



San Francisco

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and the hardest part is over.**

So go!”

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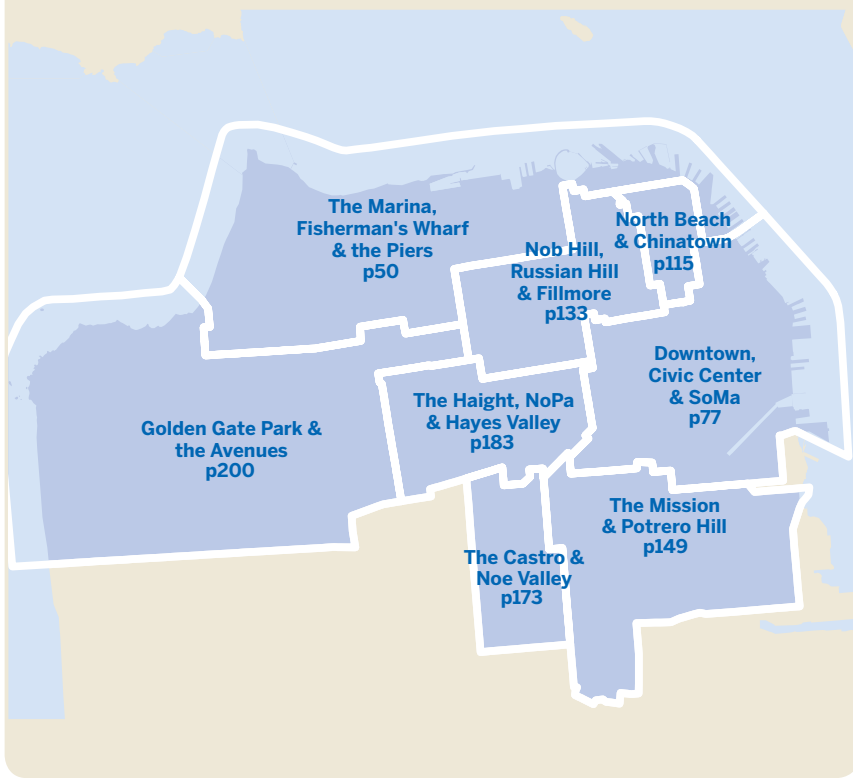
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- Ruin
- Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
- Shinto
- Sikh
- Taoist
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- Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
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- Diving
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Course/Tour
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- Sleeping
- Camping

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- Eating

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- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

