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contents & notes

What
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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 change fast, though. In the year since I first put this book together, at least five entries have closed or moved. 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.I.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.

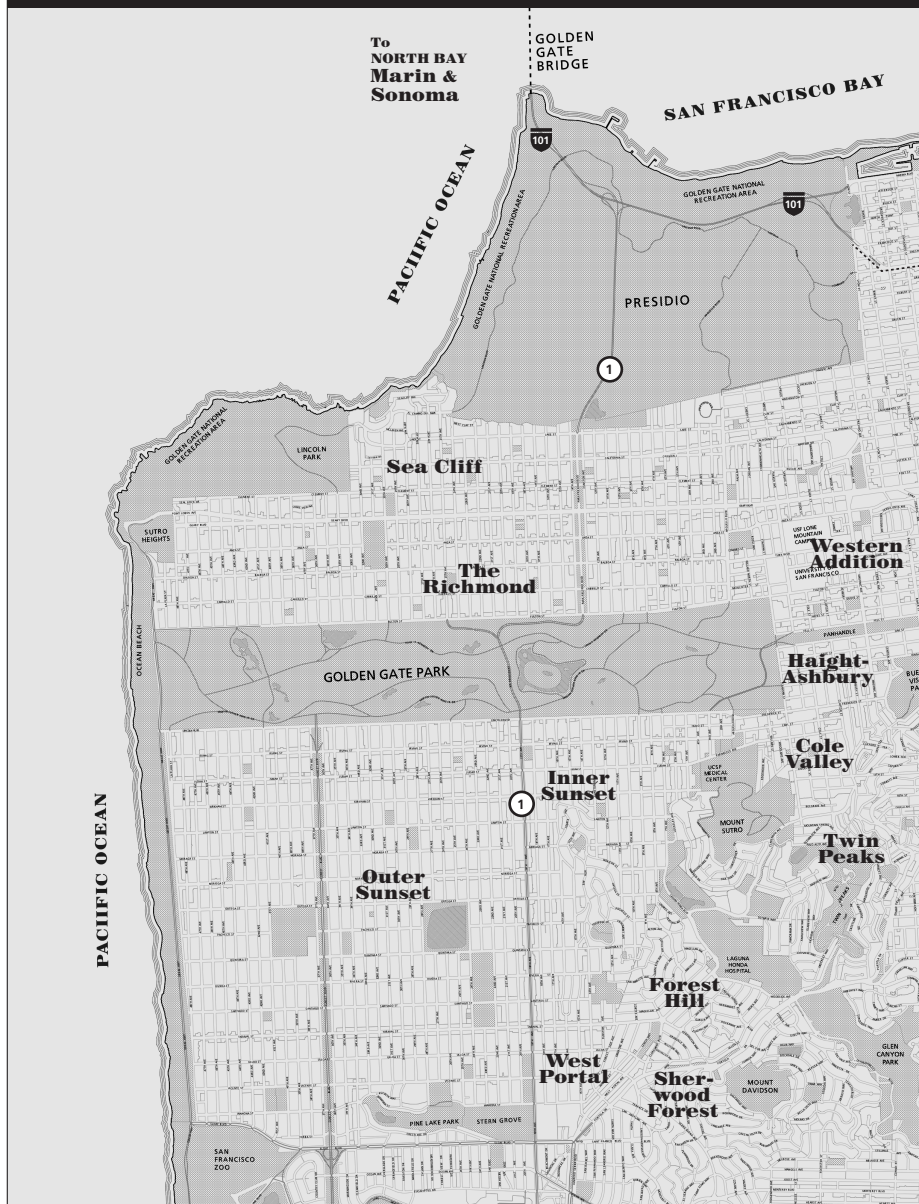
The personality of the city is also rooted in this terrain of bedrock and sand; peaks and valleys; slow warmth and cold bursts. It has confounded and ennobled seekers of all kinds — with fog, with fire, promises of riches, political upheaval, sex, drugs, and caricatures of every expectation. Still we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



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., then 19th and Junipero Serra Blvds. south from the Golden Gate Bridge, briefly joining Interstate 280.

101 After a major earthquake in 1989, parts of the highway system that ran within city limits were taken down. The 101 separates and is connected by Van Ness and Lombard on surface streets. Where it empties onto Octavia, use Fell or Oak, one-way streets, to get off or onto Van Ness.

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

Most economical and efficient option for those travelling alone from the airport (SFO). Check flight times. Trains run until 12 AM or so, and after 6 AM on weekends. Check 511.org for more detailed trip planning. Trains travel through downtown San Francisco to Oakland and Berkeley in the East Bay toward Fremont/Pittsburgh/Richmond. Cross-platform *northbound transfers* at 19th St./Oakland, *southbound* at MacArthur. Overlaps with MUNI and CalTrain at certain points. Board Amtrak trains at Richmond or Coliseum, which also has links to Oakland International Airport (OAK). **FARE : ~\$8 To/From SFO**

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 odd hours. **FARE : ~\$14 One way to/from SFO**

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, errr... 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 SFO

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 | jdvhotels.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 | jdvhhotels.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

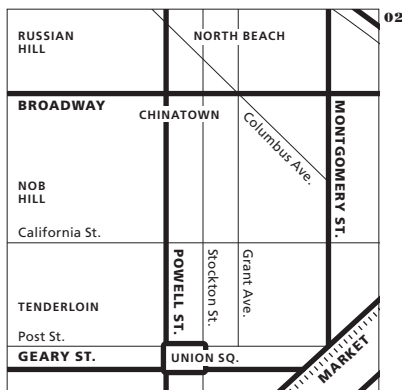
P : (415) 284-4000

'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.

**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

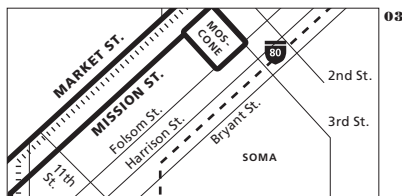
CIVIC CENTER

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

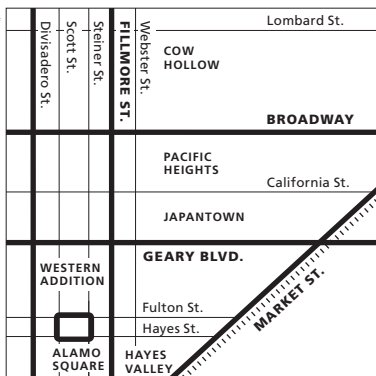
Tourist central — all the usual shopping and eating, convenient to downtown hotels. Tuck up towards Nob Hill, Chinatown, or North Beach.

