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California Academy of Sciences



The Presidio

FOODIES FEAST FOR A DAY

MORNING

Jump-start a culinary adventure at the Ferry Building Marketplace. The restored historic structure is home to artisan producers, specialty shops, local food and restaurants. For breakfast, visitors can enjoy fresh baked pastries at Mariposa Baking Company, artisanal coffee at Blue Bottle or the renowned brunch at Boulette's Larder.

AFTERNOON

Foodies can dig deeper into San Francisco's local specialties with a guided food tour. Check out one of the tantalizing trips offered by Avital Food Tours, Local Tastes of the City Tours or SF Adventure Tours' Beers & Bites journey to eat around various neighborhoods. Edible Excursions visits several tempting locations in Japantown, including Benkyodo Confections, one of the neighborhood's oldest businesses. To get a taste of Chinatown's delicacies, try All About Chinatown Walking Tours or Wok Wiz Chinatown Walking Tours. Or, plan a stop at China Live, an all-in-one marketplace and food emporium dedicated to Chinese cuisine.

EVENING

For some nighttime revelry, head to 21st Amendment Brewery, Barrel Head Brewhouse or Anchor Public Taps for an ample variety of local craft brews. To sample the hard stuff, Hotaling & Co. on Potrero Hill and Hangar One Vodka headquarters in Alameda are the places to go.

A DAY OF FAMILY FUN

MORNING

Families can start their day in Golden Gate Park at the California Academy of Sciences. This massive, one-of-a-kind institution houses an aquarium, planetarium, natural history museum and four-story tropical rainforest all under one living roof that's covered by 1.7 million native plants. Their Academy Café and The Terrace restaurant feature plenty of kid-friendly options, so lunch can be enjoyed without leaving the museum.

AFTERNOON

The Presidio features a 40,000-square-foot museum celebrating the life, art and imagination of famed animator Walt Disney. The Walt Disney Family Museum includes a 13-foot model of Disneyland and a "Fantasia"-themed theater that screens Disney classics six days a week. In the late afternoon, families can head to the Exploratorium. Located on Pier 15, this unique museum blends interactive activities and thought-provoking exhibits. (The Exploratorium is scheduled to reopen in Spring 2021.)

EVENING

At PIER 39, families will enjoy watching the popular colony of sea lions and stunning waterfront views at sunset. There are also dozens of shops, restaurants and attractions, including the Aquarium of the Bay. Older kids will love the nearby San Francisco Dungeon with its thrilling drop ride and interactive storytelling.

A DAY IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

MORNING

Start with a morning bird-watching expedition in the Presidio. Hundreds of migrating species use the Presidio for nesting, including Allen hummingbirds and belted kingfishers. El Polín Spring and Crissy Field are two other great places to spot feathered friends. Afterward, find a picnic spot with a view for lunch. Crissy Field's East Beach and West Bluff have picnic tables and grills, as does Baker Beach.

AFTERNOON

Golden Gate Park offers endless options for outdoor fun, with miles of green lawns, lakes, 7,000 kinds of plants and even a Japanese Tea Garden. A guided segway tour from Electric Tour Company makes it easy to see a lot of the park in a short amount of time. They offer tours ranging from one-and-a-half to three hours and include some of the park's hidden gems, such as the Shakespeare Garden, Strawberry Hill, the Lily Pond and much more.

EVENING

Ocean Beach is a classic California beach that stretches along the west side of the city. Its dreamy views make it the ideal place to watch the sun dip in into the Pacific. It's chilly there most of the year, but a bonfire and s'mores make it much more cozy.

2021's Top Museum Exhibitions

HIDDEN FIGURES: ANA MARIA VIDALON

As an artist with a developmental disability, Ana Maria Vidalon herself is a hidden figure among the densely populated landscape of contemporary figurative and abstract artists. Her work consists of an unending series of marks, curls and swivels that amass into wavering forms, often encompassing small figurative elements.

Creativity Explored,
Jan. 14 – Mar. 26, 2021

WANGECHI MUTU: I AM SPEAKING, ARE YOU LISTENING?

In this sprawling, site-specific exhibition of new and recently created sculpture, collage and film by visionary Kenyan American artist Wangechi Mutu, visitors will journey through the artist's universe of powerful female characters, hybrid beings and fantastical landscapes.

Legion of Honor,
Feb. 6 – Aug. 1, 2021

NAM JUNE PAIK RETROSPECTIVE

The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA) will be the exclusive U.S. venue for a major retrospective of Paik's radical and experimental art organized with Tate Modern, London. Bringing together more than 200 works that span a five-decade career, this immersive exhibition will offer an in-depth understanding of the artist's vision of a multidisciplinary, interconnected future.

SFMOMA,
April – October 2021

CARLOS VILLA RETROSPECTIVE

The Asian Art Museum will host its first major retrospective of works by Filipino-American artist, teacher and San Francisco native Carlos Villa. Villa's large-scale installations, which channel his various multicultural and global influences, have not been displayed this way in decades.

Asian Art Museum,
August 2021

THE HEART OF ZEN

Two of most hallowed artistic works of Zen Buddhism will be traveling to San Francisco from their temple home in Kyoto, Japan for six weeks only. The exhibition will be accompanied by additional programming, including tea ceremonies and meditation sessions.

Asian Art Museum,
September 2021