

# San Francisco TOURISM TIPS



## THE PERFECT DAY IN FISHERMAN'S WHARF

A SELF-GUIDED ONE-DAY TOUR THROUGH THIS POPULAR SF DISTRICT

### **9am: Start Your Day with Breakfast at the Buena Vista Café**

The owners of this spot were the first ones to introduce Irish Coffee to the US. It's popularity turned this spot into a popular stop for the Fisherman that used to call this district home.

Today, you can still sample their amazing Irish Coffee along with a hardy breakfast.

Address: 2765 Hyde Street

### **10am: Shop & Sample Chocolates at Ghirardelli Square**

After breakfast, head one block west to Ghirardelli Square. This one time chocolate factory is now home to almost a dozen shops and restaurants.

Make sure you taste some chocolates and check out the old-fashioned chocolate making equipment in the main Ghirardelli Café.

Address: 900 North Point Street

### **11am: Visit the Ships at the Hyde Street Pier**

Just down the hill, on Hyde Street is the Hyde Street Pier. This "museum" houses several historic ships and ferries.

You can walk down the pier for free or pay a small fee to visit three of the boats on display.

Address: 2905 Hyde Street

## QUICK FACTS

Fisherman's Wharf is one of the most visited SF districts. It's home to dozens of activities including Pier 39, ferries around the bay and Ghirardelli Square.

While you can't see everything in just one day, this tour offers a great overview of the district. It includes visits to many of its top attractions and a few hidden gems.

### **12pm: Learn About the History of Fisherman's Wharf at the Maritime Museum**

This district has a long history and you can learn all about it at the Maritime Museum.

You will see pictures and learn more about the first fishermen that settled in the area.

This free museum also includes interactive displays and a working light from a local lighthouse (that you can see up close!).

Address: Corner of Jefferson & Hyde Streets

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## **1:30pm: Enjoy the Local Flavors for Lunch at Fish Alley**

After your visit to the museum, head east about three blocks until you see the large Fisherman's Wharf sign. Take a left down that street and you will find Fish Alley.

These small stands focus on the catch of the day. I recommend walking up and down once to check out the selection before you order.

*Alternative: If you don't love seafood, then I recommend heading over to IN-N-OUT Burger in Anchorage Plaza, right on Jefferson Street, for the BEST fast food burger in town. Look for the big red and yellow sign with an arrow. You can't miss it!*

Address: Corner of Jefferson and Taylor Streets

## **2:30pm: Soak in the Sites on a Cruise Around the SF Bay**

After lunch, head to Pier 43 for a one-hour cruise around the bay. These famous cruises offer a great look at the attractions all around the bay.

You will cruise along the northern coast of SF and see the Palace of Fine Arts, Fort Point and the Golden Gate Bridge. You will also cruise past Alcatraz Island, see the Bay Bridge and more.

This is a must do activity for anyone visiting the Bay Area for the first time.

Address: Pier 43

## **4:30pm: Discover the Creatures Living in the Local Waters at the Aquarium of the Bay**

After your cruise, continue east to Pier 39. At the entrance, you will find the Aquarium of the Bay.

This well-done museum offers a look below the waters of the bay. All the plants and animals here live in the bay.

During your visit, you will see colorful jellyfish, large fish and a Giant Pacific Octopus. Their educational area offers you a chance to touch starfish and learn more about certain species that live in the bay.

The visit will take at least an hour (sometimes more).

Address: Pier 39

## **6pm: Relax and Enjoy Your Evening at Pier 39**

Now that you've seen most of the sites, it's time to explore Pier 39. On this renovated pier, you can grab some dinner, do a little shopping or taste some local wines.

You can also stop by the newly opened Sea Lion Center on the second floor, ride the historic carousel and walk through the Mirror Maze. The pier stays open late, so you have plenty of time to see it all.

Address: Pier 39

For more details and pictures of what you will see on your journey, visit:  
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