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

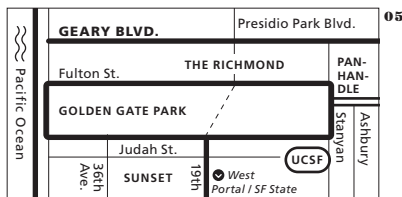
THE MARINA / COW HOLLOW

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

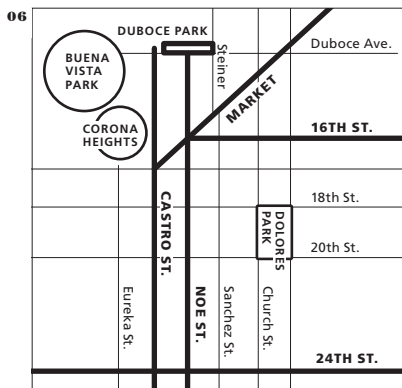
THE SUNSET

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

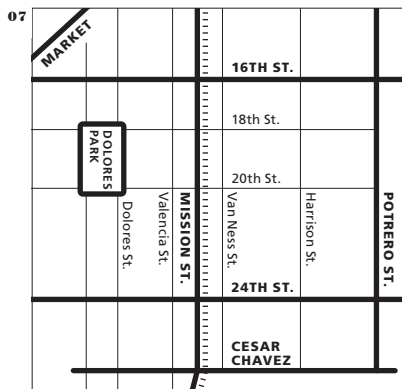
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THE CASTRO / NOE VALLEY / DUBOCE

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!



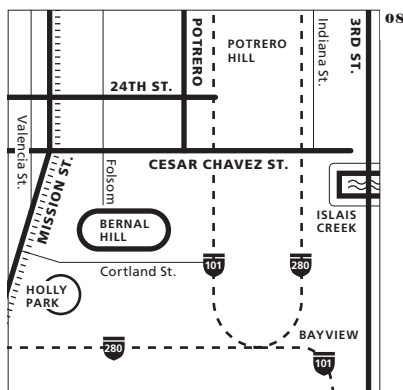
THE MISSION

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.

P'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 | *lucraravioli.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.

BOOGALOO'S

05 | *boogaloossf.com*
1805 Haight St., 94117
P: (415) 750-1111
Good standby for breakfasts, Vegetarian/vegan friendly. Temporarily popping-up at Parada 22, 9-3 PM, Th-Su.

ICHI SUSHI

08 | *ichisushi.com*
3369 Mission St. (at 30th), 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 | *biritecreamery.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

JIM'S RESTAURANT

07 | *menupages.com*
2420 Mission St., 94110
P: (415) 285-6020
Very basic, no-frills diner in a classic California Mod interior. Only open till 3 PM, M-Th.

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) 826-8176
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 | *eatkenkenramen.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-y old ladies keep this place humming. No meat, no problem.

BURMA LOVE / SUPERSTAR

07 | *burmalovesf.com*
211 Valencia St., 94103
P: (415) 861-2100
05 | *burmasuperstar.com*
309 Clement St. (btw 4th + 5th), 94118
P: (415) 387-2147
Tasty restaurants, with Love being the shiny, newer sister. Tea leaf salad is a must, and the sumusas, mmm.

SCHMIDT'S

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

useful information

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

WALZWERK

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

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
satisfying. 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
03 | 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.

BARZOTTO

07 | *barzotto.com*

1270 Valencia St., 94110

P: (415) 285-1200

This place just seems special. Pasta, fresh + simple.

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. 24 hours!

CHOW / PARK CHOW

chowfoodbar.com

06 | 215 Church St., 94114

P: (415) 552-2469

05 | 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

03 | 783 Mission St., 94103

P: (415) 882-1750

A 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.

GREEN CHILE KITCHEN

05 | *greenchilekitchen.com*

1801 mcallister st., 94115

P: (415) 440-9411

New Mexican — as in state — restaurant. Quite good.

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.

useful information

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

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 in it!

SAN TUNG CHINESE RESTAURANT

05 | *santungchineserestaurant*
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. Every bite is a smile. Dim sum all day, cart service and porridge on the weekends.

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*
1 Ferry Bldg., 94111
P: (415) 291-3276
San Francisco port landmark, fine foods, waterfront views

TOMMY'S JOYNT

04 | *tommysjoynt.com*
1101 Geary Blvd.
(on Van Ness), 94109
P: (415) 775-4216
Americana if there ever was. A late, great discovery. Gut-busting, comfort with a "C." Old school cafeteria style. Meat, slab or stew. For kicks + heck.

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 | *nickscripytacos.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.

EAST BAY**CHEESE BOARD BAKERY / PIZZA**

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

CHEZ PANISSE / CAFÉ

chezpanisse.com
1517 Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley, 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, 94618
P: (510) 655-6385
Deep dish, top notch freshness.

LO COCO'S

lococospiedmont.com
4270 Piedmont Ave.
Oakland, 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.

SOUTH BAY

GOMBEI JAPANESE RESTAURANT

gombei.com
193 Jackson St.
San Jose, CA 95112
P : (408) 279-4311

A family of family restaurants throughout the South Bay area. This one's at the heart of Japantown. Quite delicious.

MAKE YOUR OWN

MISSION FARMERS MKRT.

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

CASTRO FARMERS MKRT.

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

NOE VALLEY FARMERS MARKET

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.

BI-RITE MARKET

biritemarket.com
07 | 3639 18th St., 94110
P : (415) 241-9760
04 | 550 Divisadero St. (at Fell), 94117
P : (415) 551-7900
A local favorite with global appeal. Organic, fresh, not cheap. But a good splurge.

GUS'S COMMUNITY MKRT.

07 | *gussmarket.com*
2111 Harrison St., 94110
P : (415) 431-9300
A newer market filled with fresh produce and meats.

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
03 | 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.

SAFeway

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

WHOLE FOODS

06 | *wholefoodsmarket.com*
2001 Market St., 94114
P : (415) 626-1430
Can be pricey. Locations throughout the city, from Pacific Heights to Potrero.

LEHR'S GERMAN SPECIALTIES

06 | 1581 Church St., 94131
P : (415) 282-6803
Little old German ladies keep this emporium stocked in candies, condiments, papers, toys, and foodstuffs. Holiday souvenirs? Go here. Old school.

EUROPA PLUS

05 | 5350 Geary Blvd. (at 18th Ave.), 94122
P : (415) 387-7710
Russian market at very decent prices. Eastern European specialties, some made locally.

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, 94707
P : (510) 526-6042
I dig it. The mushrooms alone...

