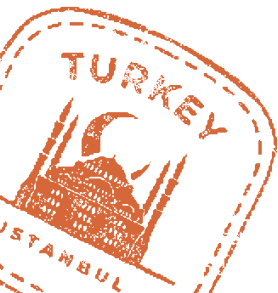


# 3-day San Francisco Itinerary



## San Francisco



# San Francisco: Where Innovation Meets Cultural Heritage

Welcome to San Francisco, a city where fog-kissed hills meet innovative spirit. This comprehensive 3-day guide will take you through the city's iconic landmarks, diverse neighborhoods, and rich cultural tapestry, perfect for first-time visitors.

## Historical Overview

San Francisco's history is as dramatic as its landscape, from the Gold Rush era to the 1906 earthquake and fire, through to its transformation into a global tech hub. The city's resilience and pioneering spirit have shaped it into the cultural powerhouse it is today.

## Iconic Landmarks

- Golden Gate Bridge: The city's most recognizable symbol, offering stunning views of the bay.
- Alcatraz Island: The infamous former prison with fascinating history and bay views.
- Coit Tower: An art deco masterpiece providing panoramic city vistas.
- Lombard Street: The "crookedest street" with its famous hairpin turns.

## Cultural Treasures

- California Academy of Sciences: A world-class science museum and research institution.
- de Young Museum: Fine arts museum showcasing global artistic achievements.
- SFMOMA: Home to an impressive collection of modern and contemporary art.
- The Beat Museum: Celebrating the legacy of the Beat Generation.

## Charming Neighborhoods

- Chinatown: The largest outside of Asia, known for its authentic cuisine and culture.
- North Beach: The city's "Little Italy" with fantastic restaurants and cafes.

- Mission District: Known for its vibrant murals and Latino culture.
- Haight-Ashbury: The epicenter of 1960s counterculture, now a unique shopping district.

### **San Francisco Lifestyle**

- Cuisine: A food lover's paradise, from seafood at Fisherman's Wharf to dim sum in Chinatown.
- Tech Culture: Home to numerous startups and tech giants.
- Outdoor Living: Beautiful parks and beaches for recreation and relaxation.

### **Green Spaces**

- Golden Gate Park: A vast urban oasis housing museums and gardens.
- Japanese Tea Garden: The oldest public Japanese garden in the United States.
- Mission Dolores Park: Popular spot for picnics with city skyline views.
- Lands End: Dramatic coastal trails with Golden Gate Bridge views.

### **Practical Travel Tips**

- Transportation: Use MUNI and BART systems; cable cars for a historic experience.
- Best Times to Visit: September-November for warmest weather and fewer tourists.
- Weather: Pack layers; famous fog "Karl" can appear any time.
- Hills: Comfortable walking shoes are essential for San Francisco's steep streets.

### **3-Day Itinerary Highlights**

Day 1: California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, de Young Museum, Japanese Tea Garden

Day 2: Ferry Building Marketplace, Union Square, Chinatown, North Beach

Day 3: Alcatraz Island, Pier 39, Coit Tower, Lombard Street

This guide presents a curated selection of over 40 locations, allowing you to customize

your San Francisco experience. Each stop offers unique insights into the city's diverse culture and innovative spirit.

San Francisco is more than just a destination; it's a celebration of diversity, innovation, and natural beauty. As you explore its steep streets, savor local cuisine, and immerse yourself in its rich culture, you'll discover why so many have left their hearts in San Francisco.

Let this magnificent city inspire you with its stunning views, cultural richness, and endless possibilities. Enjoy your adventure in the City by the Bay!



