

**DAY 1**

*At a glimpse:* Downtown hills and water views

*Travel agenda:* Get situated at your accommodation. Start your SF adventure by taking an Uber to the top of **Crooked Lombard Street**. Walk 30 mins down admiring the engineering of eight tight switchbacks, well-kept gardens and multi-million dollar homes!

Head southeast 10 minutes to the largest **Chinatown** in the country. Wander around and look for **Chinatown Gate** that leads to **Grant Street** with kitschy stores and produce and herbal shops. Stop at **Vital Tea Leaf** for a tea tasting or **The Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Factory** in Ross Alley for authentic and freshly baked fortune cookies. For lunch, go to **China Live** (order the pan-fried pork dumplings!)

Urban hike 15 minutes to **Coit Tower** in Telegraph Hill. At the top, catch your breath and admire a 360 panoramic view. Walk down the **Filbert Street Steps**, a unique perspective of houses and vegetation nestled among a very steep hill, and then keep walking to the water until you hit the the tourist-driven **Embarcadero**. Don't stay long but stop at **Pier 39** to take a peek at the seals and experience the madness. The **Ferry Building** is closer to the **Bay Bridge** and worth browsing through! To rest your legs, stop for a cocktail at the **Slanted Door** or one of the many small bar counters. From there it's a 10 minute walk to dinner at **Wayfare Tavern**, a cozy spot for authentic American dishes. It's been a long day so the Deviled Eggs and Fried Chicken will do the trick!

**DAY 2**

*At a glimpse:* Morning at Alcatraz and exploring Golden Gate Park

*Travel agenda:* Start the day with breakfast/brunch and coffee at the SF institution **Mama's on Washington**. From there, walk 15 minutes to **Pier 33**, where the ferry to **Alcatraz** takes off. Plan on 3-4 hours of touring and exploring "The Rock."

*Tip:* Alcatraz should be booked in advance.

Once back on the mainland, rent a car downtown for 36 hours. Drive to **Golden Gate Park** and explore the 1,017 acres of gardens, lakes and attractions (where buffalo roam!). Spend time at the **Academy of Sciences** famous for housing a swamp, aquarium, planetarium, rainforest AND a living roof. Cap off the day with dinner at **Lazy Bear**, a Michelin star

dinner party experience.

*Tip:* Lazy Bear will have to be booked two months ahead of time, though putting your name on the waitlist can also yield good results. Great alternatives are **Rich Table**, **The Progress** and **Foreign Cinema** among so many others!

### DAY 3

*At a glimpse:* Wine Country

*Travel agenda:* Grab a kouign amann and/or chocolate banana almond croissant and coffee for breakfast at **B. Patisserie**. Then head over the Golden Gate Bridge and drive to wine country (and designate a D.D.!)

*Tip:* If you're a Full House fan, the original house for the tv series is located just a couple blocks away from B. Patisserie on 1709 Broderick St.

Kick off your day with a tasting at **Ram's Gate Winery**, one of the first vineyards in Sonoma. Don't let the location fool you, the setting is beautiful and the Chardonnay and Pinot Noir will be an excellent start. Next head 30 minutes to **Chateau St. Jean**, a picture-perfect ambiance with several different tasting options available, including a classic tasting, a charcuterie pairing, breakfast pairing and even an escape room challenge (although you may not want to leave!). Then drive 20 minutes to the quaint town of **Sonoma**. Peruse the shops and enjoy lunch at the **Girl and the Fig**.

Finally, drive 10 minutes for the final tasting at **Scribe**, a low key, hip vineyard that prides itself on not being too fancy. Drive back to the city to regroup and detox. On the way, stop at the **Golden Gate Bridge Vista Point** in Marin for some epic photos. Return the car and rest up for activities tomorrow!

*Tip:* Reservations aren't required at some wineries but as a rule of thumb, always call beforehand to ask about tasting reservations.

### DAY 4

*At a glimpse:* Walking, hiking, biking and food rewards along the way

*Travel Agenda:* Don your sneakers and head to coffee and toast in the **Outer Sunset** at **Trouble**. From there, walk 10 minutes to **Ocean Beach**, a white sandy escape and surfer's paradise, and then north to the **Cliff House**. From there, take the incredible **Land's End** path (1.5 miles) that ends in the beautiful town of **Sea Cliff**.

*Tip:* Don't miss the labyrinth 1/3 of the way through!

After, Uber to lunch at **Souvla** in the Marina. Souvla has wonderful rotisserie naturally-raised meats that can be added to salads or pitas for a perfectly health(ish) meal. Then pick up bikes around the corner at **Golden Gate Bridge Bike Rentals** on Lombard street. Bike first to the **Palace of the Fine Arts** in the Marina, then pedal up the hill to the **Golden Gate Bridge** and follow the map to **Sausalito**. Don't be afraid to stop and enjoy the views from both sides!

Bike to **Bar Bocce**, a fun hangout spot with firepits, bocce courts, marina views and fantastic flatbread pizza for dinner. After, the ferry terminal is just down the street and you can return the bike with **Sausalito Bike Return**. Take the ferry, ideally the Blue & Gold Fleet to Pier 41, back to SF and grab dessert at **Ghirardelli Square** while watching the sunset along the **Aquatic Park Pier**.

## DAY 5

*At a glimpse:* Walking the fabulous side of the city

*Travel agenda:* Start the morning by walking up the **Lyon Street Steps**, 332 steps with Bay views along the way, to **Pacific Heights**. Walk along "Billionaire's Broadway" with incredible residences that range from modern homes with living roofs to historic mansions. When it's time for lunch, walk 15 minutes to **Spruce** for the best burger of your life.

After head to **Fillmore Street** and then down the marina (a true SF hill!) and have a drink at the **Balboa Cafe**, a staple in the Marina, to toast to your SF trip.