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5 restaurants with BEAUTIFUL INTERIORS

66 LEO'S OYSTER BAR

568 Sacramento St Financial District ② +1 415 872 9982 leossf.com Perhaps the most photographed is this elegant cocktail and raw oyster bar with a tropical, garden-themed setting and the lushest palm wallpaper. Everyone asks about it. If you make a dinner reservation, you may get seated in the beautiful hidden Champagne Room in the back. And beyond that is another little hidden tiki bar.

67 **SMOKESTACK**

2505 3rd Street
Dogpatch ⑤
+1 415 864 7468
magnoliabrewing.com/
smokestack

Who knew drinking beer and eating barbeque could be so pretty? You'll find just that at this brewery, bar and bbq restaurant that was once an old can factory. Tall ceilings, exposed pipes, weathered woods, casement windows, vintage adornments and patina-ed walls complete the space and make it feel as if it's been there for some time.

5 **CULT COFFEE**shops of SF

96 BLUE BOTTLE KIOSK

315 Linden Street Hayes Valley ④ +1 510 653 3394 bluebottlecoffee.com This coffee company was founded by James Freeman, who sought a lightly roasted cup to expose the beans' natural flavors, similar to Japan where baristas slowly brewed each by hand. He opened this tiny kiosk in 2005 and the masses loved it. Today there are several Blue Bottles located in the city.

97 PHILZ

3101 24th Street Mission (5) +1 415 875 9370 philzcoffee.com No espresso drinks here. For 25 years it's been all about brewing one cup at a time and customizing it to your preference (milk type and sweetness level). They offer over twenty blends of beans, all listed on the large menu board. This is the original location of the first Philz.

98 FOUR BARREL

375 Valencia Street Mission ⑤ +1 415 252 0800 fourbarrelcoffee.com These guys head straight to the source for good coffee. They spend months on the road exploring regions, learning from and forging deep relationships with farmers in those areas. Beans are roasted the old-fashioned way in a vintage German roaster and you can watch the action go down at the back of this cafe.

99 RITUAL

1026 Valencia Street Mission (5) +1 415 641 1011 ritualroasters.com Since 2005 they've been sourcing beans directly from farmers, perfecting their roasting methods, and brewing their coffee with utmost precision. The latter they take to heart and they have brew method cards (from French press to Chemex) with instructions you can take with you. Their second outpost is a converted shipping container in Hayes Valley.

100 SIGHTGLASS COFFEE

3014 20th Street Mission ⑤ +1 415 641 1043 sightglasscoffee.com Two brothers founded this cafe and roastery which takes its name from the viewing window on their vintage PROBAT Roaster. They source their green coffee from many regions and operate as small-batch producers, allowing them to perfect their methods.



5 spots for SPECIALTY MAGAZINES

211 THE GRAND NEWSSTAND

Market Street and local publication
Steuart Street poetry and political to keep an eye
+1 415 343 5580 It's located a bl
thegrandnewsstand.com Ferry Building.

It is a little kiosk filled with zines and local publications focused on art, music, poetry and political topics. You'll need to keep an eye out for this newsstand. It's located a block from the front of the Ferry Building.

This may be the tiniest shop in all of SF.

212 JUICY NEWS SF

2181 Union Street Marina/Cow Hollow ① +1 415 441 3051 Local and international magazines and periodicals of all subjects fill the first level of this shop. They have a wonderful collection of coffee table books which are displayed in the second floor nook. And greeting cards are stocked aplenty in case you're purchasing items as gifts.

213 FOG CITY NEWS

455 Market Street SoMa ② +1 415 543 7400 fogcitynews.com This shop carries the largest selection of magazines and periodicals in the Bay Area. Its foreign publications section has over 700 titles from more than 25 different countries. Beyond that it has a vast collection of premium chocolates from around the globe and some pretty nice (and dare I say, naughty) greeting cards, too.

214 HEATH NEWSSTAND

2900 18th Street
Mission (§)
+1 415 873 9209
heathnewsstand.com

The maker of ceramics (heathceramics.com) also has a newsstand stocking local, national and international newspapers, magazines and journals covering many interests. Additionally you can pick up beverages, snacks, candy and small stationery items. There is also a florist on site if you need to pick up some blooms.

215 KINOKINUYA

Japan Center 1581 Webster Street Japantown ④ +1 415 567 7625 usa.kinokuniya.com It's a Japanese bookshop, but there is a broad range of selections, magazines, music and gift items to delight anyone. A lot of things are in English. A great spot to preview the latest in Japan's pop culture and aesthetics. If you're hardcore into manga, there is a massive section for it.