# Itinerary Preview

3 days

## **DAY** 01

California Academy of Sciences  
Golden Gate Park  
de Young Museum  
Japanese Tea Garden

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## **DAY** 02

Ferry Plaza Farmers Market  
Union Square  
Chinatown  
North Beach

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## **DAY** 03

Alcatraz Island  
PIER 39  
Coit Tower  
Lombard Street





# **Daily Events**



## Day 1

09:00

### **California Academy of Sciences**

55 Music Concourse Dr, San Francisco, CA 94118, USA

11:00

11:45

### **Golden Gate Park**

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA, USA

13:45

14:30

### **de Young Museum**

50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr, San Francisco, CA 94118, USA

16:30

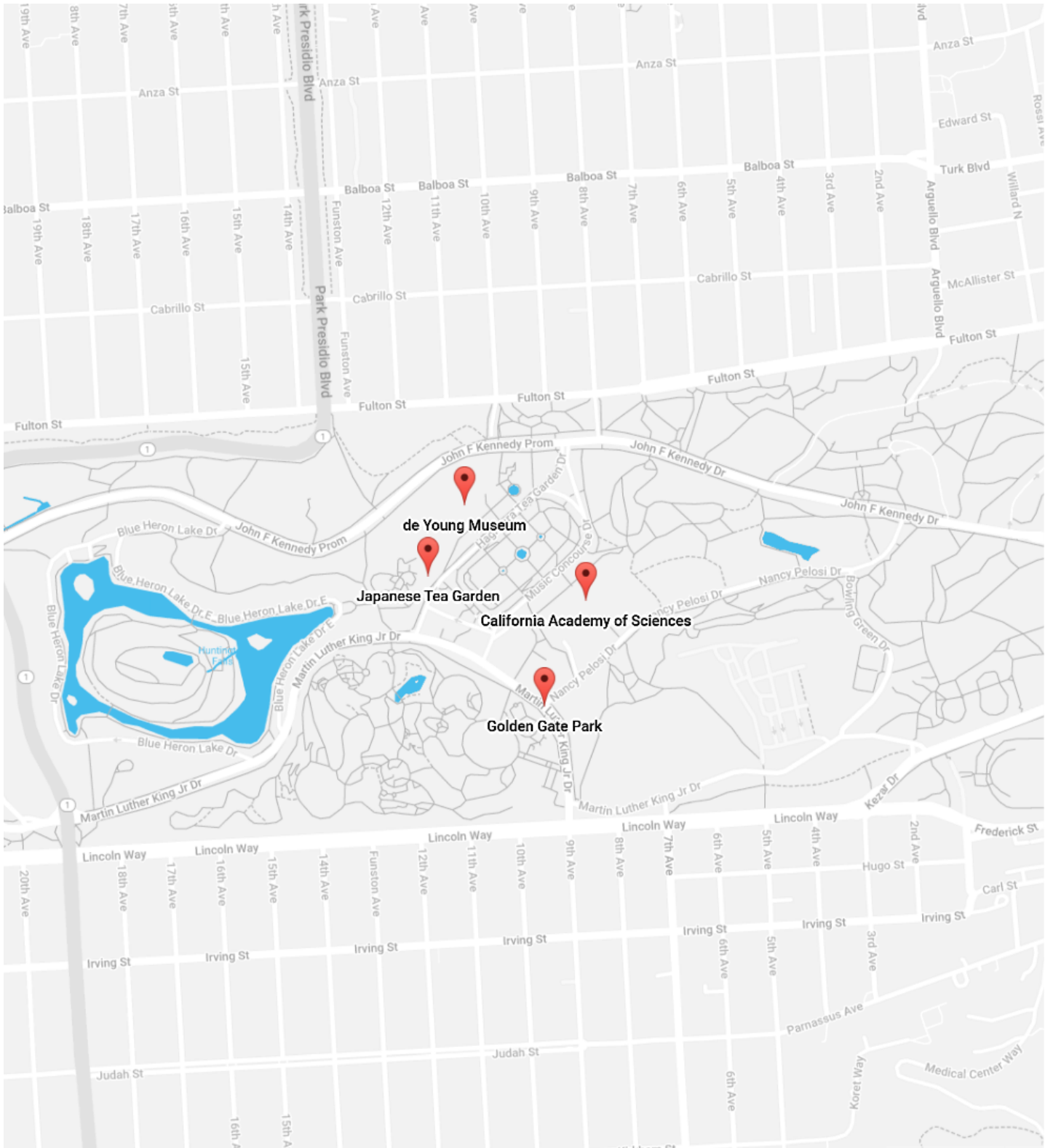
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### **Japanese Tea Garden**

