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## SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

San Francisco, in northern California, is a hilly city on the tip of a peninsula surrounded by the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay. It's known for its year-round fog, iconic Golden Gate Bridge, cable cars and colorful Victorian houses. The Financial District's Transamerica Pyramid is its more distinctive skyscraper. In the bay sits Alcatraz Island, site of the notorious former prison, per Google.

### DAY ONE

Afternoon arrival, check-in at the hotel

1 PM - [Golden Gate Park](#)

- Must see the [Conservatory of Flowers](#); time spent is 1 hour, \$8 USD
- Personal favorite - the Garden of Shakespeare's Flowers
- Walk to [de Young Museum](#); time spent 1-2 hours; \$15 USD or visit more of the gardens - [San Francisco Botanical Garden](#); time spent is 1 hour, \$8 USD

Jump over to [Haight-Ashbury](#) neighborhood to shop around

- Take a picture on the corner of Haight & Ashbury

5 PM - [16th Avenue Tiled Steps](#) or Mosaic Steps

- Say Cheese!
- Have your walking shoes on? Head to the top and take in the view from Grand View park

6 PM - Venture to [Alamo Square](#)

- Stretch your legs or drive by [The Painted Ladies \(Everywhere you look, everywhere you go...\)](#)
- Lots of fun things in this park - check out the calendar for concerts, festivals, etc.

7:30 PM Dinner: [State Bird Provisions](#) (\$\$\$, American Tapas)

Drinks down the street: [Fat Angel Food & Libation](#) (\$\$, Wine Bar); [The Social Study](#) (\$\$, Wine Bar)

### DAY TWO

9 AM - San Francisco self-guided walking tour; time spent is 3-4 hours, 6 miles

- Or a local [San Francisco Walking Tour](#) (free) if you'd rather be with a group; or day trip to ski in Tahoe, kayak in the Russian River Valley, or bike around Napa
- Don't like walking? Get up early for the [Powell-Hyde cable car cruises](#)
  - o Sights: Lombard Street, Chinatown, Union Square and Market Street downtown

### FISHERMAN'S WHARF

1. Start at the [Ferry Building](#) and check out the [Bay Bridge](#) toward Oakland
  - Shop around the Ferry Building Marketplace and grab coffee at [Paramo Coffee](#) (\$, Coffee & Tea)
2. Head to the [Embarcadero](#)
  - Extra time? Explore the [Exploratorium](#) (\$30 USD)
3. Stop for a picture at Pier 39 - look for the adorable harbor seals sun-bathing
4. Keep going till you reach Fisherman's Wharf
  - Check out: [Musée Mécanique](#) (Arcade), [Boudin Bakery & Cafe](#) (\$\$, Bakery) & [In-N-Out Burger](#), must try animal style (\$, Fast Food)
5. Walk on to [The Original Ghiradelli Shop](#) (\$\$, Chocolatiers) and try FREE samples
  - Need coffee? Around the corner is [Buena Vista Cafe](#) (\$\$, Coffee), original home of Irish Coffee

### RUSSIAN HILL

6. Continue to Hyde until you reach the curvy [Lombard Street](#) - take a moment to ride the cable car

### TELEGRAPH HILL

7. Head to [Coit Tower](#) sitting atop Telegraph Hill - lookout for the wild parrots
  - Hope you're wearing your walking shoes, it's a bit of trek up the hill but it's worth it
  - You can climb the tower for a small fee (\$8 USD) or just take in the view

### NORTH BEACH

8. Walk down the driveway and head to San Francisco's Little Italy
  - Look down Columbus to see the Transamerica Pyramid and the Sentinel Building

### CHINATOWN

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9. Walk through Kerouac Alley from Columbus to enter [Chinatown](#)
  - Grab a drink at [Vesuvio Cafe](#) (\$\$, Lounge) as if you were [Jack Kerouac](#) himself; go upstairs to enjoy
  - In Chinatown, stop at [Fortune Cookie Factory](#), take a picture by Ma-Tsu Temple and walk through the famous Dragon's Gate into the Financial District
  - Pause before the Financial District for a bit to eat at [Lucky Creation](#) (\$, Vegetarian Chinese) or [House of Nanking](#) (\$\$, Chinese)

#### UNION SQUARE

10. Take a photo with the iconic heart statue in Union Square Plaza and shop
- 2 PM - After you've completed the San Francisco self-guided walking tour, take the BART to the Golden Gate Bridge & Ocean Beach
- Take a walk on the bridge and look across the way to [Alcatraz Island](#)
  - If you're interested in history of 'The Rock', book ahead of time (like months ahead of time) for the [Alcatraz Cruises](#); time spent is 2 hours, \$95+ USD
  - If you have time, take the 6 PM [Sunset Cruise](#) on the bay; time spent is 2 hours, \$60 USD
- 7 PM Dinner: [Bar Agricole](#) (\$\$\$, American Bar)
- James Beard Award nomination
  - Try a Sleepyhead or Bellamy Scotch Sour
- Drinks: [Butter](#) (\$, Dive Bar & Dance Club) or [Folsom Street Foundry](#), check out their game night or event calendar (\$\$, Bar)

#### DAY THREE

- 10 AM - Sunday Brunch at [Suppenküche](#) (\$\$, German Brunch)
- Potato pancakes with homemade applesauce, pork chops with sauerkraut, and sautéed trout
  - Something lighter? [B Patisserie](#) (\$\$, Bakery) for delicious pastries and a cup of Fourbarrel coffee
- Noon - Secret Hideouts that need to be explored in the [Mechanics' Institute Library](#) and Chess Room
- Can you find the staircase?
- 1:30 PM - Walk off brunch in [The Presidio Park](#) - follow the Wood Line trail
- or follow the Lover's Lane trail
  - Disney fan? Check out the [Walt Disney Family Museum](#); \$30 USD
  - Or [SFMOMA](#) - San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; time spent is 2-3 hours, \$25 USD
  - If you have extra time - go to the [Mission District](#) for the best street art
    - o Then grab a drink at [Anchor Brewers & Distillers](#)
- Check-out of hotel  
Goodbye San Francisco. Head home.