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- Entertainment

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- Shopping

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- Capital (State/Province)
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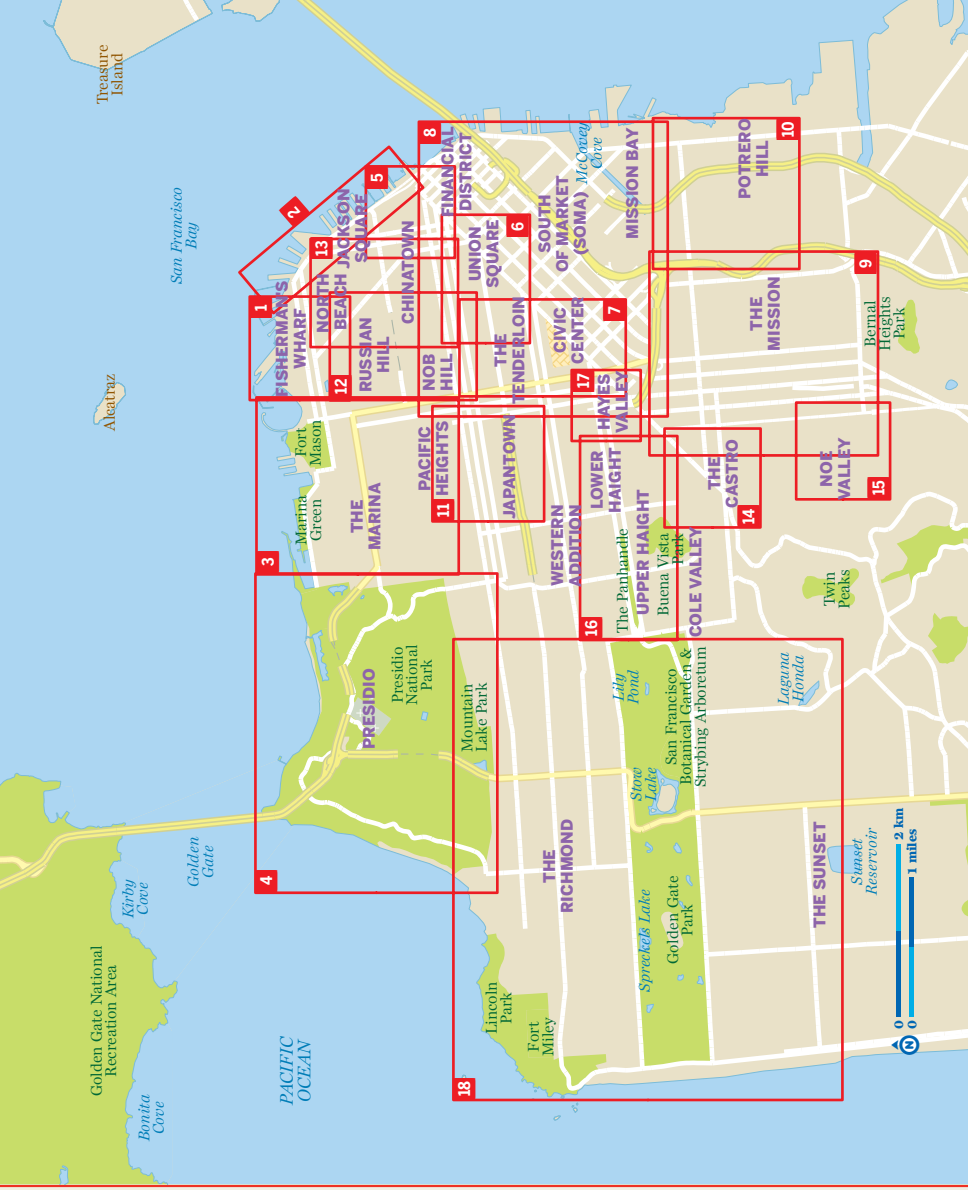
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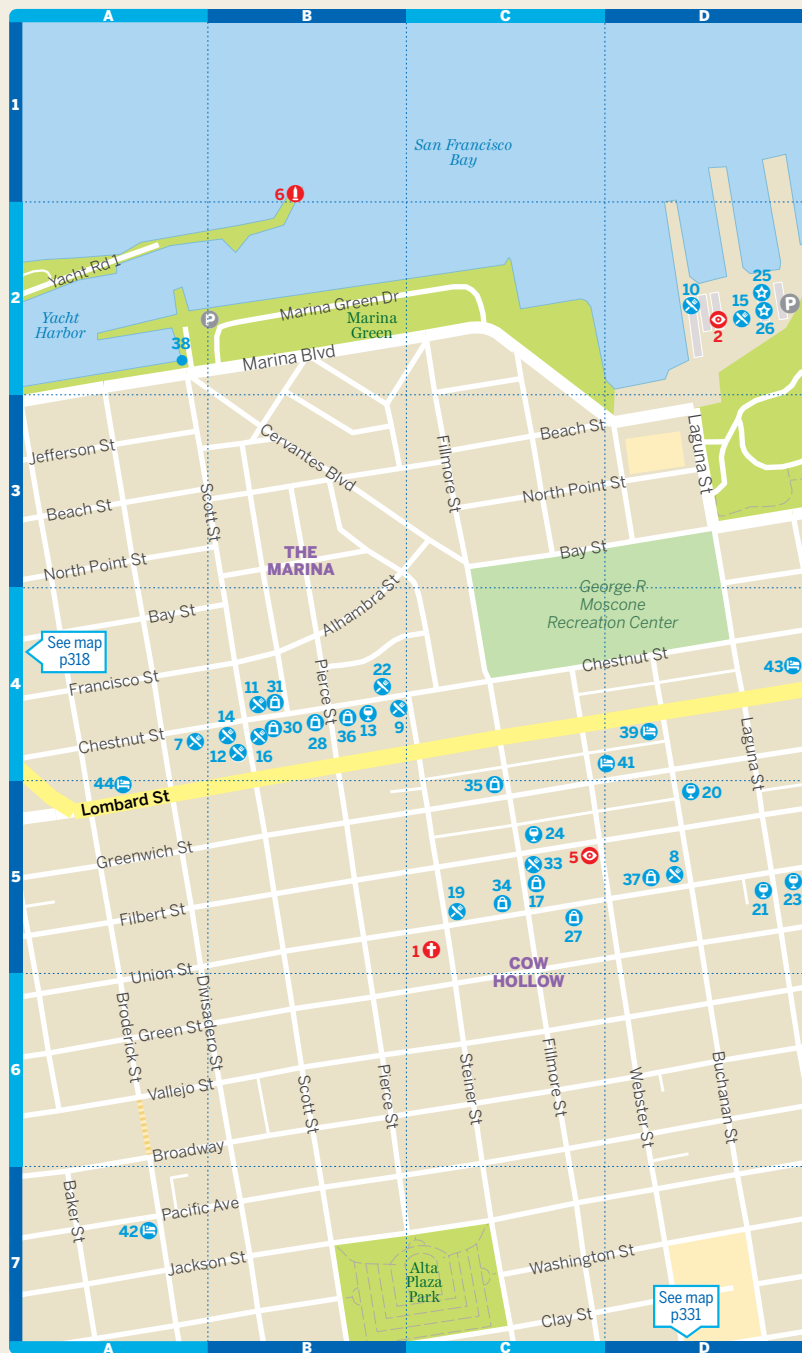


