Tahoe*

YOSEMITE

nps.gov/yose
Village Dr.
Yosemite, CA 95389

P : (415) 632-5420

Historic, breathtaking beauty. At least once in your life. And then often. **HOW :** *Start on Highway 580 through Oakland east towards a series of routes via 205, 120, 108, etc.*

FURTHER SOUTH**BIG SUR**

bigsurcalifornia.org
47000 Hwy. 1
Big Sur, CA 93920

P : (831) 667-2322

This is Nature, and California, at its best. Camp, hike, love.

MONTEREY

monterey.org/en-us
Monterey, CA 93940
A nice getaway. Not too sleepy, with a literary past in Steinbeck.

**MONTEREY BAY
AQUARIUM**

montereybayaquarium.org
886 Cannery Row
Monterey, CA 93940

P : (831) 648-4800

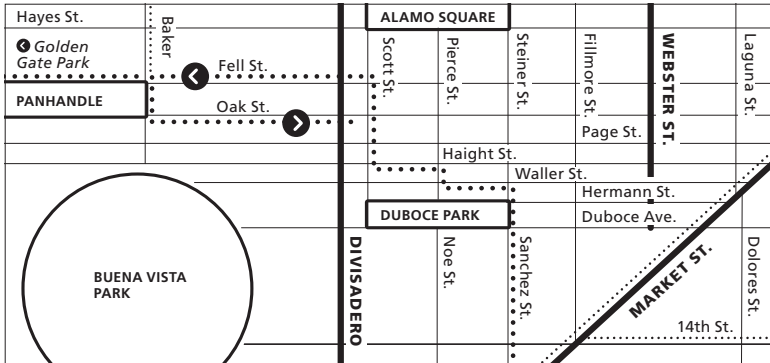
World famous research and tourist attraction.

SANTA CRUZ BOARDWALK

beachboardwalk.com
400 Beach St.
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

P : (831) 423-5590

A surfer's paradise, a sweet beach town, and a classic day out under the sun. About an hour and a half south of SF.



THE WIGGLE
BIKE LANES
STREETS



My Bike's Got a Flat

Getting around by bicycle is often faster and easier than riding buses and streetcars. "The Wiggle" loosely follows the ancient path of creek water and horse trails, carved into the hills. Dedicated lanes now help commuters and tourists travel towards Market Street from the west side of the city. The streets and slopes of San Francisco can still be rough on your wheels.

SAN FRANCISCO BICYCLE COALITION

sfbike.org
833 Market St., 94103
P : (415) 431-2453
Advocacy and lobbying force behind the city's growing bicycling policies and culture. Volunteer, donate, join!

THE BIKE KITCHEN

07 | *bikekitchen.org*
650H Florida St., 94110
P : (415) 506-7433
Fix your bike. Learn to fix your bike. Learn to love your bike. Volunteer. Build a bike!

VALENCIA CYCLERY

07 | *valenciacyclery.com*
1065 Valencia St., 94110
P : (415) 550-6601

FREEWHEEL BICYCLES

thefreewheel.com
07 | 914 Valencia St., 94110
P : (415) 643-9213
04 | 1920 Hayes St., 94117
P : (415) 752-9195

DON RAFA'S

07 | 2929 16th St., 94103
P : (415) 934-1944

BOX DOG BIKES

07 | *boxdogbikes.com*
494 14th St., 94103
P : (415) 431-9627

PEDAL REVOLUTION

07 | *pedalrevolution.org*
3085 21st St., 94110
P : (415) 641-1264
Non-profit training bike shop!

