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San Francisco

There's more than one way to discover a destination. By Kimberley Lovato

Architecture Enthusiast

From remnants of Spanish occupation to elegant Victorian edifices, there's something for every structuralist to admire.

Multicultural Foodie

No passport needed to journey through the city's patchwork of internationally flavored neighborhoods and eateries.

First Timer

The first time is always a charm when cable cars, the Golden Gate, Alcatraz and Fisherman's Wharf are on the agenda.

Active Traveler

Walk, bike, hike or boat—the city supplies plenty of activity chaperoned by postcard views.

Art Junkie

With world-class museums and a vibrant local arts scene, San Francisco showcases the very best.

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Architecture Enthusiast



WHERE TO STAY // The Fairmont Hotel
After it was damaged in the 1906 earthquake, this Nob Hill Grande Dame was restored by U.S. architect Julia Morgan, who restored many other California buildings. fairmont.com

MORNING // Haas-Lilienthal House

This Queen Anne-style Victorian from 1886 is the only private home from the era open to the public. sfheritage.org



MORNING // Cable Car Museum

Photos, antique cars and mechanical displays reveal the mystery—and history—of these little cars that became the symbol of San Francisco. cablecarmuseum.org



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First Timer



WHERE TO STAY // The Westin St. Francis
You're on the right path to explore the city from this buzzing Union Square location, which even has a cable car stop at the front door. westinstfrancis.com

LUNCH // Fisherman's Wharf

Belly up to one of the fish stalls here for fresh clam chowder served in a famous sourdough bread bowl. Guardino's Crab Stand is an eat-on-the-street favorite.



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Active Traveler

WHERE TO STAY // The Washington Square Inn

This cozy hotel is soothing after a day of exploration. Room 7 has views of Coit Tower on Telegraph Hill, a 284-foot climb if you want to hoof it up. wsisf.com



MORNING // Bike the Bridge

There's no better way to see the Golden Gate than by biking over it, and Blazing Saddles has been equipping adventurers for more than 25 years. blazingsaddles.com



Diversity is the hallmark of the Richmond neighborhood, and Burma Superstar dishes out the flavors of Burma, Thailand, Laos, India and China.

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Multicultural Foodie



WHERE TO STAY // Hotel Triton
This hip, modern and visually wondrous hotel is a stone's throw from the Chinatown Dragon Gate and a short stroll to North Beach, aka Little Italy. hoteltriton.com

BREAKFAST // Café de la Presse

Enjoy buttery croissants and hot café au lait while browsing a selection of European newspapers and magazines.



MORNING // Museum of Modern Art

Contemporary masters and rising stars are on the dynamic schedule at MoMA, housed in an eye-catching building. sfmoma.org

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Art Junkie



WHERE TO STAY // Hotel Des Arts

Contemporary art is the décor of choice at this well-priced and whimsical boutique hotel, where the lobby and rooms boast private gallery appeal. sfhoteldesarts.com





AFTERNOON // Maiden Lane

This pedestrian haven between Geary and Post streets is lined with cafés, shops and the Xanadu Gallery, housed inside San Francisco's only Frank Lloyd Wright building. folkartintl.com



Mission Dolores is the oldest building in the city, still with its original building and a Basilica, and it's an integral part of the city's historic and religious history. missiondolores.org

DINNER // The Moss Room

Architect Renzo Piano designed the beautiful dining room, while the modern Californian menu highlights local and organic ingredients, prepared by top local chefs Loretta Keller and Charles Phan. themossroom.com



AFTERNOON // Alcatraz

Once home to notorious criminals, including Al Capone, The Rock is one of the city's biggest attractions. Take the night tour for stellar views and a different side of Alcatraz. alcatrazcruises.com



NIGHTCAP // Top of the Mark Lounge

The toast of San Francisco, with wrap-around vistas and a 100-martini menu, atop the historic Mark Hopkins Hotel. intercontinentalmarkhopkins.com



AFTERNOON // Angel Island

The largest island in the bay, once an immigration station, is now a haven for bikers, walkers and kayakers—but not drivers. The island's highest peak offers 360-degree views. angelisland.com



LUNCH // Sam's Anchor Café

A popular biker stop and bay area favorite since 1920, this café on Tiburon's Main Street is just 50 yards from the ferries to Angel Island and San Francisco. samscafe.com



The Japanese Tea Garden is an oasis in Golden Gate Park, with monuments, bridges and ponds, as well as a teahouse serving Japanese teas and confections. japaneseteagardensf.com



EARLY EVENING // Crissy Field

Walk west from the Marina to Fort Point for unparalleled Golden Gate Bridge views. The path ends at a fence adorned with a metal "Hopper's Hands" plaque. parksconservancy.org



DINNER // Tony's Pizza Napoletana

Tony Gemignani, a world-champion pizza maker, now tosses dough for diners who line up at his Little Italy pizzeria. tonyspizzanapoletana.com



AFTERNOON // The Mission

Head to the Mission neighborhood for its myriad Latino eateries. Limón boasts Peruvian specialties in swank surroundings, while the Taqueria Pancho Villa is known for its affordable, quality food. limon-sf.com



AFTERNOON // Mission Murals

Wander around the collective canvas that is the Mission, famous for its Diego Rivera-inspired colorful and expressive murals. precitaeyes.org

DINNER // nopa

Nopa, or "North of the Panhandle," is the neighborhood choice in the artsy Divisadero Corridor. The kitchen specializes in an "urban rustic" menu that blends Mediterranean and California flavors. nopasf.com



LATE MORNING BOOST // Rooftop Coffee Bar

Confections inspired by MoMA exhibits and brew from a local favorite, Blue Bottle Coffee Company, are standard fare set among the sculptures in the museum's rooftop garden. sfmama.org



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