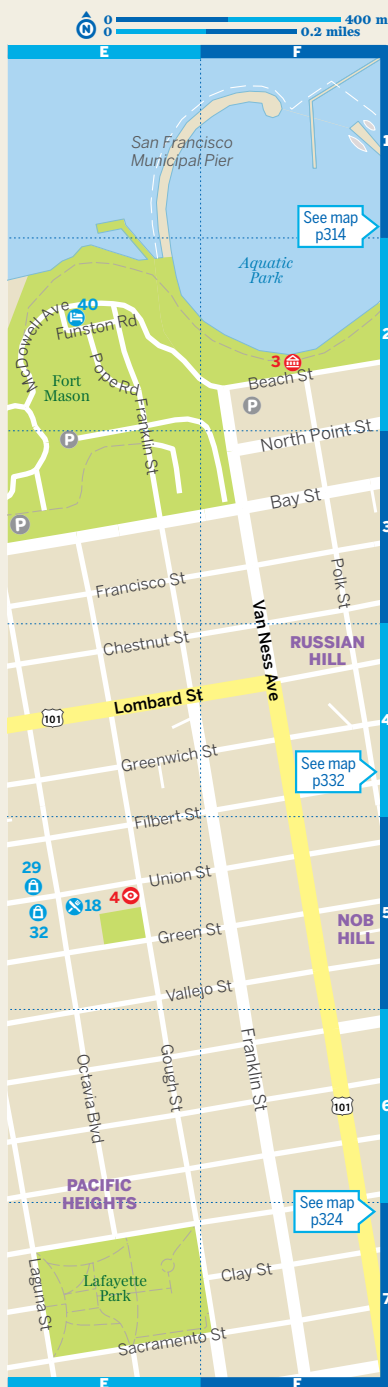


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