BERKELEY BOWL

berkeleybowl.com
2020 Oregon St. Berkeley, 94703
P : (510) 843-6929
Legendary. 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. It's hip with a loyal following. Fighting to maintain the city's shrinking queer nightlife.

EL RIO

08 | elriosf.com

3158 Mission St., 94110

P : (415) 282-3325

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.

HOLY MOUNTAIN

07 | hawkerfare.com

680 Valencia St., 94110

P : (415) 400-5699

Delicious bar food snacks.

TEETH SF

07 | teethbarsf.com

2323 Mission St., 94110

P : (415) 285-2380

Dr. Teeth & the Electric Mayhem is a rock band from *The Muppets*.

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

A little like a Victorian underground saloon.

HI TOPS

06 | hitopssf.com

2247 Market St., 94114

P : (415) 551-2500

Pretty gay-friendly sports bar. Make that very friendly. Darn good eats, too.

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.

AUNT CHARLIE'S LOUNGE

02 | auntcharlieslounge.com

133 Turk St. (at 6th), 94102

P : (415) 441-2922

Tired, trashy, dumpy, mascara running. And it's not just the drag. Diviest of the old queers with plenty of youthful sparkle. Low expectations, high return.

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

openhandsf.org

07 | 730 Polk St., 94109

P : (415) 447-2300

1921 San Pablo Ave.
Oakland, 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.

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 15 years old, this is a unique institution that helps to encourage young people in homework and writing. Volunteer here. They're always looking. Donate or work with them or any of their 6 sister chapters, nationwide. Or get involved somewhere. Give back! You'll be great.

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.

COMMUNITY THRIFT

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

P: (415) 861-4910

Another great place. There's an eye toward some curation and presentation. Proceeds go to a variety of non-profits and charity organizations.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

07 | sfgoodwill.org
2279 Mission St., 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*

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.

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.

THE WOK SHOP

02 | wokshop.com
718 Grant Ave., 94108
P: (415) 989-3797

Loving kitchen supplies.
47years+, kick-ass goods.

KAMEI RESTAURANT SUPPLY

05 | 525 Clement St., 94118
P: (415) 666-3699
So much domestic goodness.
Pimp your kitchen.

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.

DANDELION CHOCOLATE

07 | dandelionchocolate.com
740 Valencia St., 94110
P: (415) 349-0942

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

SEE'S CANDIES

06 | sees.com
542 Market St., 94104
P: (415) 362-1593
An American, make that Californian classic chocoletier.

CHINATOWN KITE SHOP

02 | chinatownkite.com
717 Grant Ave., 94108
P: (415) 989-5182
Got youth in your life? Since 1968, still going.

LOST WEEKEND VIDEO

07 | twitter@sflostweekend
2550 Mission St., 94110
P: (415) 643-3373
Still going. Relocated within the New Mission movie theatre.

AMOEBA MUSIC

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

PARK LIFE

05 | parklifestore.com
220 Clement St., 94118
P: (415) 386-7275
Cool objects and art objects.
Serious and whimsical gallery.

useful information

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

**ARCH ART +
DRAFTING SUPPLY**

archsupplies.com

03 | ARCH@CCA
1111 8th St., 94107

P: (415) 433-2724

08 | ARCH PopUP
2349 3rd St., 94107

Osmose and make. Angled approach to art supplies. They recently moved, but are still going strong.

FLAX ART AND DESIGN

04 | *flaxart.com*

2 Marina Blvd., 94123

P: (415) 530-3510

1501 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Oakland, CA 94612

P: (415) 552-2355

Family owned art supply store relocated from the Mission. Broad selection. Browse!

FABRIC OUTLET

07 | *fabricoutletsf.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

03 | 70 4th St., 94103

P: (415) 777-4400

05 | 956 Cole St., 94117

P: (415) 319-6705

Everyday essentials. Great family 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. A favorite.

CHERINS APPLIANCES

07 | *cherinsappliancesf.com*

727 Valencia St., 94110

P: (415) 659-9122

Their building sign on Valencia is now iconic. High end appliances 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

07 | *dandelionsf.com*

55 Potrero Ave., 94103

P: (415) 436-5900

Got a recommendation for this one. Odds and ends for the home. Exotic and familiar.

MINIMAL

04 | *minimal.com*

364 Hayes St., 94102

P: (415) 400-5572

Lifestyle store, with a personal, Scandanavian take.

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.

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?

TOPDRAWER

04 | *twitter@ltoyaTopdrawer*

1840 Union St., 94123

P: (415) 771-1108

Too cool local arm of a Japanese stationer. Travel goods!

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.

KINOKUNIYA BOOKSTORE

04 | *kinokuniya.com*

1581 Webster St., 94115

P: (415) 567-7625

'Cause a Japanese bookstore always delights.

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 convenience store. Soup to gadget.

SOKO HARDWARE

04 | *californiajapantowns*

1698 Post St., 94115

P: (415) 931-5510

Old school and a lot of everything 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

target.com

03 | 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
300 Post St., 94108
P : (415) 486-4800
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.

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.

01 | booksinc.net
601 Van Ness Ave., 94102
P : (415) 776-1111

Nice people. Small local chain. Locations throughout the city and the airport.

GREEN APPLE BOOKS

05 | greenapplebooks.com
On the Park
1231 9th Ave., 94122
P : (415) 742-5833
Newer space. Good events.

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

ALAMEDA POINT ANTIQUES FAIRE

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

OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA ANNUAL WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

whiteelephantsale.org
333 Lancaster St.
Oakland, 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.

useful information

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 ASÍ

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 | stmmarycathedralsf.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, Embarc., 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 | sfcciviccenter.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. PoMo 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
03 | 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
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 Liebskind

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
Reopened after renovations and expansion. But check out travelling exhibits and the Mario Botta classic façade. A real gem, good shows. ARCHITECTURE: Mario Botta; NEW ADDITION: Snohetta

UNITED STATES FEDERAL BUILDING

03 | 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, 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, 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, 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. Pt. Reyes Stn., 94956
P: (415) 663-1835
Everybody's favorite teeny tiny 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, 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, 95497

P : (707) 785-2371

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

GUERNEVILLE

guerneville-online.com

15905 River Rd.
Guerneville, 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, 94941

P : (415) 388-8182

By the water, tiny, quirky train museum.

MUIR WOODS NATIONAL MONUMENT

nps.gov/muwo

Muir Woods Rd.
Mill Valley, 94941

P : (415) 388-2595

Get lost among giants. Redwoods, that is.

HEADLANDS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

headlands.org

944 Fort Barry
Sausalito, 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, 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, 95814

P : (916) 808-7000

Excellent museum collection, just right.

