



# Experience Guide



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# Shops and Restaurants

## Fillmore Street

Comprised of 10 tree-lined blocks, Upper Fillmore is where Pacific Heights thrives. Here the visitor will find boutiques galore, for the trendy as well as the more classic look. It is abundant with a variety of delightful eateries for a meal or a munchie. Or follow your nose into one of the bakeries for something sweet. There are bookstores for browsing, and specialty shops for jewelry, gifts and home furnishings. And there's The Clay, one of San Francisco's oldest movie theatres, which features independent and foreign films.

*fillmorestreetsf.com*



*Pierre Deux, Sacramento Street*

## Union Street

Union Street in Cow Hollow (a former dairy land) emerged as one of our city's most charming "quartiers" in the 1950s. Take a leisurely stroll down the main thoroughfare where you'll discover Victorian mansions and carriage houses transformed into boutiques and restaurants featuring a variety of delectable cuisines. Sit back at one of the many outdoor cafes for some people watching and a relaxed conversation over a drink—coffee, beer, or, of course, spirits.

*unionstreetsf.com*

## Chestnut Street

Chestnut Street may remind the casual visitor of a self-contained village with its own distinctive neighborhood feel. You'll find a sophisticated mix of shops for clothes, books, gifts, home furnishings and... whatever. Restaurants large and small abound, enjoyed by the locals, as well as visitors to our fair city. There are outdoor cafés for fulsome breakfasts, tasty lunches, and afternoon coffee and tea. If you need a respite, head to one of the two movie theaters that feature first run films, The Marina and The Presidio.

*chestnutshop.com*

## Sacramento Street

Lined with art and antique stores, this quiet, elegant neighborhood is paradise for the home decorator. You'll even be amazed at the offerings in the local hardware store. Pamper yourself at one of the salons or indulge at the many high-end boutiques. You'll also discover the Vogue Theatre (the second oldest in the City, having opened in 1910), and shops for delighting the children with books, toys and clothes, as well as a small, but unique selection of restaurants and cafés.

*sacramentostreetsf.com*



*Pierre Deux, Sacramento Street*



# Culture

## Palace of Fine Arts

So named when it was built for the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition, the Palace of Fine Arts, is a visual reminder of the City's magnificent past, but serves other purposes these days. Start off by admiring and comparing the architecture, which is Roman in style, and the decorative treatment, which is Greek. The park that surrounds the Palace is a picture perfect spot for a picnic lunch and for gazing at the swans gliding across the lagoon.

Beyond the Corinthian columns, the Palace is home to a 1,000-seat theatre and the cutting-edge Exploratorium. Year-round in the theatre, you can be entertained by dance, poetry and film festivals, as well as a wide range of lectures and concerts.

Spend some time touching, tinkering with, and exploring any of the hundreds of science, art and human perception exhibits in the Exploratorium. Your curiosity will guide you to endless discoveries, and it's sure to be an unforgettable experience for all who visit.

*Palace of Fine Arts, 3301 Lyon Street  
415.563.6504; box office 415.567.6642*

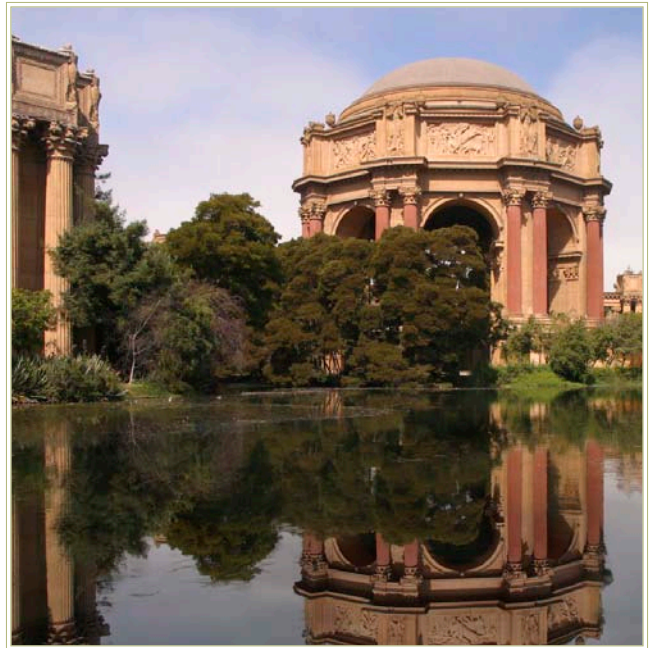
*palaceoffinearts.org*

*Exploratorium, 3601 Lyon Street  
415.397.5673*

*exploratorium.edu*

## Legion of Honor

With an impressive collection of ancient and European art—some pieces date back 4,000 years—the Legion of Honor is one of San Francisco's most beautiful museums. Completed in 1924, the Beaux-Arts building is dedicated to the Californian soldiers who died in France during World War I. Located in Lincoln Park, overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge and all of San Francisco, the museum features a permanent collection,



