

# LOCAL GUIDE TO SAN FRANCISCO

## **2022 Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America and Society for Classical Studies**



We acknowledge that the 2022 Archaeological Institute of America/Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting is taking place on the unceded, ancestral lands of the Ramaytush Ohlone, the original inhabitants of what is now the San Francisco peninsula. We further acknowledge that the greater Bay Area is the ancestral territory of the Miwok, Yokuts, Patwin, and other Ohlone peoples.

## I. BASIC INFORMATION

### TRANSPORTATION

The Hilton Union Square is located at 333 O'Farrell Street in San Francisco, just on the edge of the Union Square district in the downtown city center.

Central San Francisco is served by two main public transit agencies, Muni, with bus and streetcar service, and BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit), with rail service in San Francisco and throughout much of the Bay Area, including the three major airports: San Francisco (14 miles from the Hilton), Oakland (20 miles), and San Jose (46 miles). Muni (<http://sfmta.com>) and BART (<http://bart.gov>) are separate transit systems but they share some stations and both use the Clipper Card for ticketing. The Clipper Card is an all-in-one transit card used for contactless fare payments on both systems. Fares on Muni are fixed (\$2.50 for a single ride) but vary with distance traveled on BART.

Most conference attendees flying to San Francisco will arrive at San Francisco International Airport (SFO). The best options for transportation to the conference hotel are BART, to the Powell Street station (\$9.65), Uber (\$35-45 for UberX), or a taxi (\$50-80, depending on traffic).

For those driving to the conference, parking is \$66/night (self parking) to \$80/night (valet); both options include in and out privileges.

### WEATHER IN JANUARY

San Francisco enjoys a Mediterranean climate, with mild and wet winters. Average high temperatures in January are in the low to mid 50s F (12-14C) with overnight lows in the low to mid 40s F (6-8C). But these ranges can extend considerably in either direction, often on the same day, so it is best to dress in layers. Rainfall is difficult to predict (there are usually about 10-12 rainy days in January), but heavy rain is definitely possible. Make sure to check the forecast!

### PUBLIC HEALTH

Please note that all onsite attendees will be required to show proof of COVID vaccination at the conference registration desk and to follow all public health mandates and guidelines issued by federal, California state, and San Francisco government agencies and by the hotels. San Francisco's current mandates are available at:

<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/covid-19/core-guidance.asp>

For more information about COVID and public health at the annual meeting, please see the guidelines posted on the SCS website:

<https://classicalstudies.org/annual-meeting/2022/153/public-health>

## II. SAN FRANCISCO TODAY

“One day if I go to heaven,” wrote legendary San Francisco journalist Herb Caen, “I’ll look around and say, ‘It ain’t bad, but it ain’t San Francisco’.” Home to some 875,000 inhabitants, San Francisco continues to captivate visitors and locals alike with its dramatic cityscape, world-class attractions, and breathtaking natural beauty. Especially noteworthy is the city’s remarkable racial and ethnic diversity and its many vibrant neighborhoods, several of which retain the character of the immigrants who made them what they are, including Chinatown (Chinese), The Mission (Mexican), and North Beach (Italian). San Francisco also played a historic role in the gay liberation movement of the ‘70s and in responding to the AIDS crisis of the ‘80s and ‘90s, and continues to boast a large, prominent, and active LGBT community.

But there are real challenges in San Francisco—similar to those of other major US cities, but particularly acute here. The flip side of the economic boom driven by the dot-com revolution, which has made San Francisco the hub of the global tech economy, is a pronounced and highly visible inequality. This is evident not only in the continuing gentrification of several neighborhoods, especially The Mission, but also, and above all, in the crisis of homelessness that plays out every day on streets and parks throughout the city. Indeed, San Francisco has the highest percentage of homeless persons per capita of any major US city. The COVID-19 pandemic has hit the homeless population particularly hard, of course, and has also led to a proliferation of anti-Asian hate crimes in the city (and the Bay Area).