YOSEMITE

nps.gov/yose

Village Dr.
Yosemite, 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.*

LAKE TAHOE

visitinglaketahoe.com

S. Lake Tahoe, 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

visitrenotahoe.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 aging 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*

FURTHER SOUTH

BIG SUR

bigsurcalifornia.org

47000 Hwy. 1
Big Sur, 93920

P : (831) 667-2322

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

MONTEREY

monterey.org/en-us

Monterey, 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.

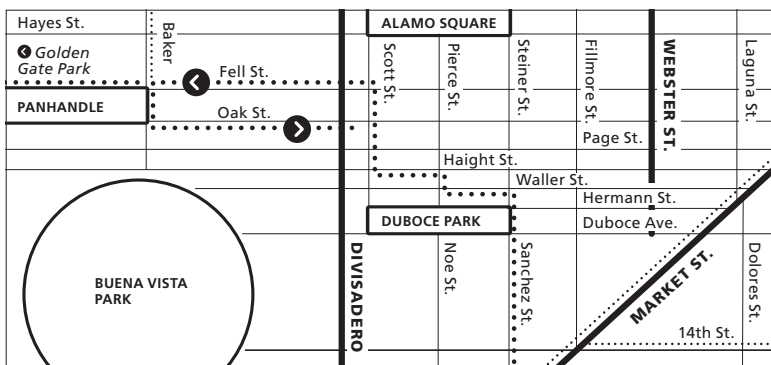
SANTA CRUZ BOARDWALK

beachboardwalk.com

400 Beach St.
Santa Cruz, 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 ancient paths 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

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

03 | *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 REC. 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 REC. 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. Other-timely space. Frequently holds events and sing-a-long's. One of my favorite venues.

ROXIE THEATER

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

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

NEW MISSION THEATRE

07 | drafthouse.com/sf
2550 Mission St., 94110
P: (415) 549-5959
Art Deco gem now completely refurbished and run by Alamo Drafthouse. Reserved seating and food with your show.

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 K/TIM/L 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

01 | embarcaderocenter.com
1 Embarcadero Ctr., 94111
P: (415) 352-0835
Art-house, new-wave, roam 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, 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., 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 | *sfoopera.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., 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 | *slimpsresents.com*
859 O'Farrell St., 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, 94612
P : (510) 302-2250
Poetry, to bands, to lectures — Art Deco gem in downtown.

GRAND LAKE THEATER

renaissanceriaalto.com
3200 Grand Ave.
Oakland, 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

STRUT

06 | *strutsf.org*
470 Castro St., 94114
P : (415) 581-1600
Formerly Magnet. Free or pay what you can 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

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

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

LEARNING

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

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 | sfcb.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

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

"CIVIL" PRACTICALITIES

SF MUNICIPAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

03 | 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, hours + 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, identification. 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**

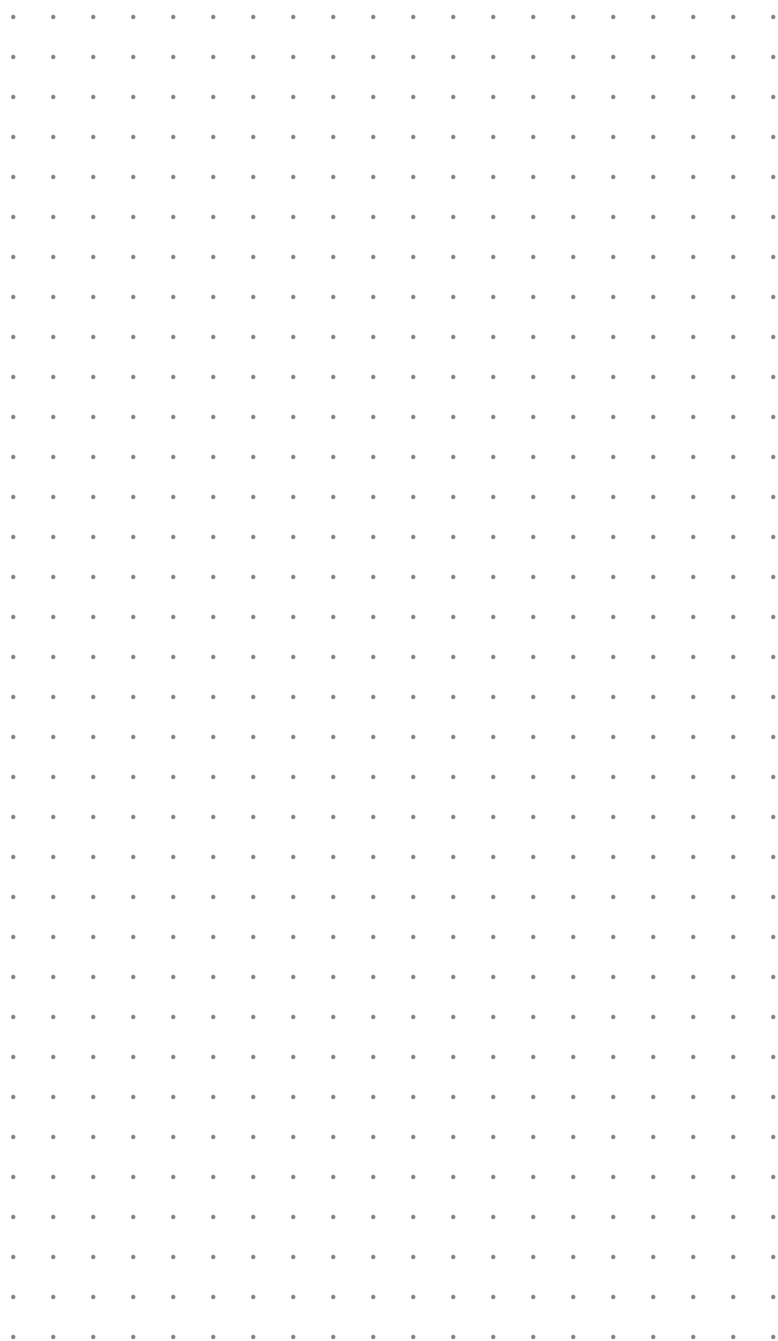
refunds. Unfortunately the burden of proof is on you. Generally, it seems if you go in with an even temper, you may get further than mailing in your requests for review. The staff are fairly polite, if a tad dry, but they can be helpful. It's a process.

SF SUPERIOR COURT, TRAFFIC

03 | 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.