*Palace of Fine Arts*

temporary exhibits in the garden level and a café with outdoor seating.

*Lincoln Park, 34th Avenue and Clement Street  
415.750.3600*

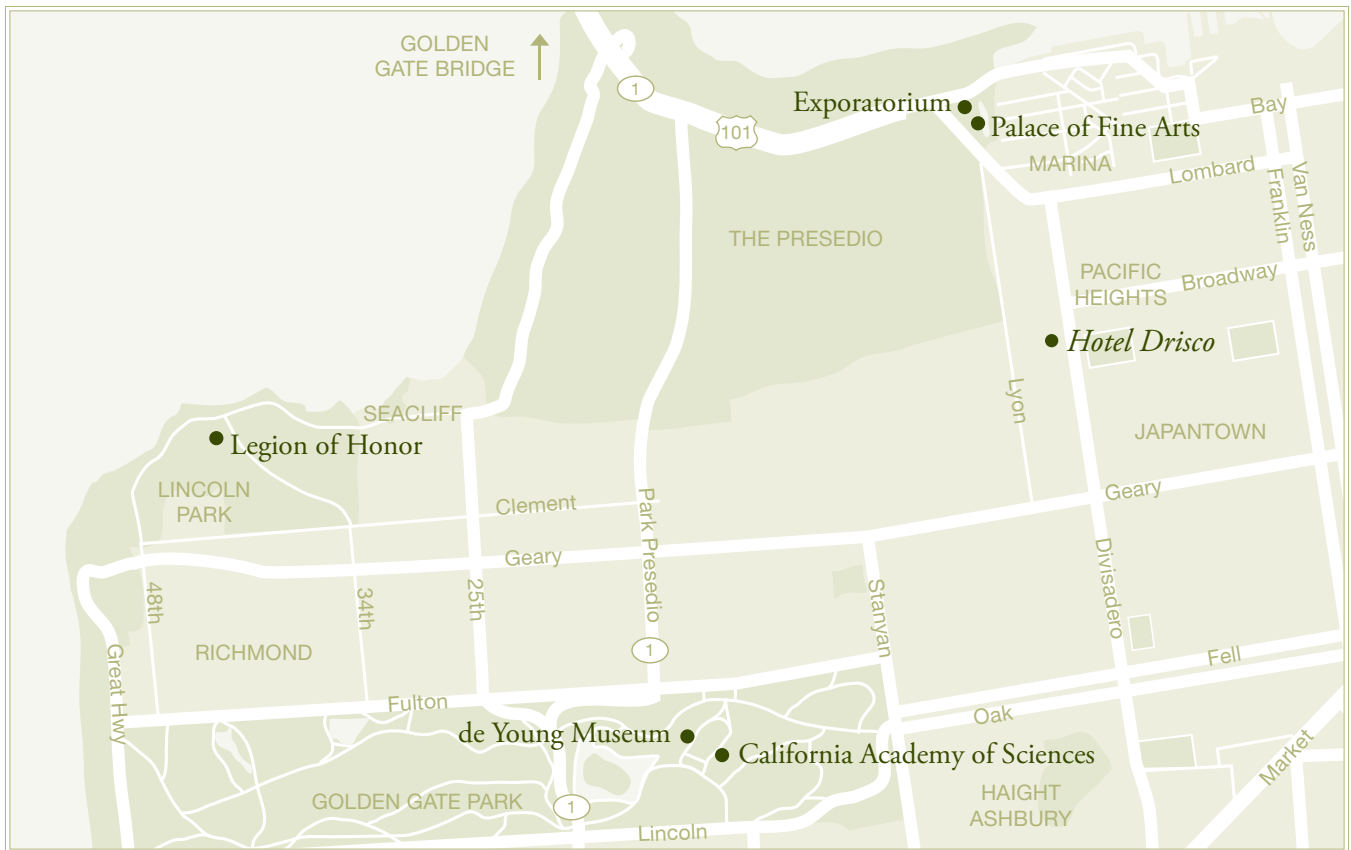
*famsf.org/legion*

## California Academy of Sciences

Explore the wonders of our universe at the stunning, and sprawling, California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park. Perhaps the greenest museum in the world, this scientific and cultural institution houses an aquarium, planetarium, natural history museum, and four-story rainforest under a 2.5-acre living roof. While some of the old favorites that have made this a world-class exhibit are still there, a plethora of interactive exhibits have been added to the new facility that take advantage of the latest technology.

*Golden Gate Park, 55 Music Concourse Drive  
415.379.8000*

*calacademy.org*

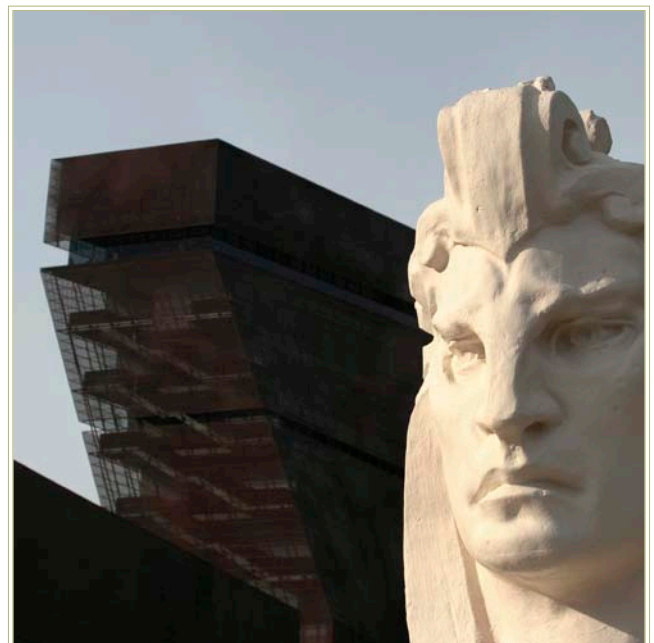


## de Young Museum

Beyond repair after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, the cherished de Young was reborn in a stunning new facility in Golden Gate Park in Fall 2005. The ultramodern museum seamlessly integrates art, architecture and the natural landscape. Constructed of warm, natural materials, the de Young features a 144-foot tower with observation deck that offers panoramic views, a sculpture garden, the Pool of Enchantment, and a children's garden. Behind the copper façade, you'll discover the museum's priceless collections of American art that spans three centuries, and art of the native Americas, Africa, and the Pacific.

Golden Gate Park, Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive  
425.750.3600

[famsf.org/deyoung](http://famsf.org/deyoung)



de Young Museum

