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**SAN FRANCISCO**

**TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY**

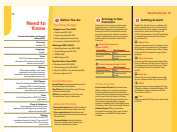
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## QuickStart Guide

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**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

 Telephone Numbers

 Opening Hours

 Parking

 Internet Access

 Wi-Fi Access

 Vegetarian Selection

 Family-Friendly

 Pet-Friendly

 Bus

 Ferry

 Metro

 Muni

 Subway

 Tram

 Train

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighborhood:



### 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 bar is a showpiece is a favorite hangout for Papa Hemingway in town. Dress code: smart casual. Website: barhemingway.com; Hôtel Ritzy: 415.774.6300; 6.30pm-2am

## 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 authors have 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.

It's your guarantee of a really great experience.

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## Welcome to San Francisco

Fisherman's Wharf sea lions and Telegraph Hill parrots agree: this town is totally wild. Somewhere between urban farms and legendary surf beaches you'll find San Franciscans in their natural habitat, going crazy for California cuisine and Pride parades. Come as you are, and ditch your inhibitions – you won't be needing those in San Francisco.

Classic Victorians around Alamo Square (p150) in the Haight  
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