TREAT STREET BICYCLE

07 | *treatstreetbicycle.com*
Treat +18th, #101, 94110
P : (415) 551-2453

WIGGLE BICYCLES

06 | *wigglebicycles.com*
520 Waller St., 94117
P : (415) 863-3033

MASH TRANSIT LOCATION

06 | *mashsf.com*
284 Sanchez St., 94114
P : (415) 448-6611

MIKE'S BIKES

08 | *mikesbikes.com*
1233 Howard St., 94103
P : (415) 241-2453

AVENUE CYCLERY

05 | *avenuecyclery.com*
756 Stanyan St., 94117
P : (415) 387-3155

AMERICAN CYCLERY, TOO

05 | *americancyclery.com*
510 Frederick St.
(at Stanyan), 94117
P : (415) 664-4545

DD CYCLES

05 | *ddcycles.com*
4049 Balboa St.
(at 42nd Ave.), 94121
P : (415) 752-7980

COLUMBUS CYCLERY

02 | *gobikeit.com*
801 Columbus Ave.
(at Mason), 94133
P : (415) 561-9999

life & leisure

The hum-drum and then some

I Need to Stay Fit & Pretty

The Bay Area is one of the healthiest places in the U.S. It's hard to hate people this attractive. One manages.

MISSION POOL

07 | sfrecpark.org
101 Linda St., 94110
P: (415) 641-2841

Sunny swims in the only public outdoor swimming pool.

SAVA POOL

05 | sfrecpark.org
2695 19th Ave., 94116
P: (415) 661-6327

Gorgeous, modern new pool.

HAMILTON RECREATION CENTER

04 | sfrecpark.org
1900 Geary Blvd., 94115
P: (415) 292-2008

Complete with spiral waterslide. Gym, basketball courts, soccer pitches, pool, and tennis.

MISSION RECREATION CENTER

07 | sfrecpark.org
745 Treat St., 94110
P: (415) 695-5014

Squash, weights, machines, basketball, boxing — free!

YOGA TREE

07 | yogatreesf.com
1234 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 647-9707

Popular, good range. Branches around the city.

YOGA TO THE PEOPLE

07 | yogatothepeople.com
2973 16th St., 94110
P: (917) 573-9642

A more work-out-y approach.

WILLY'S BARBER SHOP

07 | 3227 22nd St., 94110
P: (415) 826-2344

\$20 haircuts. Thanks, Justin. You might have to wait a while.

FELLOW BARBER

fellowbarber.com
07 | 696 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 621-9000
01 | 973 Market St., 94103
\$40+. Formerly Freeman's Sports Club. A fine haircut and pampering.

What Do I Watch?

Big budget, indie fest, or art-house; live music, cinema, theatre, and the classics — these historic venues rock.

CINEMA

CASTRO THEATRE

06 | castrotheatre.com
429 Castro St., 94114
P: (415) 621-6120

Symbol and heart of Castro. Classics and just-runs in an other-time-ly space. Frequently holds events and sing-a-long's. My favorite place to catch flicks.

ROXIE THEATER

07 | roxie.com
3117 16th St., 94103
P: (415) 863-1087

Non-profit theatre, specializing in art house and documentary.

UA STONESTOWN TWIN

05 | stonestowngalleria.com
501 Buckingham Way (Galleria Mall), 94132
P: (415) 681-0331

A Kubrick experience if ever.

BALBOA THEATRE

05 | balboamovies.com
3630 Balboa St.,
(at 38th Ave.), 94121
P: (415) 221-8184

4 STAR THEATRE

05 | intsf.com
2200 Clement St.
(at 23rd Ave.), 94121
P: (415) 666-3488

Family of theatres featuring Asian + world cinema.

CINÉARTS AT THE EMPIRE

cinemark.com
85 West Portal Ave., 94127
P: (415) 661-2539.
Good deals. how: *Take MUNI KITIMIL trains to West Portal*

SUNDANCE KABUKI

04 | sundancecinemas.com
1881 Post St., 94115
P: (415) 346-3243

Reserved seating, food in the theatre. Grab a crêpe in the mall beforehand.

CLAY THEATRE

04 | landmarktheatres.com
2261 Fillmore St., 94115
P: (415) 561-9921

Art-house movie house.

OPERA PLAZA CINEMA

01 | landmarktheatres.com
601 Van Ness Ave., 94102
P: (415) 771-0183
Tucked away, but those rare movies end up here.

EMBARCADERO CENTER CINEMA

01 | embarcaderocenter.com
1 Embarcadero Ctr., 94111
P: (415) 352-0835
Art-house, new-wave, room around the brutalist shopping arcades.