For those who would like to take the opportunity of a visit to San Francisco and participation in the conference to donate to one of the many local charities here, there are several options. We recommend any of the following community-based, non-profit organizations:

**Swords to Plowshares.** <https://www.swords-to-plowshares.org/>. Dedicated to supporting the nearly 3000 homeless, low-income, and at-risk veterans in the Bay Area, providing job training, housing placement, counseling, case-management, and legal services.

**San Francisco LGBT Center.** <https://www.sfcenter.org/>. Promotes economic justice and aims to alleviate poverty by increasing the financial resilience and sustainability of community-based non-profits and enterprises.

**San Francisco-Marin Food Bank.** <https://www.sfmfoodbank.org/>. An organization devoted to building communities in which everyone is able to obtain enough nutritious food, in a dignified manner, to support the health and well-being of themselves and their families.

**La Casa De Las Madres.** <https://www.lacasa.org/>. Provides support for survivors of domestic violence, and seeks to prevent future violence by educating the community and redefining public perceptions about domestic violence.

**San Francisco Coalition of Asylee, Immigrant, and Refugee Services (SF-CAIRS).** <http://sf-cairs.org/>. A coalition of organizations serving the San Francisco and greater Bay Area asylee, immigrant, and refugee communities, assisting with employment, immigration, health care, educational and vocational training, and other support services.

### III. FOOD & DRINK

San Francisco is a destination city for food lovers, famous for seafood (especially dungeness crab, oysters, and a true local specialty, cioppino), farm-to-table restaurants, Asian cuisine (traditional and fusion), Mexican and Central American eateries, and, of course, sourdough bread, all of it paired with world-class wines from Napa and Sonoma or the innovative cocktails for which the city is renowned. What follows is just a sampling of the many options on offer!

#### IN THE HOTEL

**Herb N' Kitchen** (located in the lobby of the hotel). Quick bites, coffee, deli (\$\$).

**Cityscape Lounge** (top floor of the hotel). The tallest skybar in San Francisco, with 360-degree views of the city! <https://www.cityscapesf.com/> (\$\$-\$\$\$).

#### EASY ACCESS FROM THE HOTEL

**Taylor Street Coffee Shop** (375 Taylor Street, across the street from the hotel). <http://taylor-street-coffee-shop.cafes-city.com/>. Breakfast; vegan options (\$\$).

**Happy Donuts** (3801 24th Street). Donuts, coffee, sandwiches (\$).

**The Halal Guys** (336 O'Farrell Street, across the street from the hotel). <https://thehalalguys.com/locations/336-ofarrell-street-san-francisco/>. Middle Eastern (\$).

**Pinecrest Diner** (401 Geary Street). <https://pinecrestsf.com/>. Diner (\$\$).

**Tratto** (501 Geary Street). <http://www.tratto-sf.com/>. Italian (\$\$).

**Kusina Ni Tess** (237 Ellis Street). <https://kusaninitess.co/>. Filipino (\$).

**Shalimar Restaurant** (532 Jones Street). Pakistani and Indian; halal options (\$\$).

**Little Delhi** (83 Eddy Street). <https://www.littledelhi.com/>. Indian (\$).

**Johnny Foley's Irish House** (243 O'Farrell Street). <https://www.johnnyfoleys.com>. Pub (\$\$).

**The Zombie Village** (441 Jones Street). <https://www.thezombievillage.com/>. Tiki Bar (\$\$).

**Aunt Charlie's Lounge** (133 Turk Street). <http://auntcharlieslounge.com>. Queer bar, known for drag shows (\$).

**The White Horse Restaurant and Pub** (635 Sutter Street). <http://www.beresford.com/hotel-beresford-san-francisco-hotel/white-horse-tavern-classic-english-style-pub/>. Bar bites, dinner, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks (\$).