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5 unique discoveries in

GOLDEN GATE PARK

Enter the park from Stanyan and Haight St Golden Gate Park (6)

376 ALVORD LAKE BRIDGE Built in 1889, this overlooked engineering marvel was designed by Ernest Ransome, innovator of reinforced concrete strengthened with steel bars. A few years after the bridge, Ransome left SF, as builders were indifferent to his method. Ironically, during the 1906 earthquake, this bridge and the few other reinforced concrete structures survived in great shape.

327 BUFFALO PADDOCK

John F. Kennedy Drive and Chain of **Lakes Drive East** Golden Gate Park (6) goldengatepark.com/ buffalo-paddock.html

They're actually bison and these fine creatures have been arriving to the city since 1890. The small population of them has changed over the years, but they're kept as part of a successful captive breeding program to increase their population in North America. An odd sight to see, but a remarkable one, too.

328 DUTCH AND MURPHY WINDMILLS

John F. Kennedy Dr near Great Hwy Golden Gate Park (6) +1 415 263 0991 goldengatepark.com/ windmills html

In the late 1800s the park rested on sand dunes and required assistance with irrigation. These windmills were built to pump water for that purpose. Electric pumps replaced the need for windmills in 1913, and these fell into disrepair over the decades. Both were restored end of the 20th century and tulips bloom nearby in February and March.

329 FAERY (FAIRY) DOOR

Look up clues and directions online Golden Gate Park (6) To find this tiny door, start at the Japanese Tea Garden and find clues and directions from your device. It was designed by artist Tony Powell and his son, and those who find it will often leave messages, questions and trinkets for the fairies. The artist maintains a website where he occasionally responds on behalf of the fairies.

330 RAINBOW FALLS AND PRAYER BOOK CROSS

John F. Kennedy Dr near Park Presidio **Boulevard** Golden Gate Park (6) goldengatepark.com/ the-waterfalls-ofgolden-gate-park.html One of two artificial waterfalls in the park, this one got its name from the colored lights that once illuminated it. Today it is a unique site to visit and if you take the trail to the top, you will encounter the park's tallest structure: a massive, 20-meter-high Celtic cross dating back to 1894.

182 183

5 OUTDOOR PLACES

kids will love

411 SEWARD STREET SLIDES

30 Seward Street Eureka Valley (5)

For some real free fun, head to these concrete slides. And use the cardboard that's left behind. It's a steep climb, so wear proper clothing and shoes (no skirts, dresses and sandals). Then sit on your board and slide on down. Open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm and closed on Mondays.

412 STOW LAKE BOATHOUSE

50 Stow Lake Drive Golden Gate Park ⑥ +1 415 702 1390 stowlakeboathouse.com

Rent a boat with your little ones and enjoy the sight of turtles and ducks as they go swimming by. You have a choice of a paddle or pedal boat and each rents by the hour. There is a cafe with snacks, but it's great to bring your own.

413 THE WAVE ORGAN

Yacht Road Marina/Cow Hollow ① exploratorium.edu/ visit/wave-organ This organ is a wave-activated acoustic sculpture located on a jetty in the Bay. It's made of 25 pipes located at various elevations to meet the tide levels. Sound is created when waves hit and water moves around the pipe ends. Be patient and listen very closely. It's best to visit during high tide.

414 BAY AREA DISCOVERY MUSEUM

557 McReynolds Rd Sausalito +1 415 339 3900 bayareadiscovery museum.org An innovative, mostly outdoors museum for kids with an unbeatable location right under the Sausalito side of the Golden Gate Bridge. They have fun exhibits, events, classes and camps designed to transform the way children learn as they play. The playground here is a hit. You can bring your own snacks.

415 **SAN FRANCISCO ZOO**

1 Zoo Road Lakeshore +1 415 753 7080 sfzoo.org The zoo is home to over 2000 exotic, endangered and rescued animals. It's an opportunity to get close to animals from all parts of the world with the hope that the interaction here leads to conservation action for wildlife everywhere. They offer camps and classes for children of all ages.



5 easy DAY TRIP DESTINATIONS

(within 45 minutes)

476 MARIN HEADLANDS

Take Highway 101 and the exit to Marin Headlands Sausalito +1 415 561 4700 nps.gov/goga/marinheadlands.htm

477 PACIFICA TO PESCADERO

Take Highway 1 to Pacifica State Beach up to Pigeon Point Lighthouse Cross the Golden Gate Bridge and explore the hilly peninsula that offers spectacular views of the bridge, city and the Pacific coastline. Pack some snacks, spot wild animals and wildflowers as you make your way up to Hawk Hill then down to Rodeo Beach, Point Bonita Lighthouse and Tennessee Valley.

There are many points of interests along this part of the California coast. Explore the many beaches, surf towns, lighthouses, wildlife reserve, seafood joints and farms. In Pescadero, head into town for their famous artichoke bread, meet the goats and taste cheese at Harley Farms, and visit the lighthouse.