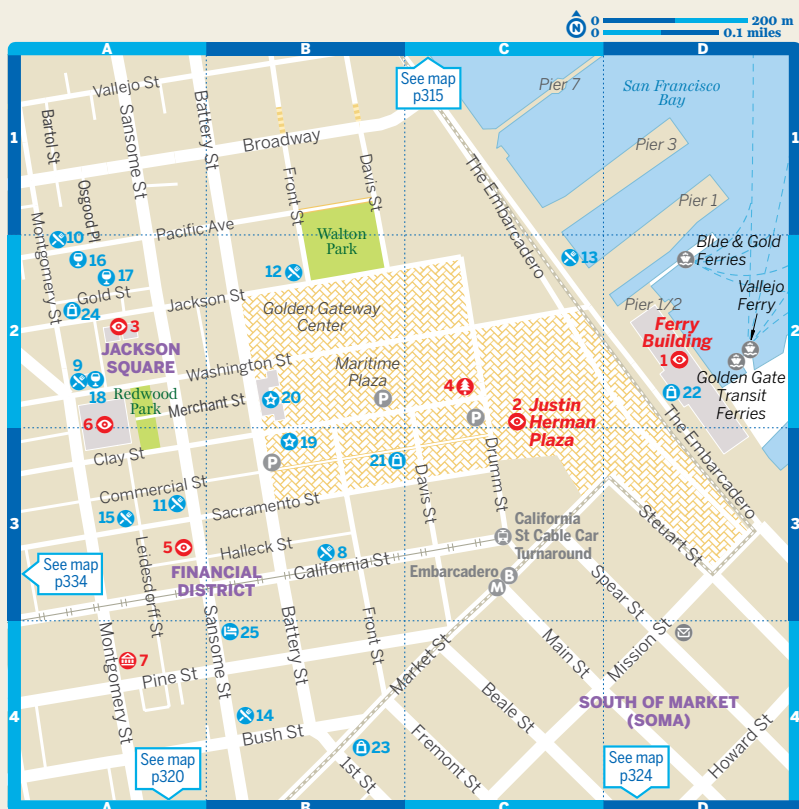
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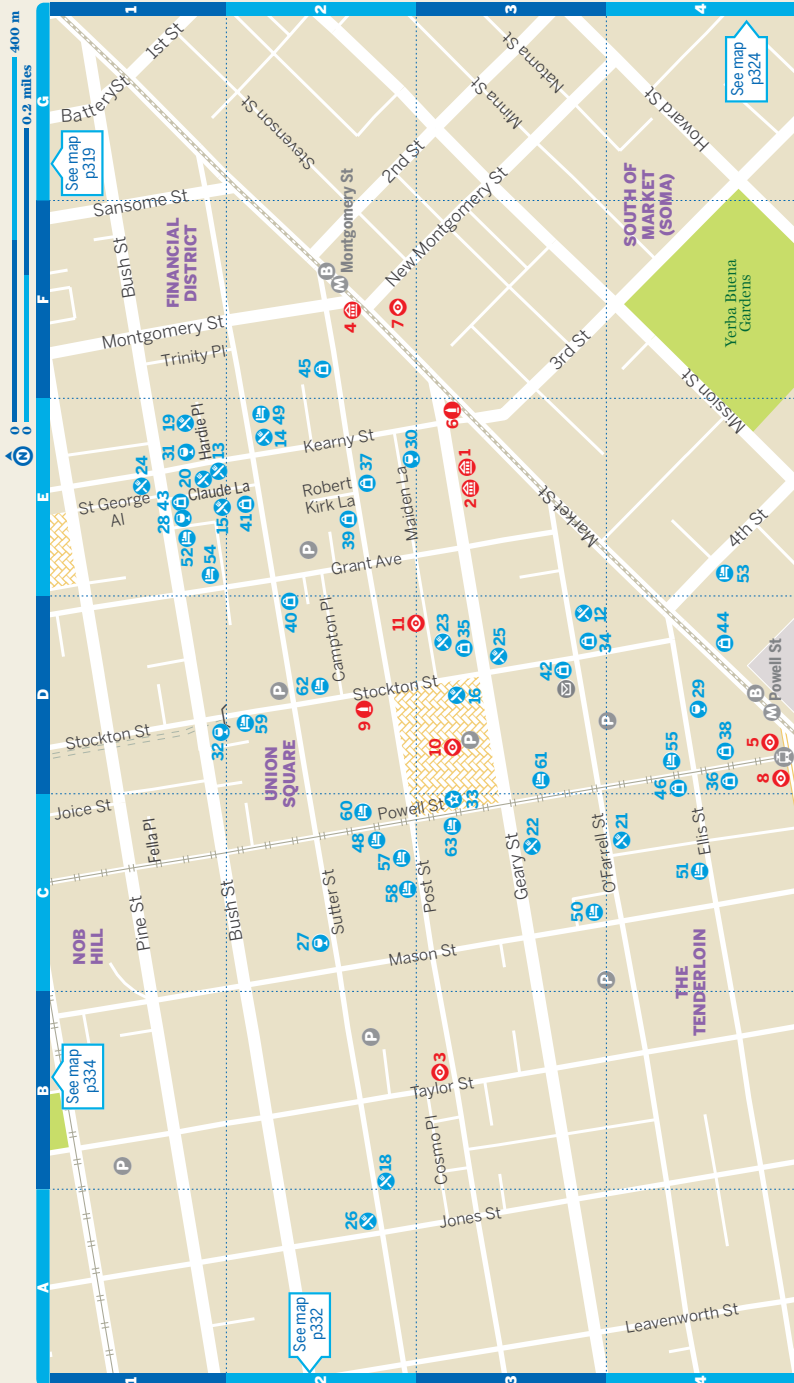