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Secret*

*EAST BAY + NORTH BAY EXTENDED SUPPLEMENTAL

The Region

The East and North Bay Areas are distinct places, with personalities shaped beyond their relationship to San Francisco.

North of the Golden Gate Bridge sit Marin, Sonoma, and Modesto Counties — the Lower North Coast region. Those who sought to commune and work with Nature found their way into rugged, mountainous, more remote terrain to form idyllic and idealistic communities close to some of the most beautiful areas in the country. The views can be majestic; the winters brusque and damp; and the fog punctured by tangled warm spots.

East, across the Bay, sit Oakland, Berkeley, and other populous cities and suburbs that have grown and evolved out of need for space, affordable quality of life, and waves of economic and industrial/agricultural prosperity in some of the best weather anywhere. As tech booms have brought people from around the world to the area, individuals and families have had to look for opportunities and housing beyond San Francisco, creating their own hubs of culture and tastemaking in the process.

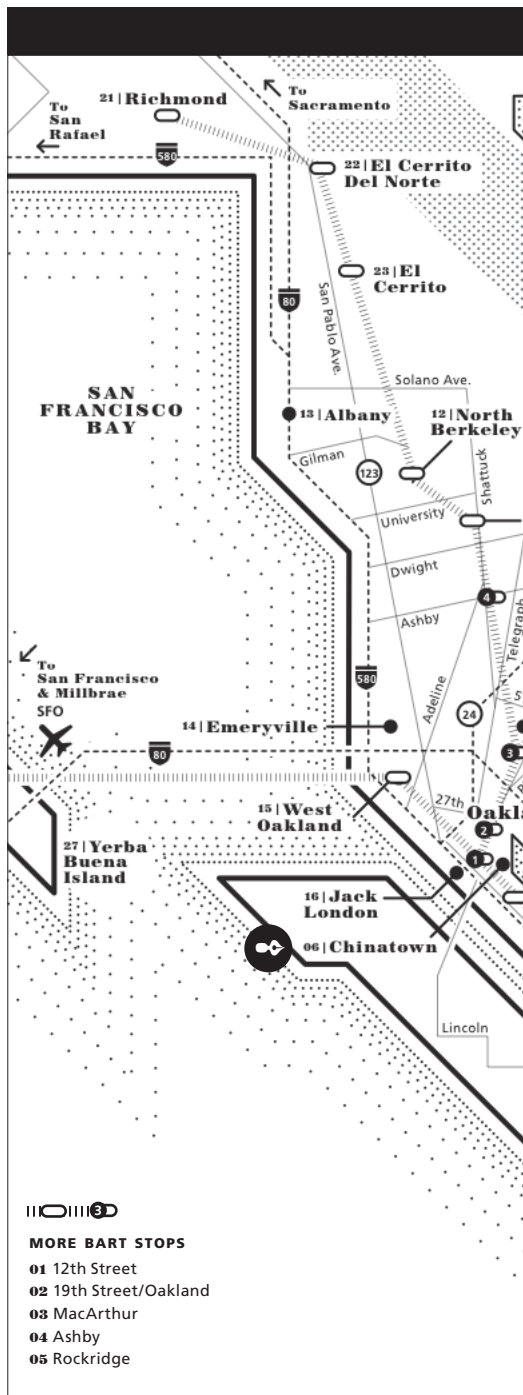
Friends who've moved out of San Francisco or are from the area have introduced me to some of the great gems that make this place even more home. As you find yourself further steeped in the diversity and beauty, expand your vocabulary in something quite special.

Enjoy!

— T.I.P. SECRET

the east bay

The basics — not completely to scale



the lower north & east bay area

Routes and highways — not completely to scale

Towards Santa Cruz

Getting There

Oakland International (OAK) serves the East Bay Area. Sacramento International (SMF) and Reno-Tahoe International (RNO) put you in reach of Northern California recreational points like Yosemite and the North Coast.

UNITED.COM
JETBLUE.COM
ALASKAAIR.COM

These airports connect the region to major cities and provide occasionally fewer crowds and bigger bargains.

Getting Around

BART

bart.gov

Efficient option on either side of the Bay. Trains run until 12 AM or so, after 6 AM on weekends. 511.org for detailed trip planning. Trains travel from SFO/Millbrae through downtown San Francisco, Berkeley, and Oakland toward Fremont/Pittsburgh/Richmond. Cross-platform *northbound transfers* at 19th St., *southbound* at MacArthur. Overlaps with MUNI and CalTrain at certain points. Fares are distance-based. Extensions further north and further south to San Jose are in the works, as is all night service.
FARE : ~\$4 *Between SF + Downtown Oakland*

GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT

goldengatetransit.org

Provides bus and ferry service between San Francisco and North Bay areas into Marin and Sonoma counties toward Santa Rosa. Ferries serve the Larkspur and Sausalito areas.
FARE : ~\$5–\$13 *Distance zones; ~\$11+ Ferries*

AC TRANSIT

actransit.org

Provides bus service throughout the Oakland area, and late night bridge-crossing alternatives after BART closes. **BASIC FARES** : \$2.10; \$4.20 *Cross-Bay; Youth, Senior, and Monthly fares available*

MARIN TRANSIT

marintransit.org

Serves the Marin County area. “Stage Coach” and shuttle services also provide access to areas like Point Reyes and Bolinas. **BASIC FARE** : \$2

SMART

sonomamarintrain.org

Mid-2017, trains will connect Larkspur to San Rafael, to Cloverdale, roughly along Hwy. 101.

CAR

Car travel is very much a California staple — from Wine Country to nature reserves. Mind the winding mountain roads and bridge traffic.

BICYCLE

Cycling runs and road trips are a huge draw throughout the region, making access to adventurous terrain and inspiring views very intimate.

Lodgings

EAST BAY

CLAREMONT CLUB + SPA

25 | fairmont.com

41 Tunnel Rd.
Berkeley, 94705

P : (510) 843-3000

An old lady Arts and Crafts hotel from back in the day.

NORTH BAY

SEA RANCH LODGE

41 | searanchlodge.com

60 Sea Walk Dr.
Sea Ranch, 95497

P : (707) 785-2371

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

THE MENDOCINO HOTEL

44 | mendocinohotel.com

45080 Main St.
Mendocino, 95460

P : (707) 937-0511

A nice place for a glass of wine or dessert after a seaside walk. — Molly

JUG HANDLE CREEK FARM

45 | jughandlecreekfarm.com

15501 Hwy. 1
Caspar, 95420

P : (707) 964-4630

From what I've seen and heard, a gorgeous facility run for the love of the place. Camp, cabin, wed in gorgeous surroundings.

logistics & orientation

Getting here and there, and how

Eats

EAST BAY

CHEESE BOARD BAKERY / PIZZA

11 | cheeseboardcollective.coop
1512 + 1504 Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley, 94709
P: (510) 549-3183
The original co-operative bakery.

