

The Mission & Potrero Hill

Neighborhood Top Five

- ➊ Seeing garage doors, billboards and storefronts transformed into canvases with over 400 **Mission murals** (p150).
- ➋ Watching puffer fish completely immersed in a role inside the Fish Theater at **826 Valencia** (p148).
- ➌ Playing, tanning, picnicking and protesting entire days away in **Dolores Park** (p148).
- ➍ Getting a handle on California history at San Francisco's oldest building, **Mission Dolores** (p149).
- ➎ Joining local design, wine and chocolate already in progress in **Dogpatch's Creative Corridor** (p154).



For more detail of this area see Map p312 and p314 ➔

Explore the Mission & Potrero Hill

Get to know San Francisco from the inside out, from pirate stores to mural-covered Mission alleys. Score new looks and old books at Mission stores, and book ahead at local venues for the ultimate SF souvenir: a new talent, discovered at a hands-on cooking class, arts workshop, dancing or rock-climbing lesson. Combine epic bar crawls with taco tastings and end up salsa dancing with suave strangers at Mission clubs.

Local Life

➔ **Learn something new** Upcycle office supplies into art at SCRAP (p167), concoct edible perfumes at 18 Reasons (p168), skate the bowl at Potrero del Sol/La Raza Skatepark (p169) and tell likely stories at 826 Valencia (p148).

➔ **Do dessert** After another lap of Mission murals, you're ready for Mission Pie (p157), boozy ice cream at Humphry Slocombe (p156), tea cakes from Tartine (p157) and salted caramel eclairs from Craftsman & Wolves (p155).

➔ **Look the part** Define your own streetwise Mission style with local designers at Gravel & Gold (p164), Betabrand (p167), Nooworks (p165), Dema (p166) and Aggregate Supply (p165).

Getting There & Away

➔ **Bus** The 14 runs from Downtown to the Mission District along Mission St. The 22 runs from Mission to the Marina. Bus 49 follows Mission St and Van Ness Ave to the wharf, while the 33 links Potrero and the Mission to the Castro, the Haight and Golden Gate Park.

➔ **Streetcar** The J streetcar heads from Downtown through the Mission. The T Muni line from Downtown via SoMa stops along 3rd St between 16th and 22nd, in Potrero's Dogpatch district.

➔ **BART** Stations at 16th and 24th Sts serve the Mission.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

The Mission is packed with bars, boutiques, galleries and clubs, and although you should be fine in the daytime, it's not always the safest area to walk alone in at night. Recruit a friend and be alert in the Mission east of Valencia, in Potrero Hill below 18th St and around deserted Dogpatch warehouses. Don't bring the bling, and don't leave belongings unattended.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ La Taqueria (p155)
- ➔ Craftsman & Wolves (p155)
- ➔ Ichi Sushi (p158)
- ➔ Al's Place (p158)
- ➔ La Palma
- Mexicatessen (p159)

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Best Places to Shop

- ➔ Gravel & Gold (p164)
- ➔ Adobe Books & Backroom Gallery (p164)
- ➔ Heath Ceramics (p164)
- ➔ Needles & Pens (p164)
- ➔ Aggregate Supply (p165)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ %ABV (p160)
- ➔ Dalva & Hideout (p160)
- ➔ El Rio (p160)
- ➔ Elixir (p160)
- ➔ Trick Dog (p160)

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