

San Francisco City Tour

Tour 1 — *Deluxe City Tour*



- 3-1/2 Hour Tour of San Francisco
- Golden Gate Bridge
- Ocean Beach & Pacific Ocean
- Golden Gate Park

• Twin Peaks (weather permitting)

A typical day in San Francisco finds the fog pouring into the Golden Gate, cable cars climbing the steep hills, and automobiles twisting their way down Lombard Street, the “crookedest street in the world.” Your tour of this magnificent city begins at Fisherman’s Wharf, home to crab boats and the fishing fleet and some of the best seafood restaurants in the world. From the Wharf, you will travel past the Hyde Street Pier and National Maritime Museum, Ghirardelli Square, and Lombard Street. From the Wharf, residential neighborhoods spread out in every direction, covering the seven hills that make up the city. Traveling through the Marina District, you will pass the Palace of Fine Arts and the Presidio of San Francisco, a former Army garrison now turned into a National Park. The Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco’s famous icon, comes into view. This is the first stop on your tour, and you will have ample time to take photos and walk onto the bridge. Following



the rugged coastline west of the bridge, your tour will take you through forested parklands and upscale residential neighborhoods. You will pass the famous Cliff House and Ocean Beach before entering San Francisco’s playground, Golden Gate Park. The park encompasses 1,017 acres, it is three miles long, one-half mile wide, and stretches from the Pacific



Ocean into the center of the city. Home to many museums, gardens, and outdoor recreation activities, the park boasts 6,000 varieties of plants. As you travel through the park, you will see the recently restored Conservatory of Flowers and the Japanese Tea Garden.



Leaving Golden Gate Park, you will travel through the Sunset District's orderly row houses. Built on sand dunes as the city expanded westward, these neighborhoods have a diverse ethnic population, ranging from Russian and Eastern European to Chinese, Korean, and Japanese. The district's most prominent landmark is the red Sutro Tower, which provides television and radio service to the city. Turning onto a winding boulevard, you will climb to one of the highest points in the city, Twin Peaks. From this vantage point you will have a 360° panoramic view of San Francisco and the surrounding Bay communities (weather permitting).



Descending Twin Peaks, you will begin your journey back across the 49-square-mile city, passing Victorian homes, vibrant shopping streets, the Civic Center (City Hall, Opera House, Library, and Asian Art Museum), Financial District, Chinatown (one of the largest Chinese communities outside of Asia), and North Beach.

Note: Due to weather conditions and traffic congestion, your tour driver may reverse the above itinerary, traveling first to Twin Peaks then Golden Gate Park and the Golden Gate Bridge.



SUPER SIGHTSEEING TOURS

**2627 Taylor Street (at North Point)
(415) 777-2288 (888) 868-7788**

www.supersightseeing.com



Muir Woods, Giant Redwoods & Sausalito Tour

Tour 4 — Muir Woods/Sausalito Tour



Cross the Golden Gate Bridge, and after you motor through the “Rainbow Tunnels” on Hwy. 101, Marin’s unique topography comes into view. Tidal flats along the bay segue into gentle undulating hills as they rise to meet Mt. Tamalpais, Marin’s 2,600-foot landmark. As your tour ascends Mt. Tam, breathtaking views abound at every turn. Descending into the valley toward Muir Woods, you will see a land-

scape that hasn’t changed since its original inhabitants, the Coast Miwok Indians, lived here centuries ago. You will have 1 1/4 hour to spend in Muir Woods, the most time offered on any sightseeing tour program. There will be ample time to stroll the Nature Trail along picturesque Redwood Creek, and through Cathedral and Bohemian Groves, filled with 500 to 800-year-old redwoods. Be sure to stop at the Visitors Center and Gift Shop. The next stop on your tour is beautiful Sausalito, a Mediterranean-like community with elegant hillside homes facing the bay and a unique colony of floating homes moored along the waterfront. You will have time to stroll Downtown Sausalito, a National Historical Landmark District offering many fine shops, galleries and restaurants. If you want to spend additional time here you can stay and take a ferry back to Fisherman’s Wharf or the San Francisco Ferry Building at the foot of Market Street (ferry fare not included). Your return to San Francisco by motorcoach will be via the Golden Gate Bridge and through San Francisco’s Marina District.

- 4-hour tour of Muir Woods and Sausalito
- Cross over the Golden Gate Bridge
- 1 1/4 hour in Muir Woods
- 1 hour in Sausalito
- Shopping/Dining/Galleries in historic Downtown Sausalito

MUIR WOODS NATIONAL MONUMENT

140 million years ago, redwood-like trees covered most of the Northern Hemisphere. Today, this expanse of trees has been reduced to two areas, the west slope of the



Sierra Nevada and a thin 500-mile strip along the Pacific coast from Oregon to Monterey, California. Most old-growth coast redwoods have been cut down, but the trees in Muir Woods National Monument have never been logged. Congressman William Kent and his wife Elizabeth Thacher Kent bought the forest along Redwood Creek in 1905 to protect its old-growth redwoods from logging, and donated the land to the Federal Government. President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed it a national monument in 1908, naming it for conservationist John Muir.

Today Muir Woods is a part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and a part of the National Park System. The redwood groves within the 560-acre park include trees that measure over 252 feet tall. One is 14 feet wide; some are at least 1,000 years old.

Although most famous for its redwoods, Muir Woods also has a variety of other trees and plants. Douglas fir, big-leaf maple, tan-bark oak and bay laurel grow along with ferns, lichen and mushrooms. Its abundant wildlife ranges from ladybugs, silverhead trout and silver salmon to Steller’s jays, chipmunks and black-tailed deer.

The color of Muir Woods changes with the seasons; in Fall the big-leaf maples turn yellow; Winter brings the vibrant red toyon berries; Spring explodes with wildflowers; and Summer is the time for azaleas, aralias and buckeyes.



SAUSALITO



The Coast Miwok Indians were Sausalito's first settlers, followed in 1775 by Spanish explorer Juan Manuel de Ayala, who gave Sausalito its name "Saucelito" (little willow). During World War II, the northern portion of the city was a bustling shipyard known as Marinship, which built Liberty ships, tankers and landing craft. Later the area became a center for artists, writers and crafts people. The Marinship waterfront is lined with yacht harbors and a unique colony of floating



homes called "arks." Their unusual architecture and the unique lifestyle of their inhabitants lend a bohemian air to the community.

Downtown Sausalito, a National Historical Landmark District, has many fine shops, restaurants, hotels and galleries, plus many small parks. In the center of town the beautiful Plaza de Vina Del Mar Park features a fountain and two 14-foot tall elephant statues created for the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915. Adjacent to the park is the ferry landing where you can catch a ferry to Fisherman's Wharf or the San Francisco Ferry Building. Shopping in Sausalito varies from village markets with local wares to sophisticated boutiques and galleries. Dining ranges from sidewalk cafes to gourmet restaurants, many of which offer outstanding views of the bay, San Francisco and surrounding hillsides. You will enjoy the friendly, sophisticated charm of this bayside community.



Golden Gate Bridge



The most recognized image of San Francisco, its 4,200-foot span connects San Francisco with Marin County.

Blue & Gold Fleet Ferry

At the end of your tour of Sausalito you may choose to return to San Francisco by ferry. Blue & Gold Fleet offers service to Pier 41, Fisherman's Wharf.



SUPER SIGHTSEEING TOURS

2627 Taylor Street (at North Point)
(415) 777-2288 (888) 868-7788

www.supersightseeing.com