CHEZ PANISSE / CAFÉ

11 | chezpanisse.com
1517 Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley, 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.

DOÑA TOMÁS

05 | donatomas.com
5004 Telegraph Ave.
Oakland, 94609
P: (510) 450-0522
Very decent Mexican family friendly restaurant.

SATURN CAFE BERKELEY

11 | berkeley.saturncafe.com
2175 Allston Way
(btx Oxford + Shattuck)
Berkeley, 94704
P: (510) 845-8505
Vegetarian diner. Pretty fun.

LITTLE STAR PIZZA

13 | littlestarsolano.com
1181 Solano Ave.
(btx Cornell + Stannage)
Albany, 94706
P: (510) 526-7827
A cornmeal deep dish!

THE STAR ON GRAND

10 | thestarongrand.com
3425 Grand Ave.
(btx Mandana + Elwood)
Oakland, 94610
P: (510) 843-7827
Related to Little Star in SF — again, cornmeal a deep dish crust.

ZACHARY'S CHICAGO PIZZA

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

SWAN'S MARKETPLACE

01 | swansmarket.com
538 9th St.
(btx Clay + Washington)
Oakland, 94607
Quality food court of sorts — buzzy, so good. B-Dama Japanese, Cosecha Latin food, among others. Go

TRUE BURGER

10 | trueburgeroakland.com
146 Grand Ave.
Oakland, 94612
P: (510) 208-5678
Delicious, pedigreed, succint

ABURA-YA

[twitter@aburayaokland](https://twitter.com/aburayaokland)
01 | 380 15th St.
Oakland, 94612
P: (510) 502-7743
Juicy Japanese fried chicken pop-up. The sides are also veggie friendly. The carrots!

SUM YEE PASTRY

06 | 918 Webster St.
(btx 10th + 9th)
Oakland, 94607
P: (510) 268-8089
Hole in the wall, pretty decent dim sum to go.

SIAM BAY AUTHENTIC THAI CUISINE

01 | 1009 Clay St.
Oakland, 94607
P: (510) 452-1499
I generally love Thai restaurants decorated in the 70's or 80's. The food is usually better.

CHAI THAI NOODLES

07 | chaithainoodle.com
545 International Blvd.
Oakland, 94606
P: (510) 832-2500
Casual. Good chicken n' rice.

GETA

03 | getasushioakland.com
165 41st St., Oakland, 94611
P: (510) 653-4643
Tiny Japanese joint with a locally good reputation.

TASTE OF DENMARK

03 | tastedenmark.com
3401 Telegraph Ave.
Oakland, 94609
P: (510) 420-8889
Was family run for ages and now worker-owned.

LUSH GELATO

03 | lushgelato.com
4184 Piedmont Ave.
Oakland, 94611
P: (510) 547-1299
Fresh flavors. Nice folks.

COLONIAL DONUTS

10 | 3318 Lakeshore Ave.
Oakland, 94610
P: (510) 893-2503
A local haunt, open 24hrs. Play chess, gorge, chew the fat.

LO COCO'S

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

BUTTERCUP GRILL + BAR

16 | buttercupgrillandbar.com
1000 Cotton St. (btx Livingston + Dennison)
Oakland, 94606
P: (510) 535-1640
A nice modern diner attached to an inn. Open till 10 PM

SIDESTREET PHO

22 | sidestreetpho.com
2304 Encinal Ave.
Alameda, 94501
P: (510) 808-5298
Very good local favorite.

MARZANO

24 | marzanorestaurant.com
4214 Park Blvd.
(btx Edgewood + Hampel)
Oakland, 94602
P: (510) 479-1448
Quite tasty Italian fare and pizza in the Lower Hills area.

NORTH BAY

FRED'S COFFEE SHOP

49 | 1917 Bridgeway Blvd.
Sausalito, 94965
P: (415) 332-4575
Home of deep-fried French toast and something called "Millionaire's bacon." — Molly

LIGHTHOUSE CAFE

lighthouse-restaurants.com
49 | 1311 Bridgeway Blvd.
Sausalito, 94965
P: (415) 331-3034
Sam finds this spot very good.

IN-N-OUT BURGER

49 | in-n-out.com
798 Redwood Hwy.
Mill Valley, 94941
P: (800) 786-1000
Grab some on your way out of town, Hwy. 101, 10 minutes past the Golden Gate Bridge.

SOL FOOD

31 | solfoodrestaurant.com
901 Lincoln Ave.
San Rafael, 94901
P: (415) 451-4765
Fun Puerto Rican restaurant. Open late, lively interior. Yum.

LAGUNITAS BREWING COMPANY

33 | lagunitas.com
1280 North McDowell Blvd.
Petaluma, 94954
P: (707) 778-8776
Visit the brewery, good beer.

BOVINE BAKERY

37 | bovinebakeryptreyes.com
11315 Shoreline Hwy.
Pt. Reyes Stn., 94956
P: (415) 663-9420
A small bakery in Point Reyes Station, next door to Point Reyes Books.

OSTERIA STELLINA

37 | osteriastellina.com
11285 Hwy. 1
Pt. Reyes Stn., 94956
P: (415) 663-9988

COWGIRL CREAMERY

37 | cowgirlcreamery.com
80 4th St.
Pt. Reyes Stn., 94956
P: (415) 663-9335
"Cheese!" — Molly

MARIN SUN FARMS

37 | marinsunfarms.com
10905 Shoreline Hwy. 1
Pt. Reyes Stn., 94956
P: (415) 663-8997
"Amazing burgers." — Molly

EGGHEADS RESTAURANT

45 | eggheadsrestaurant.com
326 North Main St.
Fort Bragg, 95437
P: (707) 964-5005
A breakfast diner with a theme. You'll figure out what it is when you get there.

NORTH COAST BREWERY

45 | northcoastbrewing.com
444 North Main St.
Fort Bragg, 95437
P: (707) 202-5104
A family-friendly pub with good beers and good food.

GOODLIFE CAFE & BAKERY

44 | goodlifecafemendo.com
10483 Lansing St.
Mendocino, 95460
P: (707) 937-0836
A coffee shop with pastries and a nice patio.

PATTERSON'S PUB

44 | pattersonspub.com
10485 Lansing St.
Mendocino, 95460
P: (707) 937-4782
A cozy place to watch a game. Excellent clam chowder.

