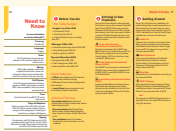


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Bar Hemingway

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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, often played by Papa Hemingway. Open 11am-11pm. Dress code: smart casual. Website: barhemingway.com; Hôtel Ritzy: 415.774.6300; 6.30pm-2am

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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.



San Francisco Top Sights



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Golden Gate Bridge (p24)

An iconic art-deco masterpiece.

Alcatraz (p48)

Notorious former prison on an island.



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