# Parks and Promenades

## Lyon Street Steps

From the top of the Lyon Street Steps you're rewarded with breathtaking views of the Bay. As you make your way down the nearly two blocks of steps, you're lead through several levels of spectacular mansions, perfectly manicured gardens and colorful flower beds. The steps are also known as one of the best cardiovascular workouts in the city. So if you dare, start at the bottom in the Presidio neighborhood, take deep breaths, and climb to the top.

*Lyon Street and Green Street*



*Lyon Street Steps*

## San Francisco City Guides

Founded in 1978, this non-profit organization is comprised of local volunteers who are enthusiastic about sharing their love for and knowledge of this magnificent city with others. Approximately 30 guided walking tours—all free—are scheduled each month and last from 1½ to 2 hours. Rain or shine, the tours focus on the architecture, history, legends and lore of San Francisco, each one leading you through a different part of this diverse city.

*[sfcityguides.org](http://sfcityguides.org)*

## Alta Plaza Park

Only three blocks from Hotel Drisco, this gem of a neighborhood park is a great place to enjoy sweeping views of San Francisco's unsurpassed Bay and city skyline. For a pleasant walk, you may admire the famed baronial Pacific Heights mansions, with a children's playground within reach and the oasis of quiet at the park.

*Scott Street and Jackson Street*



*Alta Plaza Park*

## The Presidio

The historic Presidio served as a military post for over 200 years for the Spanish, then the Mexican, and finally the American Army. In 1994, the Presidio was incorporated into the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and is now a national park. Within its 1,491 acres are forests, beaches, an historic airfield, and even a pet cemetery. You'll also discover picnic areas, playing fields, restaurants, hiking trails and a public golf course.