MENDOCINO CAFE

44 | mendocinocafe.com
10451 Lansing St.
Mendocino, 95460
P: (707) 937-6141
A laid-back restaurant with a Thai-inspired menu.

CAFE BEAUJOLAIS

44 | cafebeaujolais.com
961 Ukiah St.
Mendocino, 95460
P: (707) 937-5614
A lauded and romantic French restaurant with a homey vibe.

MAKE YOUR OWN

BERKELEY BOWL / WEST

berkeleybowl.com
12 | 2020 Oregon St.
Berkeley, 94703
P: (510) 843-6929
11 | 920 Heinz Ave.
Berkeley, 94710
P: (510) 898-9555
Legendary. Love buying food.

MONTEREY MARKET

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

TOKYO FISH MARKET

12 | tokyofish.net
1220 San Pablo Ave.
(btx Gilman + Harrison)
Berkeley, 94706
P: (510) 524-7243
The local Japanese-American influence is still going strong.

useful information

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

TRADER JOE'S

11 | traderjoes.com
1885 University Ave.
Berkeley, 94703
P : (510) 204-9074
14 | 5700 Christie Ave.
Emeryville, 94608
P : (510) 658-8091
Great for parties. You know it.

FARMER JOE'S

18 | farmerjoesmarket.com
3426 Fruitvale Ave.
(btx Sloan + MacArthur)
Oakland, 94602
P : (510) 482-8899

ROCKY'S MARKET

22 | rockysmarket.com
1440 Leimert Blvd.
(btx Clemens + Arden)
Oakland, 94602
P : (510) 213-7985
Local neighborhood market.
Nice selection, cute.

Drinks

Places to whet whistles and do a little whistling while you're at it .

EAST BAY**WHITE HORSE BAR**

05 | whitehorsebar.com
6551 Telegraph Ave.
Oakland, 94601
P : (510) 652-3820

HELLA GAY DANCE PARTY

12 | uptownnightclub.com
1928 Telegraph Ave.
(btx William + 19th)
Oakland, 94612
P : (510) 272-9446

NICK'S LOUNGE

04 | nickslounge.com
South Berkeley
3218 Adeline St.
Berkeley, 94703
P : (510) 652-6425
Memories of that college hangout you loved, but better. Karaoke, anyone?

NORTH BAY**VLADIMIR'S CZECH RESTAURANT**

37 | 12785 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
Inverness, 94937
P : (415) 669-1021
Notoriously weird/great Czech place.

DICK'S PLACE

44 | 45070 Main St.
Mendocino, 95460
P : (707) 937-6010
For a Bud and no fuss.

GOLDEN WEST SALOON

45 | 128 East Redwood Ave.
Fort Bragg, 95437
P : (707) 964-5914
A cool bar known for its cocktails, with pool tables and other games.

Buys**EAST BAY****FLAX ART AND DESIGN**

04 | flaxart.com
1501 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Oakland, 94612
P : (415) 552-2355
Family owned art supply store relocated from the Mission. Broad selection. Browse!

ALAMEDA POINT ANTIQUES FAIRE

alamedapointantiquesfaire.com
28 | 2900 Navy Way
Alameda, 94501
P : (510) 522-7500
First sunday of the month, once naval base hosts an enormous quality flea market.

THE SALVATION ARMY

salvationarmyusa.org
01 | 601 Webster St.
Oakland, 94607
P : (510) 836-8971
28 | 1918 Park St.
Alameda, 94501
P : (510) 769-7401

OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA ANNUAL WHITEL ELEPHANT SALE

29 | whiteelephantsale.org
333 Lancaster St.
Oakland, 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 toward the end of Sunday.

GALVIN APPLIANCE

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

IKEA

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

LONG WEEKEND

05 | longweekendstore.com
5636 Shattuck Ave. (at 57th)
Oakland, 94609
P : (510) 858-7111
Cute home and arty goods. — J

**TEMESCAL ALLEY
BARBER SHOP**

08 | temescalalleybarbershop.tumblr.com
470-B 49th St.
(btx Clarke + Telegraph)
Oakland, 94609
P : (510) 761-5074
Hot bed of new wave activity in this part of Oakland.

NORTH BAY

THE APARTMENT

07 | theapartmentsf@gmail.com
(415) 255-1100
This great little vintage shop moved out of SF. Look for them in Petaluma some day.

HEATH CERAMICS

heathceramics.com
07 | 400 Gate Five Rd.
Sausalito, 94965
P : (415) 332-3732
North side of the bay. Curious about leftover stock in the factory outlet?

BOOKS

**E.M. WOLFMAN
GENERAL INTEREST
SMALL BOOKSTORE**

01 | wolfmanhomerepair.com
410 13th St.
Oakland, 94612
P : (415) 250-5527
Gentleman bookseller bringing art and wordsmith-ing, gallery events, and analog browsing.

MOE'S BOOKS

11 | moesbooks.com
2476 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley, 94704
P : (510) 849-2087
Jorge loves Moe's.

**WALDEN POND
BOOKSTORE**

10 | waldenpondbooks.com
3316 Grand Ave.
Oakland, 94610
P : (510) 832-4438

ISSUES

05 | issuesshop.com
20 Glen Ave.
Oakland, 94611
P : (510) 652-5700
"Legit magazine shop in Piedmont." — Justin

OWL & CO. BOOKSHOP

owlandcompanybookshop.com
05 | 3941 Piedmont Ave.
Oakland, 94611
P : (510) 788-5821

SPECTATOR BOOKSTORE

05 | spectatorbooks.com
4163 Piedmont Ave.
Oakland, 94611
P : (510) 653-7300

BLACK SWAN

05 | 4236 Piedmont Ave.
Oakland, 94611
P : (510) 428-2881

POINT REYES BOOKS

37 | ptreyesbooks.com
11315 Shoreline Hwy.
Pt. Reyes Str., 94956
P : (415) 663-1542
A local nexus, now run by friends with great taste and big smarts. It's got Green Apple connections. I'm biased.

**GALLERY BOOKS
IN MENDOCINO**

44 | gallerybookshop.com
319 Kasten St.
Mendocino, 95460
P : (707) 937-2665

Sites

EAST BAY

CHILDREN'S FAIRYLAND

02 | fairyland.org
699 Bellevue Ave.
Oakland, 94610
P : (510) 452-2259
A charming amusement park beloved by locals. On the lake.

LAKE MERRITT

07 | oaklandnet.com
568 Bellevue Ave.
(btx Ellita + Perkins)
Oakland, 94610
The heart-shaped center of Oakland. Lovely to row and stroll on a summer eve.