75 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr, San Francisco, CA 94118, USA

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# Map for Day 1





## Day 2

09:00

### **Ferry Plaza Farmers Market**

One Ferry Building #50, 1 Ferry Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94111,  
USA

11:00

11:45

### **Union Square**

Union Square, San Francisco, CA, USA

13:45

14:30

### **Chinatown**

Chinatown, San Francisco, CA, USA

16:30

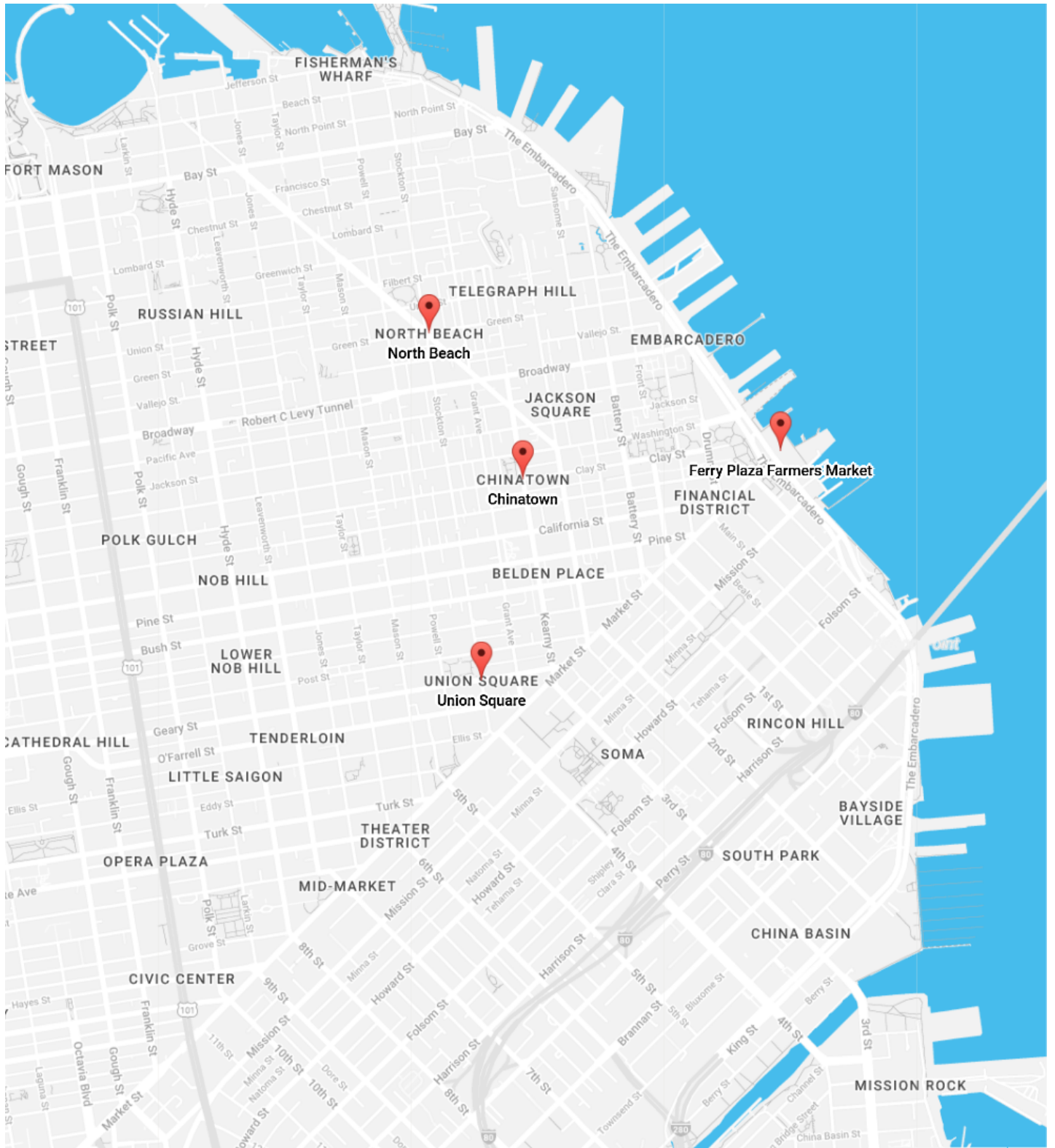
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### **North Beach**