[presidio.gov](http://presidio.gov)  
[nps.gov/goga](http://nps.gov/goga)



*Julius Kahn Playground*

## Julius Kahn Playground

Located in the Presidio and just seven blocks from Hotel Drisco, "JK" (as it is lovingly referred to by locals) is an extremely fun place to bring the kids. Beautifully designed, the playground features a sand and water play area, swings, climbing structures and slides. After all that playing, take a stroll through the forest-like

surroundings. The smell of the eucalyptus grove is quite a treat. There are also picnic tables, tennis courts, and a clubhouse that offers various activities.

*West Pacific Avenue (between Locust and Spruce)*  
[presidio.gov/kids/playgrounds](http://presidio.gov/kids/playgrounds)

## YMCA in the Presidio

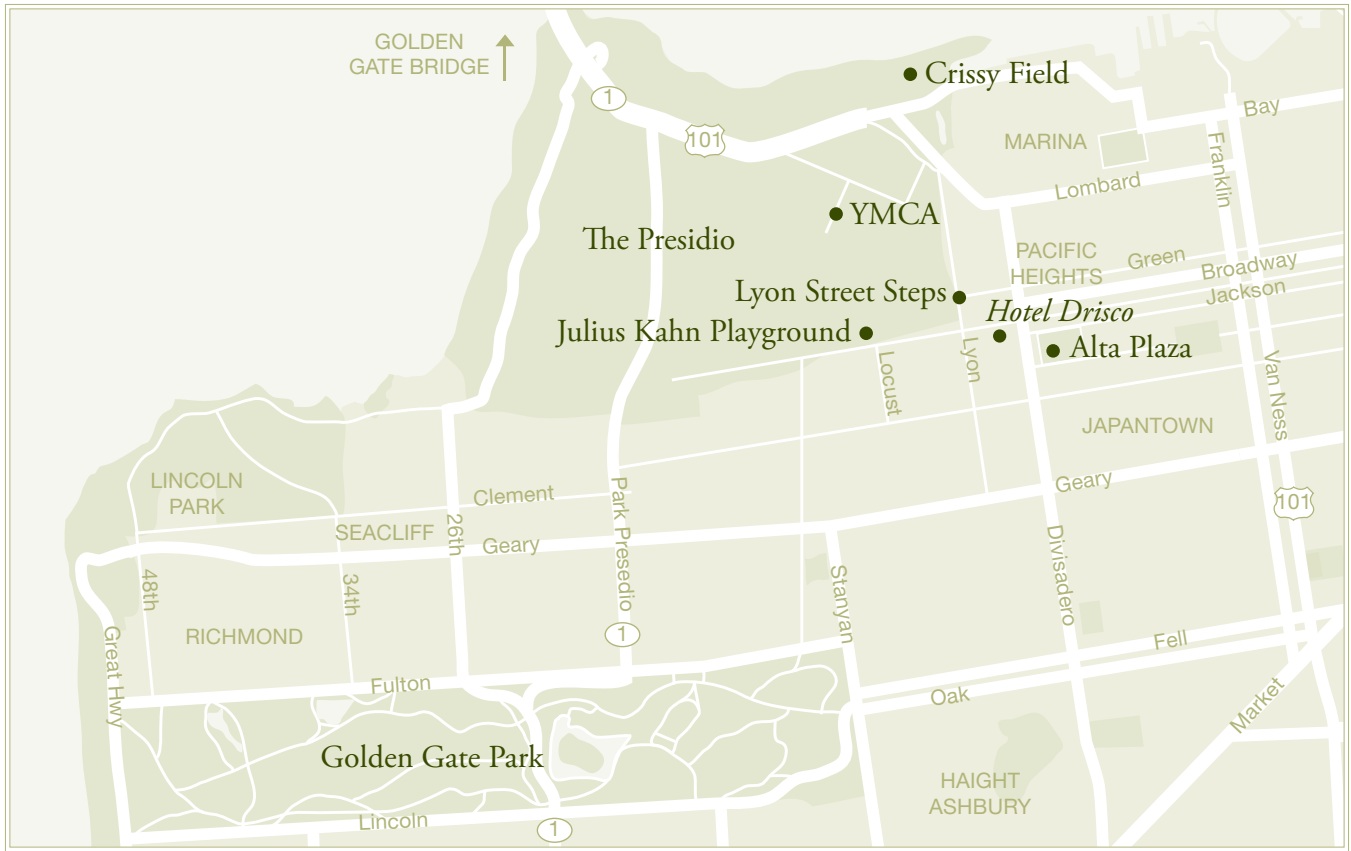
The YMCA located on the Presidio grounds is available to guests of Hotel Drisco. With our Courtesy Pass, guests may make use of the facility free of charge during their stay at Hotel Drisco. The YMCA offers a full-service gymnasium equipped with a variety of upgraded workout equipment and a group exercise program. Choose from over 100 classes, including yoga, pilates and Presidio hikes and walks. Their indoor swimming pool in the nearby Aquatic Center is also included in your Courtesy Pass.

