

How to be a proper tourist in San Francisco

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How to prepare:

You will need:

- Your phone
- A backpack
- Extra plastic bag
- wallet/money
- Clipper card/MUNI ticket
- Clothing:
 - WINTER: thick sweaters, heavy jacket, leggings, boots
 - SPRING: light sweaters, scarves, jeans
 - SUMMER: light sweaters, t-shirts, leggings, jeans
 - FALL: shorts, tank top, t-shirt, cardigan
 - *always carry a light jacket around: LAYER UP!! Weather is very bipolar here
 - Mention Karl the fog: he's always popping in and out

Places to go:

Golden Gate Bridge

The number one tourist spot in San Francisco, day or night.

- By car from Civic Center: ~20 min
- By bus from Civic Center: 20-40 min

Lombard Street

The windiest block on this street contains eight hairpin turns down a steep hill. Lombard St is known as the most crooked street in the world.

- By car from Civic Center: 10-15 min
- By bus from Civic Center: 25-35 min

Golden Gate Park

Home to countless gardens, several museums, and over ten different lakes. Bigger than New York City's Central park, you can dedicate a week to exploring this and still not discover everything.

- By car from Civic Center: 10-15 min
- By bus from Civic Center: 30-40 min

Alcatraz

Visit the notorious military prison that once held Al Capone, and learn about the one of most intricate escapes ever that inspired the Escape from Alcatraz triathlon. This historical landmark is now a national recreation area.

- By car from Civic Center: ~20 min
- By bus from Civic Center: 50-60 min

Pier 39

In North Beach is a bustling bayside pier with sea lions, small shops and eateries, and beautiful scenic views by the bay.

- By car from Civic Center: ~20 min
- By bus from Civic Center: 30-40 min

Union Square

Here is the central shopping, hotel, and theater district. It is in the heart of downtown San Francisco and is walking distance to Chinatown and Civic Center.

- By car from Civic Center: ~10 min
- By bus from Civic Center: 10-15 min

Things to eat

In order of prices:

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La Taqueria (Mission)	Blue Bottle Coffee	Petit Crenn (Hayes Valley)
Tacorea (Union Square/Lower Nob Hill)	Mama's on Washington Square (North Beach)	
Home Cafe (Inner Sunset)	Stacks	Nopa (Alamo Square)
Mitchell's Ice Cream (Bernal Heights)	Kaiju Eats Ramen and Izakaya (Little Richmond)	La Mar Cebicheria Peruana (Embarcadero)
Boba Guys	Mission Cheese (Mission)	EPIC Steak (Embarcadero)
Good Mong Kok Bakery (Chinatown)	San Tung (Inner Sunset)	
	Burma Superstar (Little Richmond)	

Do's and Dont's

DO:

1. Keep SF clean
2. Be aware of your surroundings when taking pictures
3. Ask the bus driver for directions - they know best!
4. Keep your phone charged
5. Keep track of all your belongings
6. Check Groupon, FiveStar, etc. for deals off of museum tickets, Giants games, etc.

DON'T:

1. Litter the street/beach
2. Block sidewalks or stand in the middle of the road to take pictures
3. Walk slowly on a bustling street
- 4.
5. Leave valuables in car
- 6.

The Bay Area

If you've come to San Francisco a lot before, there is always more to explore outside the city!
Hop on the BART, Caltrain, or your car and explore the rest of the Bay area!

- Hiking to Grizzly Peak
- Telegraph Ave in Oakland
- Downtown Burlingame Area
- Din Tai Fung in Santa Clara
- Santana Row in Santa Clara
- Winchester Mystery House in Santa Clara
- California's Great America Amusement Park (Santa Clara)
- Sausalito & Houseboats
- San Francisco Outlets in Livermore