North Beach, San Francisco, CA, USA

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# Map for Day 2



## Day 3

09:00

### **Alcatraz Island**

Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, CA, USA

11:00

11:45

### **PIER 39**

The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94133, USA

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14:30

### **Coit Tower**

1 Telegraph Hill Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94133, USA

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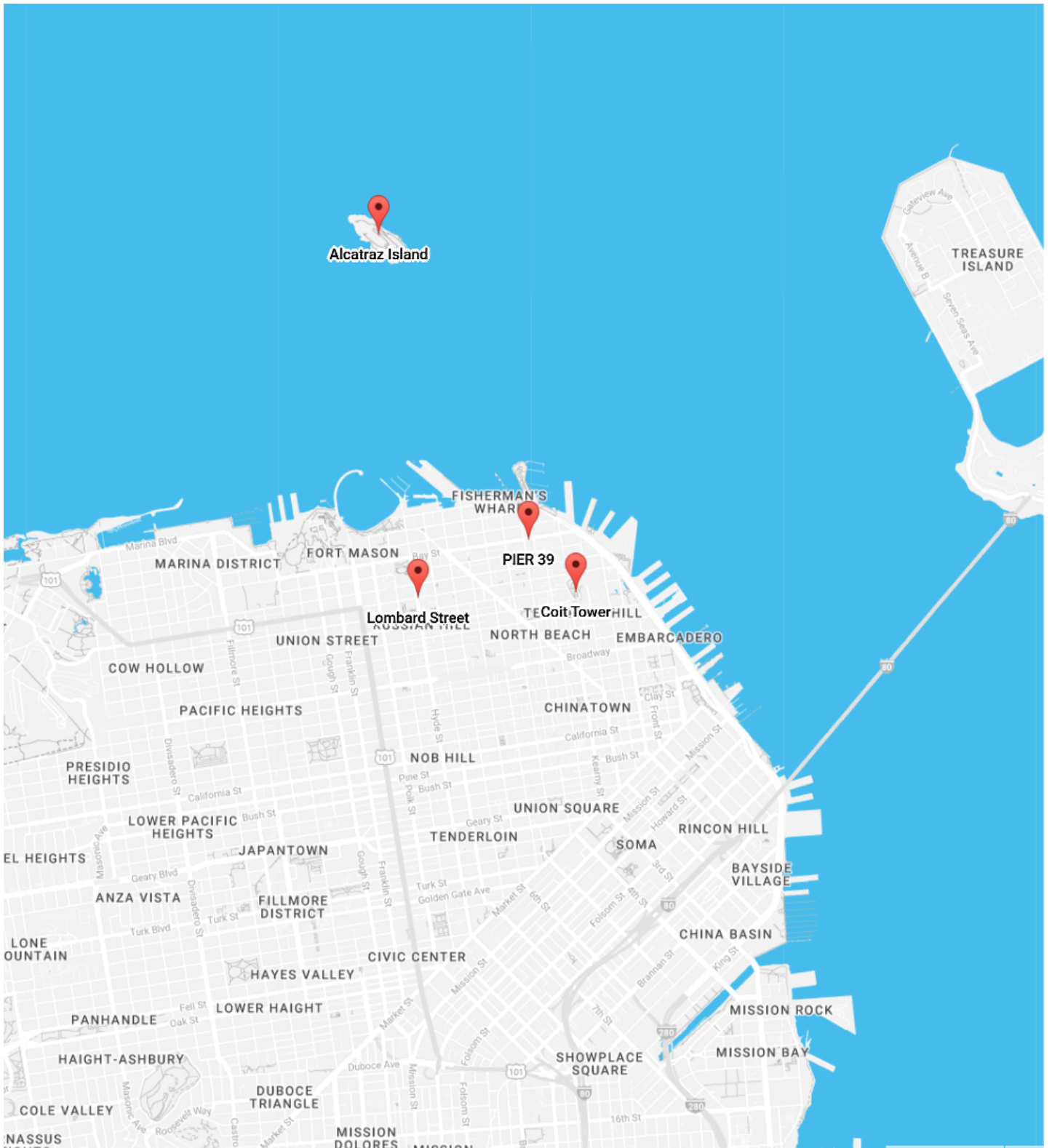
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### **Lombard Street**