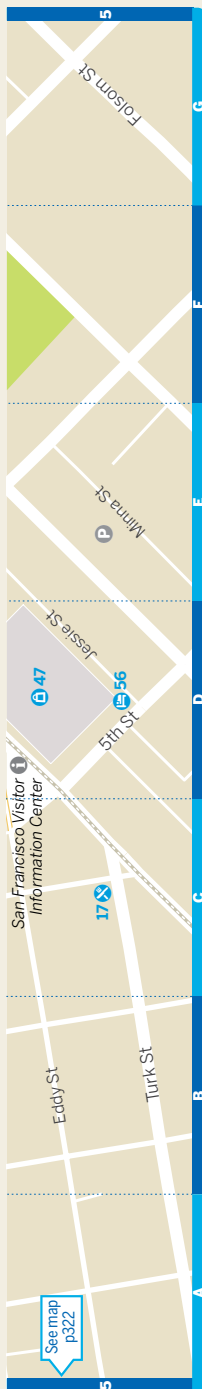
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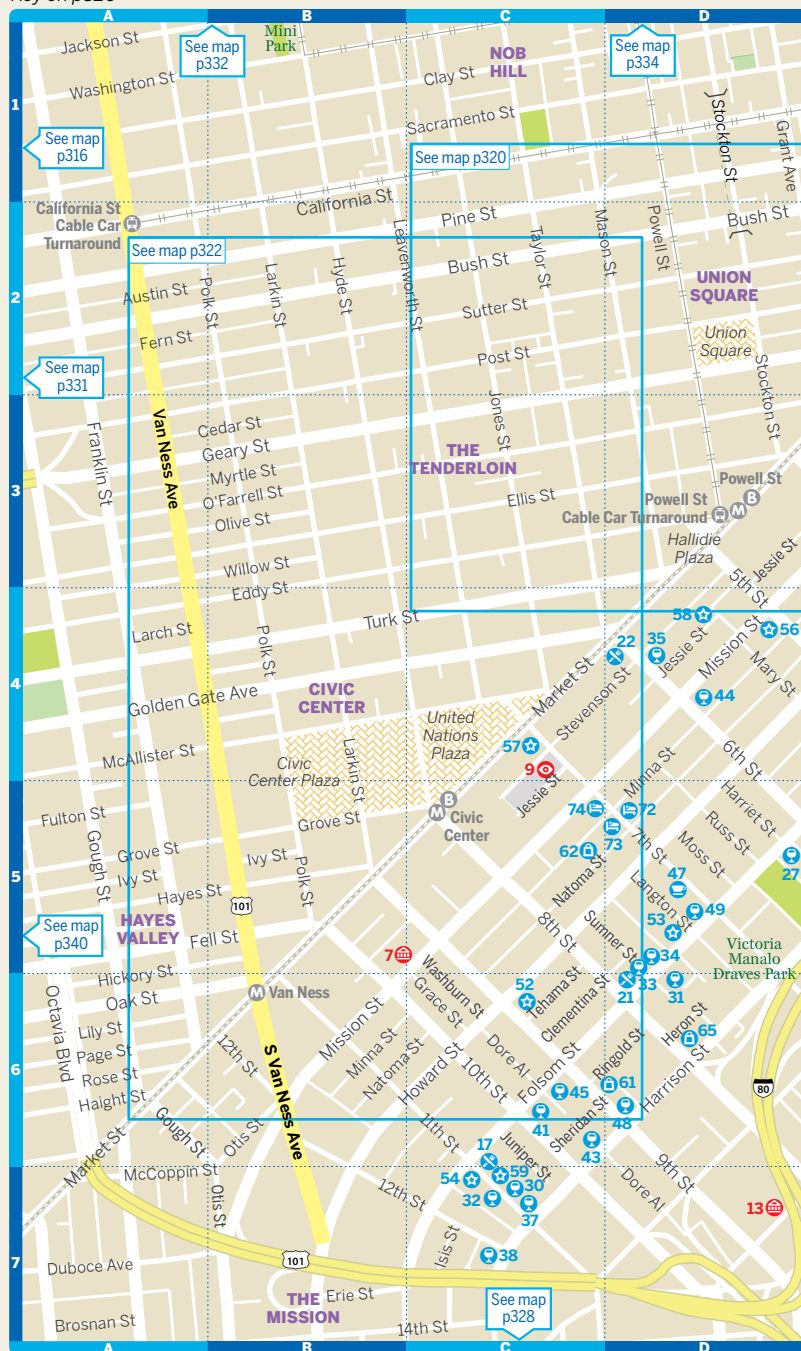


