



*Pocket*  
**SAN FRANCISCO**  
TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY

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## QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



**Need to Know**  
Tips for a smooth trip



**Neighborhoods**  
What's where

## Explore San Francisco

The best things to see and do, neighborhood by neighborhood



**Top Sights**  
Make the most of your visit



**Local Life**  
The insider's city

## The Best of San Francisco

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



**Best Walks**  
See the city on foot



**San Francisco's Best...**  
The best experiences

## Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



**Getting Around**  
Travel like a local



**Essential Information**  
Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**

















 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

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|  Opening Hours         |  Pet-Friendly    |
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### Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in San Francisco. The showpiece is a 1930s-era piano, and the bar is named after Papa Hemingway. Open daily, 11am-11pm. Dress code: smart casual. [barhemingway.com](http://barhemingway.com); Hôtel Ritzy; ☎ 415.398.6300; 6.30pm-2a

## Lonely Planet's San Francisco

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighborhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert author has searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real San Francisco.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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## Welcome to San Francisco

Grab your coat and a handful of glitter, and enter the land of fog and fabulousness. If there's a skateboard move yet to be busted, a technology still unimagined, a green scheme untested or quirk left uncelebrated, chances are it's about to happen here. So long, inhibitions; hello, San Francisco.

Downtown vistas from Alamo Square Park (p136)

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