Lombard St, San Francisco, CA, USA

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# Map for Day 3





# Spots



## Musée Mécanique

Pier 45, San Francisco, CA 94133, USA

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### Summary:

Old-fashioned spot featuring antique coin-operated mechanical instruments & vintage arcade games.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Friday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

### Phone:

(415) 346-2000



## San Francisco Zoo

Sloat Blvd &, Upper Great Hwy, San Francisco, CA 94132, USA

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### Summary:

Families come for the more than 2,000 animals, kids' zoo, steam train, carousel & special exhibits.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(415) 753-7080



## Palace of Fine Arts

3601 Lyon St, San Francisco, CA 94123, USA

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### Summary:

This Greco-Roman palace & architectural attraction hosts an ever-changing roster of performing arts.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(415) 360-3731



## Fort Point National Historic Site

201 Marine Dr, San Francisco, CA 94129, USA

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### Summary:

Fort from the Civil War era located under the Golden Gate Bridge offering cannon drills & tours.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday: Closed  
Wednesday: Closed  
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(415) 561-4959



## Muir Woods National Monument

Mill Valley, CA 94941, USA

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### Summary:

Scenic, forested park featuring giant redwood trees, long hiking trails, a visitor center & more.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### Phone:

(415) 561-2850



## Ghirardelli Chocolate Experience

900 North Point St F301, San Francisco, CA 94109, USA

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### Summary:

Iconic chocolatier selling chocolate gifts galore, including chocolate squares, bars & baskets.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM

### Phone:

(415) 447-2846





## Angel Island State Park

Tiburon, CA 94920, USA

### Summary:

Large island with campsites featuring hiking & biking trails plus panoramic views of San Francisco.

### Phone:

(415) 435-1915



## The Castro Theatre

429 Castro St, San Francisco, CA 94114, USA

### Summary:

Circa-1922 cinema for offbeat films, musical movie sing-alongs, drag acts & pre-show organ concerts.

### Phone:

(415) 621-6120



## Yerba Buena Gardens

750 Howard St, San Francisco, CA 94103, USA

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### Summary:

Several gardens share space with dramatic outdoor public art pieces, including a memorial waterfall.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Tuesday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Wednesday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Thursday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Friday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Saturday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

### Phone:

(415) 651-3684



## The Beat Museum

540 Broadway, San Francisco, CA 94133, USA

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### Summary:

Memorabilia, letters & pop culture artifacts from Jack Kerouac & other Beat Generation notables.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Tuesday: Closed  
Wednesday: Closed  
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Friday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

### Phone:

(800) 537-6822



## Fisherman's Wharf

Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, CA, USA

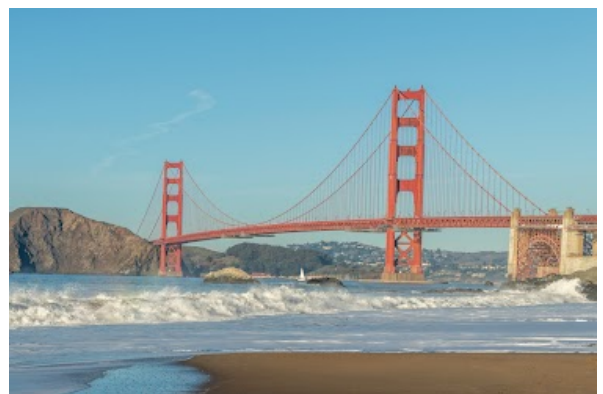


## Baker Beach

Baker Beach, San Francisco, CA, USA

### **Summary:**

1-mi. beach area offering scenic cliffs, fishing spots, picnic tables & Golden Gate Bridge views.