*Main Post Gym, 63 Funston Avenue*  
*Letterman Pool, 1151 Gorgas Avenue*  
[ymcasf.org/presidio](http://ymcasf.org/presidio)

## Golden Gate Park

Larger than Central Park in New York City, the vast Golden Gate Park starts at Stanyan Street and stretches all the way to Ocean Beach. Carved out of sand and shore dunes in the 1860s, the 1,017-acre urban park was transformed into an environmental wonder. Just a few of the things you'll discover are Redwoods and Monterey Pines, lakes and waterfalls, windmills and tulips, and bison. Yes, bison! While there are endless opportunities for enjoyment, some highlights are the Conservatory of Flowers, Stow Lake, the Japanese Tea Garden, the AIDS Memorial Grove, and the San Francisco Botanical Garden and Strybing Arboretum.

[sfgov.org/site/recpark](http://sfgov.org/site/recpark)



## Crissy Field

Throughout its storied history, Crissy Field has transitioned from marsh and dunes to racetrack, to one of the first airports in the West, and back to marsh and dunes. Now, as part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and after extensive renovations, it is a beautiful park with many uses. There is the pleasant Golden Gate Promenade for walking, jogging and bicycling that leads you to Fort Point and unforgettable views of the Golden Gate Bridge and the Marin Headlands. For bird lovers, the tidal marsh is a gathering for a diverse population of birds including herons and grebes. There are picnic tables, a beach and an environmental center too.

[parksconservancy.org/our\\_work/crissy](http://parksconservancy.org/our_work/crissy)



*Crissy Field*

## Live Music

### Yoshi's Jazz Club & Restaurant

Located in the recently constructed Fillmore Heritage Center in the Jazz Preservation District, Yoshi's is belting out world-class jazz and serving modern Japanese cuisine that is best summed up by its executive chef as "seasonal, simple, surprise". Local, national and international jazz artists—solo, small combos and bigger bands—take the stage in this sprawling, two-story venue and fill out an impressive schedule that changes almost nightly.

1330 Fillmore Street

415.655.5600

[yoshis.com](http://yoshis.com)



Yoshi's Jazz Club & Restaurant

### Rassela's Jazz Club

The sounds of live jazz music and the exotic smells of Ethiopian cuisine permeate the air at the inviting Rassela's every night of the week. The eclectic and diverse styles of music and performers change throughout the week and are a fine example of what makes San Francisco such a unique city. If you've ever wanted to try salsa dancing, go on Friday night when they offer a beginning lesson that is included with the price of admission.

1534 Fillmore Street

415.346.8696

[rasselasjazzclub.com](http://rasselasjazzclub.com)

### Sheba Piano Lounge

Intimate and cool, Sheba is a gem of a piano bar. The music is first rate, with cocktails to tempt the most discriminating, and food perfectly matching the music and the mood. Cozy up on a leather sofa next to the glowing gas fire, soak in the soothing sounds from the stately grand piano, and you're in the ideal spot for what locals have long known to be a great place for a date.

1419 Fillmore Street

415.440.7414

[shebalounge.com](http://shebalounge.com)

### The Fillmore

Starting in the 1960s, everyone from Jimi Hendrix to the Grateful Dead to Santana played on this venerable stage making this historic venue legendary. Great acts continue to be booked here, with fans rocking out on the dance floor under the huge chandeliers. A nice bonus: the tradition of handing out free posters after a show is alive and well.

1805 Geary Boulevard (at Fillmore)

415.346.6000

[thefillmore.com](http://thefillmore.com)