TILDEN REGIONAL PARK

11 | 2501 Grizzly Peak Blvd.
Berkeley, 94708
P : (510) 843-2137
Go for a mountain hike in Berkeley's back yard. Gorgeous views across the Bay.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW
CEMETARY**

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

NORTH BAY

**BAY AREA
DISCOVERY MUSEUM**

bayareadiscoverymuseum.org
49 | 557 McReynolds Rd.
Sausalito, 94965
P : (415) 339-3900
Sam and Dylan thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Kid+!

useful information

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

HEADLANDS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

49 | headlands.org

944 Fort Barry Sausalito, 94965

P : (415) 331-2787

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

MOUNT TAMALPAIS STATE PARK

49 | parks.ca.gov

Panoramic Hwy. Mill Valley, 94941

P : (415) 258-2410

Popular with Bay Area hikers and campers, one of the highest points in the region.

TIBURON

49 | townoftiburon.org

308 Reed Blvd.

Mill Valley, 94941

P : (415) 388-8182

By the water. Tiny, quirky train museum.

MUIR WOODS NATIONAL MONUMENT

49 | nps.gov/muwo

Muir Woods Rd.

Mill Valley, 94941

P : (415) 388-2595

Get lost among giants. Redwoods, that is.

MARIN COUNTY CIVIC CENTER

31 | marincounty.org

3501 Civic Center Dr.

San Rafael, 94901

P : (415) 499-6400

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

NAPA VALLEY

35 | napavalley.com

Wine country abounds with restaurants, tasting rooms, and the good life. Hot + dry inland.

SONOMA COUNTY

sonomacounty.ca.gov

Coastal hills + wine country.

GUERNEVILLE

39 | guerneville-online.com

15905 River Rd.

Guerneville, 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.

POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE

37 | nps.gov/pore

1 Bear Valley Rd.

Pt. Reyes Stn., 94956

P : (415) 464-5100

Everyone's favorite piece of heaven. North Bay jewel.

GUALALA POINT REGIONAL PARK

parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov

42 | 42401 Coast Hwy. 1

Gualala, 95445

Small town with majestic ocean views and waterfront restaurants.

MENDOCINO HEADLANDS STATE PARK

44 | parks.ca.gov

45101 Heeser Dr.

Mendocino, 95460

P : (707) 937-5804

Hundreds of acres of undeveloped seaside bluff lining Mendocino. Wander and explore, just steps from the town center. Walk towards the water until you're not on pavement anymore. — Molly

POINT CABRILLO LIGHT STATION

44 | pointcabrillo.org

13800 Cabrillo Dr.

Mendocino, 95460

Historic lighthouse and museum.

VAN DAMME STATE PARK

44 | parks.ca.gov

8125 North Hwy. 1

Little River, 95456

P : (707) 937-4016

Fern Canyon Trail.

RUSSIAN GULCH STATE PARK

44 | parks.ca.gov

State Rt. 1, off Hwy. 1

Mendocino, 95460

P : (707) 937-5804

"The Devil's Punch Bowl."

MENDOCINO COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS

45 | gardenbythesea.org

18220 North Hwy. 1

Fort Bragg, 95437

P : (707) 964-4352

GLASS BEACH

45 | skunktrain.com

100 West Laurel St.

Fort Bragg, 95437

P : (707) 964-6371

Nature adapting man-made.

THE SKUNK TRAIN

mendocino.com/glass-beach.html

45 | Elm St. + Old Haul Rd.

Fort Bragg, 95437

Old timey short ride. Sit back.

Take it in.

SALT POINT STATE PARK

39 | parks.ca.gov

25050 Hwy. 1, Jenner, 95450

P : (707) 847-3221

This park was home to the sandstone used to construct San Francisco's streets in the 19th century. The coastline is rugged and suitable for clambering during low tide.

BOONVILLE

47 | One hour southeast of

Mendocino on Route 128

Small town. Look for the 'oonville 'loon sign.

HENDY WOODS STATE PARK

47 | parks.ca.gov

18599 Philo-Greenwood Rd.

(off Route 128)

Philo, 95466

P : (707) 895-3141

This park has two virgin redwood groves, a fallen stump that once served as the home of the Hendy Woods Hermit, and an easy two mile nature trail. — Molly

FURTHER EAST

CROCKER ART MUSEUM

57 | crockerartmuseum.org
216 O St.
Sacramento, 95814

P : (916) 808-7000

Excellent museum collection, just right.

CALIFORNIA STATE CAPITOL

57 | capitolmuseum.ca.gov
1315 10th St.
Sacramento, 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*

YOSEMITE

62 | nps.gov/yose
Village Dr.
Yosemite, 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.*

LAKE TAHOE

64 | visitinglaketahoe.com
South Lake Tahoe, 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
visitrenotahoe.com
66 | 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 aging 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*

Entertainments

EAST BAY

GRAND LAKE THEATRE

10 | renaissancerialto.com
3200 Grand Ave.
Oakland, 94610

P : (510) 452-3556

Movie palace turned multiplex.

PARAMOUNT THEATRE

02 | paramounttheatre.com
2025 Broadway
Oakland, 94612

P : (510) 465-6400

Theatre to concerts, to movies

FOX THEATRE

02 | thefoxoakland.com
1807 Telegraph Ave.
Oakland, 94612

P : (510) 302-2250

Poetry, to bands, to lectures — Art Deco symbol of the city.

GREEK THEATRE

11 | hearstgreektheatre.org
2001 Gayley Rd.
Berkeley, 94720

P : (510) 548-3010

SHOTGUN PLAYERS

04 | shotgunplayers.org
1901 Ashby Ave.
Berkeley, 94703

P : (510) 841-6500

BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE

11 | berkeleyrep.org
2025 Addison St.
Berkeley, 94704

P : (510) 647-2949

NORTH BAY

CATCH A CANOE & BICYLCES, TOO!

44 | catchacanoe.com
44850 Comptche Ukiah Rd.
Mendocino, 95460

P : (707) 937-0273

Rent bikes, canoes, and kayaks.

Good for...

Make good or do good.

LANEY COLLEGE

07 | laney.edu
900 Fallon St.
Oakland, 94607

P : (510) 834-5740

Oakland's community college.

PROJECT OPEN HAND

02 | openhand.org
1921 San Pablo Ave.
Oakland, 94612

P : (510) 622-0221

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

THE EDIBLE SCHOOLYARD PROJECT

11 | edibleschoolyard.org
1517 Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley, 94709

P : (510) 843-3811

For the next generation. Kids learn about growing food — through science, literature, preparation, and co-operation.