AMC THEATRES

amctheatres.com
01 | Van Ness
1000 Van Ness Ave., 94109
03 | Metreon
135 4th St., 94103
P: (888) 262-4386
IMAX, big and blockbuster.

CENTURY 20 DALY CITY

cinemark.com
1901 Junipero Serra Blvd.,
Daly City, CA 94015
P: (650) 994-2488
Good alternative south of the city when parking's a concern.

LIVE

(A.C.T.) THE AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATER

02 | act-sf.org
Geary Theater (at Mason)
405 Geary St., 94108
Strand Theater (at 7th)
1127 Market St., 94103
P: (415) 749-2228

And for actual theatre, these guys innovate and develop new talent and works.

ORPHEUM THEATRE

01 | shnsf.com
1192 Market St.
(at 8th) 94102
P: (888) 746-1799
Broadway productions in a spectacular Moorish interior.

SAN FRANCISCO BALLET

01 | sfballet.org
War Memorial Opera House
301 Van Ness Ave., 94102
P: (415) 865-2000
Premier, world-class company.

BILL GRAHAM AUDITORIUM

billgrahamcivicauditorium.com
01 | 99 Grove St., 94102
P: (415) 624-8900
Built for the 1915 Exposition, the venue has hosted conventions, the Warriors, and GaGa.

SAN FRANCISCO OPERA

01 | sfopera.com
War Memorial Opera House
301 Van Ness Ave., 94102
P: (415) 864-3330
Alive and well.

DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL

01 | sfsymphony.org
201 Van Ness Ave,
San Francisco, CA 94102
P: (415) 864-6000
Big reputation. PoMo setting.

BRICK AND MORTAR MUSIC HALL

07 | brickandmortarmusic.com
1710 Mission St., 94103
P: (415) 800-8782
Emerging acts and dance events.

VICTORIA THEATRE

07 | victoriatheatre.org
2961 16th St., 94103
P: (415) 863-7576
Screwball, left field, awesome.

GREAT AMERICAN MUSIC HALL

04 | slimpspresents.com
859 O'Farrell St., CA 94109
P: (415) 885-0750
Built in 1907, this place has hosted the greats and witnessed the city's history.

THE FILLMORE

04 | thefillmore.com
1805 Geary Blvd.
(at Fillmore), 94115
P: (415) 346-3000
The 60's rocked here. Still going.

HARDLY STRICTLY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

hardlystrictlybluegrass.com
05 | GOLDEN GATE PARK
Free every October. Not to miss.

STERN GROVE FESTIVAL

05 | sterngrove.org
19th Ave. + Sloat Blvd.
Bands to ballet. Rock to folk.
Free every summer. Don't drive.

EAST BAY

FOX THEATER

thefoxoakland.com
1807 Telegraph Ave.
Oakland, CA 94612
P: (510) 302-2250
Poetry, to bands, to lectures — Art Deco gem in downtown.

GRAND LAKE THEATER

renaissancerialto.com
3200 Grand Ave.
Oakland, CA 94610
P: (510)452-3556
Movie palace turned multiplex — sort of.

What's Good to Know?

Sometimes we need to navigate the ins and outs of our fair bureaucracy.

LGBTQQ

Even in this day and age, LGBT and HIV/AIDS rights requires support. This city is at the forefront for research, free testing, and healthcare.

SF LGBT CENTER

04 | sfcenter.org
1800 Market St., 94102
P: (415) 865-5555

LYRIC LGBTQQ YOUTH

06 | lyric.org
127 Collingwood St. 94114
P: (415) 703-6150

MAGNET

06 | magnetsf.org
470 Castro St., 94114
P: (415) 581-1600
Testing and HIV counseling.

AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION – SF

06 | aidshealth.org
518 Castro St., #A, 94114
P: (415) 552-2814
HIV testing services.

SF AIDS FOUNDATION

01 | sfaf.org
1035 Market St. Suite 400,
94103
P: (415) 487-3000

life & leisure

The hum-drum and then some

LEARNING

The Bay Area is awash in educational institutions with big names. But there's always room to learn.

CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO

06 | ccsf.edu
50 Phelan Ave., 94112
P : (415) 239-3000

One of the largest community colleges in the state, a variety of courses across a few sites at very reasonable rates.

SF CENTER FOR THE BOOK

06 | sfcfb.org
375 Rhode Island St., 94103
P : (415) 565-0545
Printing arts and design!

BAY AREA VIDEO COALITION

07 | bavc.org
2727 Mariposa St., 94110
P : (415) 861-3282
Specializing in video + digital.

MISSION CULTURAL CENTER FOR LATINO ARTS

07 | missionculturalcenter.org
2868 Mission St., 94110
P : (415) 821-1155
Arts and community programs.

LANEY COLLEGE

06 | laney.edu
900 Fallon St.
Oakland, CA 94607
P : (510) 834-5740
Oakland's community college

TENANTS' RIGHTS

San Francisco's reputation for social and political advocacy is being tested as issues never

addressed by existing laws come up. Tensions are high as evictions are rising, but luckily, that fighting spirit for the common good is still going strong in groups like these. Overworked counselors offer advice on rights and procedures. Donate! Do a little research beforehand and get more out of the conversation.

SF TENANTS UNION

07 | sftu.org
558 Capp St. (at 20th), 94110
P : (415) 282-6622

HOUSING RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF SF

08 | hrccsf.org
417 South Van Ness, 94103
P : (415) 703-8644
COUNSELING HOURS, M-TH : 1-5 PM

"CIVIL" PRACTICALITIES

SF MUNICIPAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

08 | sfmta.com
11 S. Van Ness Ave., (at Market) 94103
P : (415) 701-3000

If you get a parking ticket, an expired bus/rail transfer ticket, need a parking permit or monthly passes, you will probably run into this office.

Do some research and save some headache by filling out forms ahead of time. **PARKING PERMITS :**

1 Triage window; 2 department window. There's usually a wait, but 30 min. or so should do it; avoid pre-work lines, it's not worth it. Parking permits are fairly straight forward and cheap, even pro-rated from when you apply. But parking regulations are stressful (*No more than 3 days in one spot, beware street cleaning days, hourse + which side*). Bring proof of residency.

PARKING GARAGES : ~\$225/month; city lots near your neighborhood are by comparison more reasonable than renting private ones; there may be a waiting list. Approach the garage directly.

LOW INCOME MUNI PASS : First need to be certified to qualify at *Human Services Agency (HSA) 170 Otis Street (at McCoppin Street)*. Proof of income need, residency, indentification. Bring that information to SFMTA, \$35. **CITATIONS :** **1 Triage window; 2A pay; 2B forego the fee + request a hearing, wait; 3 meet with an officer, provide evidence, fill out forms if requesting**

refunds. Unfortunately the burden of proof is on you. Generally, it seems if you go in with an even temper, you may get further than mailing in your requests for review. The staff are fairly polite, if a tad dry, but they can be helpful. It's a process.

SF SUPERIOR COURT, TRAFFIC

08 | sfsuperiorcourt.org
850 Bryant St., 94101
P : (415) 551-8550

Heaven help you if you ever run a red light — by car or even bike. But if you're proactive, the stress is manageable — just. **CALL : press 6, then 0 after dialing. IN PERSON : 1 Room 145;** later in the week and hours outside of pre-work or after lunch till 3 PM are less crowded, usually; *pay, or request an arraignment date where they may lower the fee*, usually weeks later; inquire about *Project 20 (volunteering your time instead)*. **2** Show up on your court date 20 min. ahead; a judge and clerks will give you options (*no contest, guilty + reduced fee, volunteer if you're poor enough, or contest your ticket + face your officer at another court date*). **3** On court day, *officer no-show= dismissed, officer decides to dismiss, or you testify and provide evidence and narrative* (hit or miss, the fee could go up, you could request traffic school, or community volunteering). It's all a little scary, but they do try to be understanding if you can stay calm. Do some research at sfpretrial.com.



t.i.p.
Secret 

*SHHH... PASS IT ON