#### YERBA BUENA PARK AREA (walkable from Union Square)

**Tropisueno** (75 Yerba Buena Lane). <https://tropisueno.com/>. Mexican (\$-\$\$\$).

**Amber Indian Restaurant** (25 Yerba Buena Lane). <https://www.amberindiasf.com>. Indian (\$\$\$).

**De La Rosa** (37 Yerba Buena Lane). <https://www.delarosaf.com>. Italian (\$\$).

#### A BIT FURTHER AFIELD

**Ferry Building** (1 Ferry Building). <https://www.ferrybuildingmarketplace.com/>. Many excellent options for food, drink, and shopping (\$-\$\$\$).

**Fisherman's Wharf and Pier 39** (Pier 39: The Embarcadero). <https://www.fishermanswharf.org/>. Many restaurants and bars featuring local fare and tourist venues (\$-\$\$\$).

**John's Grill** (63 Ellis Street). <http://johnsgrill.com/>. The setting for Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon!* Steak (\$\$\$).

**Boug Cali** (101 Hyde Street). <https://bougcali.com/>. Cajun and creole; black owned (\$\$).

**Eko Kitchen** (130 Townsend Street). <https://www.ekokitchensf.online/>. Nigerian takeout, with gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options; black owned (\$\$).

**Reems** (2901 Mission Street). <https://www.reemscalifornia.com/>. Palestinian; Palestinian-owned (\$\$).

**Zuni Cafe** (1658 Market Street). <http://zunicafe.com/>. Californian cuisine (\$\$\$).

**Waterfront Cafe** (Pier 23, The Embarcadero). <https://www.waterfrontsf.com/>. Seafood (\$\$\$).

**Beach Chalet** (1000 Great Highway, Ocean Beach). <https://www.beachchalet.com/>. American, local craft beers (\$-\$\$).

**21st Amendment Brewery** (563 2nd Street). <https://www.21st-amendment.com/>. Local brewery (\$-\$\$).

**Vesuvio Cafe** (255 Columbus Avenue) <http://www.vesuvio.com/>. (\$\$).

**Blue Bottle Cafe** (66 Mint Street & other locations, including the Ferry Building). Coffee (\$\$).

## IV. ATTRACTIONS

San Francisco offers a lifetime's worth of attractions, for those of all ages and interests, from museums and bookstores to live music and spectacular walking itineraries. What follows, again, is just a very small sampling of the options.

### MUSEUMS

**SF MOMA** (151 3<sup>rd</sup> Street). <https://www.sfmoma.org/>. Monday (10am-5pm), Thursday (1pm-8pm), Friday–Saturday (10am–5pm). Special Exhibits:

Tatiana Bilbao Estudio: *Architecture from Outside In*

July 17, 2021–March 27, 2022

<https://www.sfmoma.org/exhibition/tatiana-bilbao-architecture-from-outside-in/>

Rafael Lozano-Hemmer: *Unstable Presence*

October 2, 2021–March 6, 2022

<https://www.sfmoma.org/exhibition/rafael-lozano-hemmer-unstable-presence/>

**Yerba Buena Center for the Arts** (701 Mission Street). <https://ybca.org>. Thursday–Saturday (12pm-6pm). Special Exhibits:

*The Monument as Living Memory: A Collective Architectural Intervention* led by Caleb Duarte <https://ybca.org/event/caleb-duarte-the-monument-as-living-memory/>

**The Contemporary Jewish Museum** (736 Mission Street). <https://www.theejm.org/>. Thursday–Sunday (11am-5pm). Special Exhibits:

*Experience Leonard Cohen*  
Aug 5, 2021–Feb 13, 2022  
<https://www.theejm.org/exhibitions/116>

**Museum of the African Diaspora** (685 Mission Street, ground floor of the St. Regis). <https://www.moadsf.org/>. Wednesday–Saturday (11am-6pm), Sunday (12pm-5pm). Special Exhibits:

*Amoako Boafo: Soul of Black Folks*  
Curated by Larry Ossei-Mensah  
Presented in partnership with Contemporary Arts Museum Houston  
Oct 20, 2021-Feb 27, 2022  
<https://www.moadsf.org/exhibition/amoako-boafo-soul-of-black-folks/>

*Billie Zangewa: Thread for a Web Begun*  
Curated by Dexter Wimberly  
Oct 20, 2021-Feb 27, 2022  
<https://www.moadsf.org/exhibition/billie-zangewa-thread-for-a-web-begun/>

