



Day Trips from San Francisco

Berkeley p213

Home to a cutting-edge university, socially progressive activists and a 'Gourmet Ghetto,' here summer weather is up to 20°F (7°C) warmer than in San Francisco.

Muir Woods to Stinson Beach p216

Some of the world's tallest trees reach skyward in primordial forests near windblown beaches, just across the Golden Gate Bridge.

Sausalito & Tiburon p220

Picturesque bayside towns, perfect for strolling, are a fast ferry ride away in Marin County. Meet for sunset drinks and seafood by the water.

Napa Valley p222

Fancy-pants Napa vineyards first put California on the world's viticulture map. Cycle through rolling countryside, tippie top-tier wines and nab seats at star chefs' tables.

Sonoma Valley p228

With its 19th-century California mission town, farm-to-table kitchens and pastoral wineries that welcome picnicking, Sonoma retains its folksy ways.

Berkeley

Explore

As the birthplace of the 1960s Free Speech Movement, and the home of the hallowed halls of the University of California, Berkeley is no bashful wallflower. You can't legally walk around nude anymore, but 'Berserkeley' remains the Bay Area's radical hub, crawling with university students. 'Nuclear Free Zone' street signs mark the city limits.

The main destinations of day-trippers are downtown Berkeley and the university campus. Just north of campus along Shattuck Ave lies North Berkeley's 'Gourmet Ghetto.' The hills above Berkeley are crisscrossed by hiking trails through Tilden Regional Park, which has bird's-eye views over the bay.

The Best...

- ➔ **Sight** University of California, Berkeley
- ➔ **Place to Eat** Chez Panisse (p215)
- ➔ **Entertainment** Freight & Salvage Coffeehouse (p215)

Top Tip

During weekday commuter rush hours, avoid driving over the Bay Bridge or along the I-80 Fwy. Try taking public transportation instead.

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Car** Bay Bridge to I-80 Fwy East; exit University Ave.
- ➔ **Train** Downtown Berkeley's **BART** (☎511, 510-465-2278; www.bart.gov) station is convenient (\$3.90, 25 minutes, every 10 to 20 minutes).
- ➔ **Bus AC Transit** (☎511; www.actransit.org) runs frequent buses from San Francisco's Transbay Temporary Terminal (Howard, Main and Beale Sts) to Berkeley (\$4.20, 45 minutes), with connecting buses around town (\$2.10).

Need to Know

- ➔ **Area Code** ☎510
- ➔ **Location** 11 miles northeast of San Francisco.
- ➔ **Tourist office** (☎800-847-4823, 510-549-7040; www.visitberkeley.com; 2030 Addison St; ☎9am-1pm & 2-5pm Mon-Fri, 10am-1pm & 2-4pm Sat)

SIGHTS

★ UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

UNIVERSITY

(www.berkeley.edu) The campus of UC Berkeley – aka 'Cal' – is one of California's oldest, founded in 1868. From Telegraph Ave, enter **Sproul Plaza**, ground zero for people-watching, soapbox oration and drum circles. The adjacent **Visitor Services Center** (☎510-642-5215; <http://visitors.berkeley.edu>; 101 Sproul Hall; ☎tours usually 10am Mon-Sat & 1pm Sun) offers free guided campus tours (reservations required). Alternatively, enter campus off Oxford St, a short walk east of the Downtown Berkeley BART station.

The **Campanile** (Sather Tower; <http://visitors.berkeley.edu/camp/>; adult/child \$3/2; ☎10am-3:45pm Mon-Fri, to 4:45pm Sat, 10am-1:30pm & 3-4:45pm Sun; ♿) was modeled on St Mark's Basilica in Venice. The 307ft spire has knockout views, and some of the carillon's 61 bells are as big as a Volkswagen. Recitals take place daily at 7:50am, noon and 6pm, with a longer piece on Sundays at 2pm.

Reopening just west of campus in 2016, the **UC Berkeley Art Museum** (☎510-642-0808; www.bampfa.berkeley.edu; 2155 Center St) showcases works from ancient Chinese to cutting-edge contemporary. The new downtown location will also house the wide-ranging Pacific Film Archive (p215).

The recently renovated **Phoebe A Hearst Museum of Anthropology** (☎510-642-3682; <http://hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu>; Kroeber Hall, Bancroft Way at College Ave; ☎call for hours & prices) showcases the diversity of indigenous cultures, with artifacts from ancient Peru, Africa and Oceania. The Native Californian woven basketry is a highlight.

Uphill east of the main campus, **UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley** (☎510-643-2755; www.botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu; 200 Centennial Dr; adult/child \$10/2; ☎9am-5pm, last entry 4:30pm, closed 1st Tue each month) protects more than 13,000 species of plants. It's one of the USA's most varied floral collections.

TELEGRAPH AVENUE

STREET

Running south of campus, Telegraph Ave is the heart of Berkeley's student village, a constant flow of shoppers, buskers and street vendors. Graying Birkenstock-clad hippies shuffle by street hawkers, musical buskers and ponytailed panhandlers. If you're on the hunt for books, vinyl records, new-age crystals or political bumper stickers, this is the place.