## Lands End Lookout

680 Point Lobos Ave, San Francisco, CA 94121, USA

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### Summary:

Waterfront hiking through wildflowers, with shipwreck views & access to the Sutro Baths ruins.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(415) 426-5240



## Napa Valley Wineries Tours

101 California St #2710, San Francisco, CA 94111, USA

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### Phone:

(800) 210-3008



# Twin Peaks

Twin Peaks, San Francisco, CA, USA



# Mission District

Mission District, San Francisco, CA, USA



## San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

151 3rd St, San Francisco, CA 94103, USA

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### Summary:

Contemporary & modern paintings, installations, photographs, media & more in a sleek space.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday: Closed  
Thursday: 12:00 - 8:00 PM  
Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(415) 357-4000



## Lower Pacific Heights

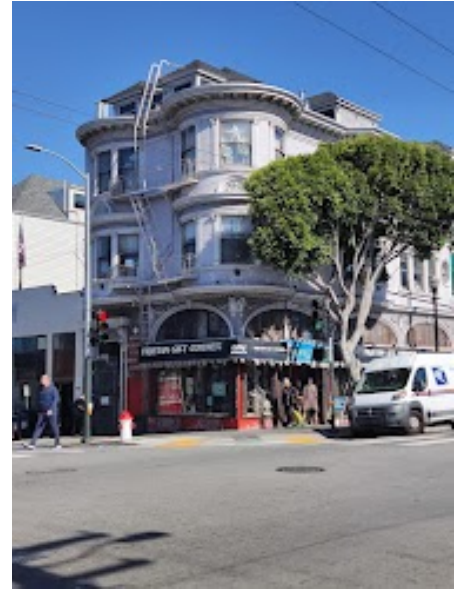
Lower Pacific Heights, San Francisco, CA 94115, USA

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## Haight-Ashbury

Haight-Ashbury, San Francisco, CA 94117, USA



## Mission Dolores Park

Dolores St &, 19th St, San Francisco, CA 94114, USA

### Summary:

Locals of all ages gather at this outdoor hot spot for picnics & people-watching.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Tuesday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Wednesday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Thursday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Friday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Saturday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Sunday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM



## PIER 39

The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94133, USA

### Summary:

Bustling bayside pier featuring scenic views, sea lion sightings, eateries, shops & entertainment.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Friday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

### Phone:

(415) 705-5500



## San Francisco City Hall

1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl, San Francisco, CA 94102, USA

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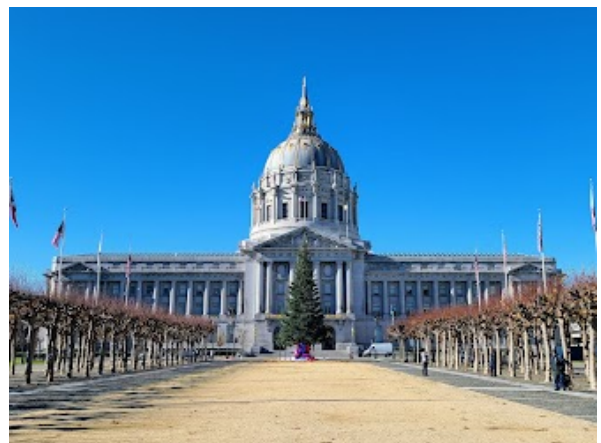
Built in 1915, this grand domed Beaux-Arts building houses the city government & offers tours.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: Closed

### Phone:

(415) 554-4000





## Exploratorium

Pier 15 Embarcadero at, Green St, San Francisco, CA 94111, USA

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### Summary:

Hundreds of interactive, educational exhibits & activities illustrating scientific principles.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, 6:00 - 10:00 PM  
Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 12:00 - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(415) 528-4444



## Ferry Plaza Farmers Market

One Ferry Building #50, 1 Ferry Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94111, USA

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### Summary:

Acclaimed thrice-weekly market featuring a variety of produce & artisanal foods from local farmers.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Wednesday: Closed  
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Friday: Closed  
Saturday: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Sunday: Closed

### Phone:

(415) 291-3276



## Golden Gate Bridge

Golden Gate Brg, San Francisco, CA, USA

### Summary:

Famed 4,200 ft art deco suspension bridge open to car, bike & foot traffic.