**Legion of Honor** (100 34th Avenue). <https://legionofhonor.famsf.org/>. Tuesday–Sunday (9:30am-5:15pm). Special Exhibits:

*Borderless: Artist's Books* by Enrique Chagoya  
Oct 30, 2021-Mar 6, 2022  
<https://legionofhonor.famsf.org/exhibitions/borderless-artist-books-enrique-chagoya>

*Color into Line: Pastels from the Renaissance to the Present*  
Oct 9, 2021-Feb 13, 2022  
<https://legionofhonor.famsf.org/exhibitions/pastels>

**de Young** (Golden Gate Park/50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive). <https://deyoung.famsf.org/>. Tuesday–Sunday (9:30am-5:15pm). Special Exhibits:

Judy Chicago: *A Retrospective*

Aug 28, 2021-Jan 9, 2022

<https://deyoung.famsf.org/exhibitions/judy-chicago>

Patrick Kelly: *Runway of Love*

Oct 23, 2021-Apr 24, 2022

<https://deyoung.famsf.org/exhibitions/patrick-kelly>

Hung Liu: *Golden Gate* (金門)

Jul 17, 2021-Aug 7, 2022

<https://deyoung.famsf.org/exhibitions/hung-liu>

**The California Academy of Sciences** (Golden Gate Park/55 Music Concourse Drive). <https://www.calacademy.org/>. Monday–Saturday (9:30-5pm), Sunday (11am-5pm)

**GLBT Historical Society Museum** (4127 18th Street). <https://www.glbthistory.org/>. Tuesday–Sunday (11am-5pm)

**Tenderloin Museum** (398 Eddy Street). <http://www.tenderloinmuseum.org/>. Tuesday–Sunday (10am-5pm)

#### BOOKSHOPS

**City Lights Bookstore** (261 Columbus Avenue). <https://citylights.com/>. Historic bookstore, publishing house, and legendary beatnik hangout!

**Alexander Book Company** (50 2nd Street). <https://www.alexanderbook.com/>. Independent bookstore with three floors of books!

**The Brick Row Bookshop** (49 Geary St #230). <https://www.brickrow.com/>. Antiquarian bookstore, with used and rare books.

#### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**SFJAZZ** (201 Franklin Street)

<https://www.sfjazz.org/calendar/?month=1.2022>

January 4-9: Chris Botti, *Minor Auditorium*



**SF Symphony** (Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Avenue)

<https://www.sfsymphony.org/calendar>

January 7-8: *Back to the Future* Film with live orchestra

January 9: Piano Recital with H el ene Grimaud

**American Conservatory Theatre (ACT)** (1127 Market Street)

<https://www.act-sf.org/whats-on/limited-engagements/the-woman-in-black/>

December 15-January 16: *The Woman in Black* (at The Strand Theater)

#### WALKING TOURS & SIGHTSEEING

San Francisco, like all cities, is best experienced on foot, and there are many neighborhoods and natural areas that amply reward a couple of hours of strolling. Some of our favorites include the **Golden Gate Bridge**, **Dolores Park** (Dolores Street and 19<sup>th</sup> Street), **Golden Gate Park**, the trails around the **Legion of Honor**, the **Haight-Ashbury** neighborhood, the **Mission District**, **Nob Hill**, **The Embarcadero**, and the area around the **Palace of Fine Arts** (3601 Lyon Street).

Last, but not least, a family favorite: **Alcatraz Island** (<https://www.nps.gov/alca/index.htm>). Purchasing Tickets is highly recommended in advance. The sole concessionaire contracted with the National Park Service to sell tickets is Alcatraz City Cruises LLC. You can purchase your tickets through them online at [Alcatraz City Cruises](https://www.nps.gov/alca/planyourvisit/virtual-passport-stamp.htm) or by phone at (415) 981-7625. Virtual visit options: <https://www.nps.gov/alca/planyourvisit/virtual-passport-stamp.htm>

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