

San Francisco TOURISM TIPS



THE PERFECT DAY IN PACIFIC HEIGHTS

A SELF-GUIDED ONE-DAY TOUR OF THIS HISTORIC DISTRICT

9:30am: Grab Breakfast at The Crepe House

Start your morning with a delicious breakfast at The Crepe House. They feature both savory and sweet crepes as well as salads and sandwiches. You can grab a seat inside or out. The dishes are large and will give you the fuel you need for today's journey around Pacific Heights.

The Crepe House is on the corner of Polk and Washington Streets.

11am: Visit Danielle Steel and Admire Lafayette Park

After you finish breakfast, head up Washington Street to Lafayette Park. The city recently reworked this gorgeous park.

My favorite thing to do here is walk the perimeter and admire the gorgeous houses all around. The best are on Washington and Gough Streets.

The most famous is the Speckles Mansion on the corner of Washington and Octavia. This white beauty is now Danielle Steel's home. As you walk by, take a quick peek inside the driveway gates to see all of their luxurious cars.

QUICK FACTS

Pacific Heights is the "classic" San Francisco neighborhood. It's tree lined streets feature gorgeous Victorians and mansions from some of SF's wealthiest residents.

Step inside this district to admire its gorgeous houses and amazing views from high above. [Click here for a more detailed version of this one-day tour.](#)

12pm: Tour the Haas Lilienthal House

Step inside one of these historic Victorian homes. The only way to see the house is by going on one of their walking tours on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.

Tours start every 30 minutes, so make sure you arrive as close to 12pm as possible. If you are late, you may be able to join a tour in session. If not, you may have to wait around for your tour to begin.

As you walk through it, you will learn about the family that built it, their history and SF's historic Victorians. It's the perfect tour for history buffs.

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1:30pm: Shop 'Til You Drop on Fillmore Street

After you finish your tour of the Haas Lilienthal House, head over to Fillmore Street for some shopping and lunch. You will find more than two dozen shops here between Fillmore and Geary Streets. They offer items such as high-end skin care, jewelry and clothing. You will also find a couple of more affordable shops.

4pm: Enjoy the Views of Downtown SF & The Bay in Alta Vista Park

Once you finish shopping, head further into the neighborhood to Alta Vista Park. This park offers amazing views of downtown San Francisco and other popular neighborhoods.

Stand at the top of the stairs in the park on Steiner and Jackson Streets. From this angle, you can get some great views of the SF Bay including a small slice of Alcatraz Island.

5pm: Stroll Down Billionaire's Row

From the park, walk down Jackson Street and take a right at Divisadero. Climb two blocks to the corner of Broadway and Divisadero. It's a steep walk, so take your time.

Once you reach Broadway Street, take a left. This is the start of what locals refer to as "Billionaire's Row." This three-block stretch on Broadway Street between Divisadero and Lyon Street features some of the most expensive homes in the entire Bay Area.

6pm: Catch the Views from The Lyon Street Stairs

At the end of Billionaire's Row is another one of my favorite places in the city, the Lyon Street stairs. These beautifully maintained stairs feature a gorgeous garden as well as one of the "Hearts of San Francisco."

In addition to the beauty of the stairs, it offers another great place for gorgeous views of the SF Bay and the Palace of Fine Arts.

From here, you have two options.

Option #1: You can walk down the stairs, which will put you on the western side of the Marina District. One of my favorite, off the beaten path restaurants called Liverpool Lil's is just a couple of blocks away on Lyon Street.

This old-time English pub offers a great drink selection as well as comfort food such as Macaroni and Cheese, Steak Frites and Shepard's Pie. You can also snack on Beer Battered Fish and Chips or the Grilled Balsamic Portobello Mushroom Sandwich.

Option #2: Walk a block down the Lyon Street Stairs and admire its beauty. Climb back up the stairs and make your way back to Fillmore Street for dinner and/or drinks.

One of my favorites on Fillmore is the Elite Cafe. It serves up the best southern food in the city.

You MUST start your meal out with some of their homemade biscuits and deviled eggs. My other favorites include their Jambalaya, the Braised Beef Brisket and the Butternut Squash & Cheese Ravioli.

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