### Phone:

(415) 921-5858



## Lombard Street

Lombard St, San Francisco, CA, USA

### Summary:

Street with scenic steep section featuring 8 hairpin turns & views of the bridge, Coit Tower & bay.



## Coit Tower

1 Telegraph Hill Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94133, USA

### Summary:

Storied 1930s-era building known for its WPA murals, 360-degree views & resident flock of parrots.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Friday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
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Sunday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

### Phone:

(415) 831-2700



## Oracle Park

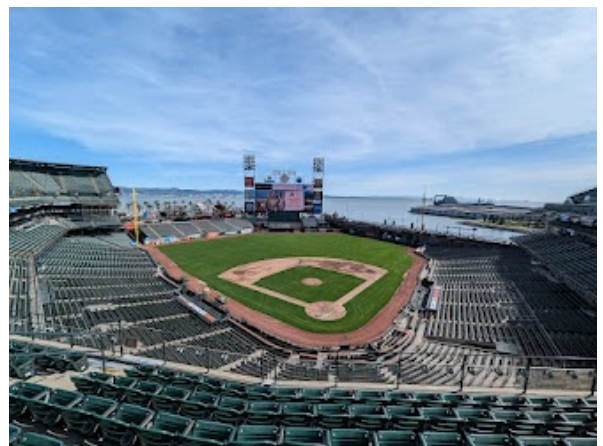
24 Willie Mays Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94107, USA

### Summary:

Home to the San Francisco Giants, this ballpark with bay views offers tours & hosts special events.

### Phone:

(415) 972-2000



## Japanese Tea Garden

75 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr, San Francisco, CA 94118, USA

### Summary:

Popular gardens with a Japanese teahouse & narrow paths winding past koi ponds, pagodas & a bridge.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

### Phone:

(415) 661-1316



## Golden Gate Park

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA, USA



## **Union Square**

Union Square, San Francisco, CA, USA



## **North Beach**

North Beach, San Francisco, CA, USA



## The Painted Ladies

San Francisco, CA 94117, USA

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### Summary:

Historical row of Victorian houses well-known for appearances on movies, TV shows & postcards.



## Cable Car Museum

1201 Mason St, San Francisco, CA 94108, USA

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### Summary:

Antique cable cars on exhibit in the historic building that houses the cable-pulling equipment.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(415) 474-1887



## California Academy of Sciences

55 Music Concourse Dr, San Francisco, CA 94118, USA

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### Summary:

Natural history museum with an aquarium, planetarium & scientists conducting a variety of research.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(415) 379-8000



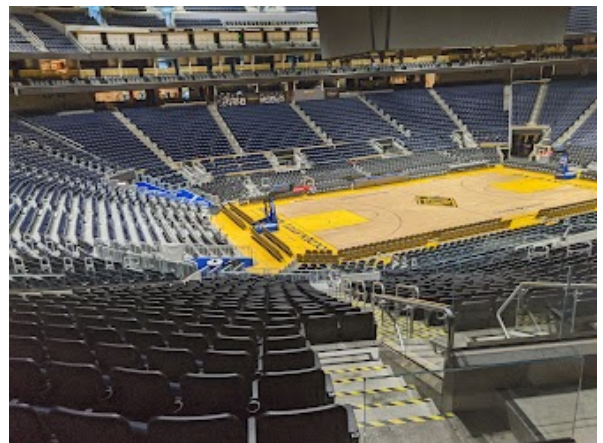
## Chase Center

1 Warriors Way, San Francisco, CA 94158, USA

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### Phone:

(888) 479-4667



## de Young Museum

50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr, San Francisco, CA 94118, USA

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### Summary:

A diverse collection of fine arts in a building with a dramatic copper facade in Golden Gate Park.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 5:15 PM

Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 5:15 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM - 5:15 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 5:15 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5:15 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM - 5:15 PM

### Phone:

(415) 750-3600



## Chinatown

Chinatown, San Francisco, CA, USA

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## **Alcatraz Island**

Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, CA, USA