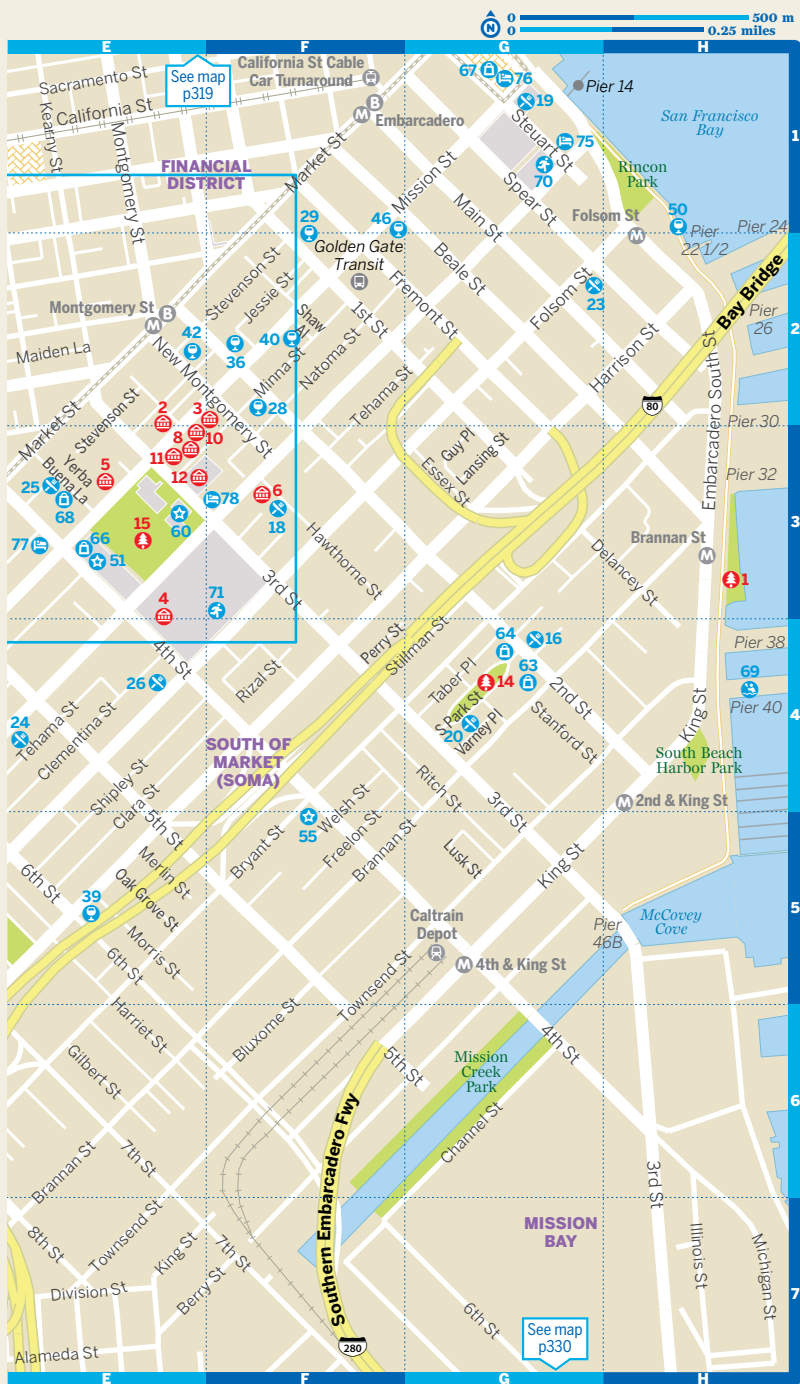
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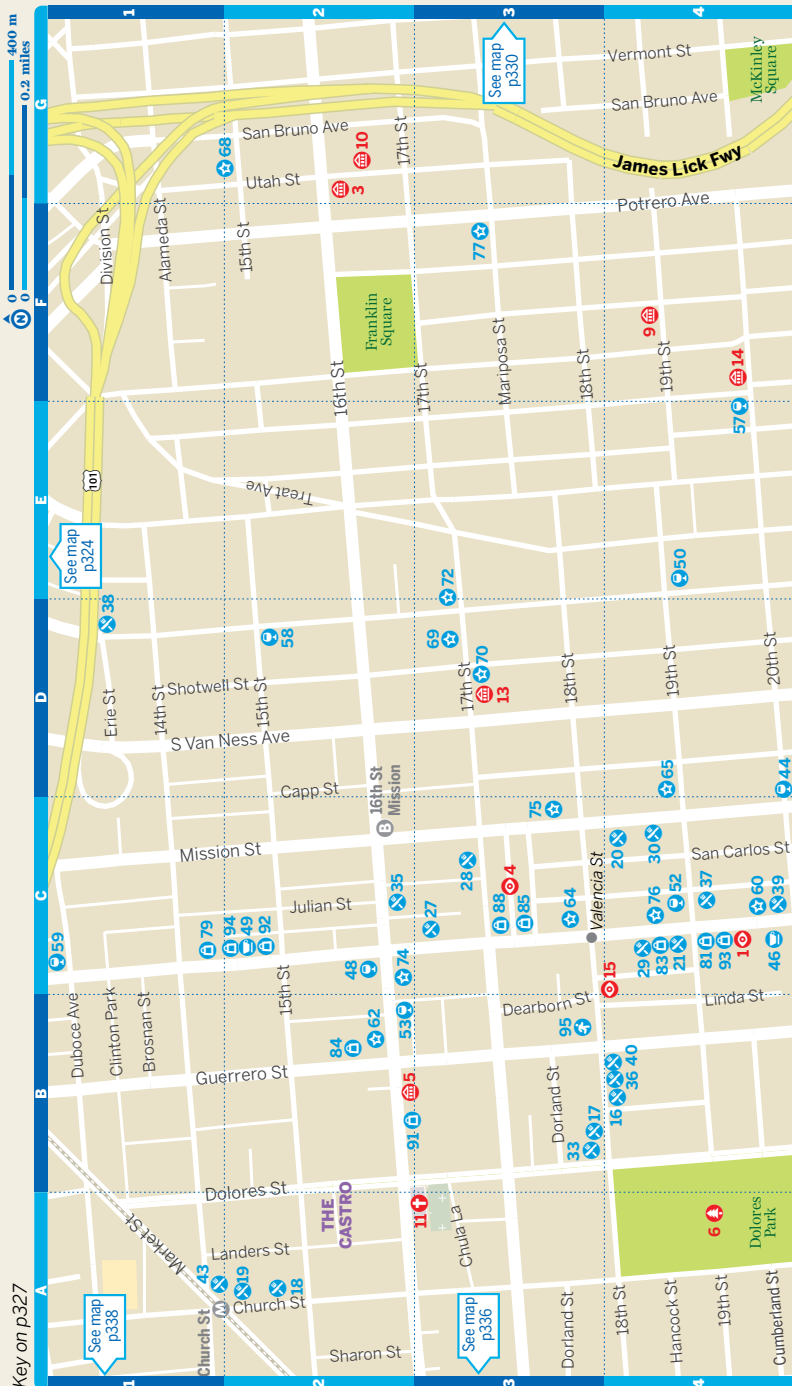
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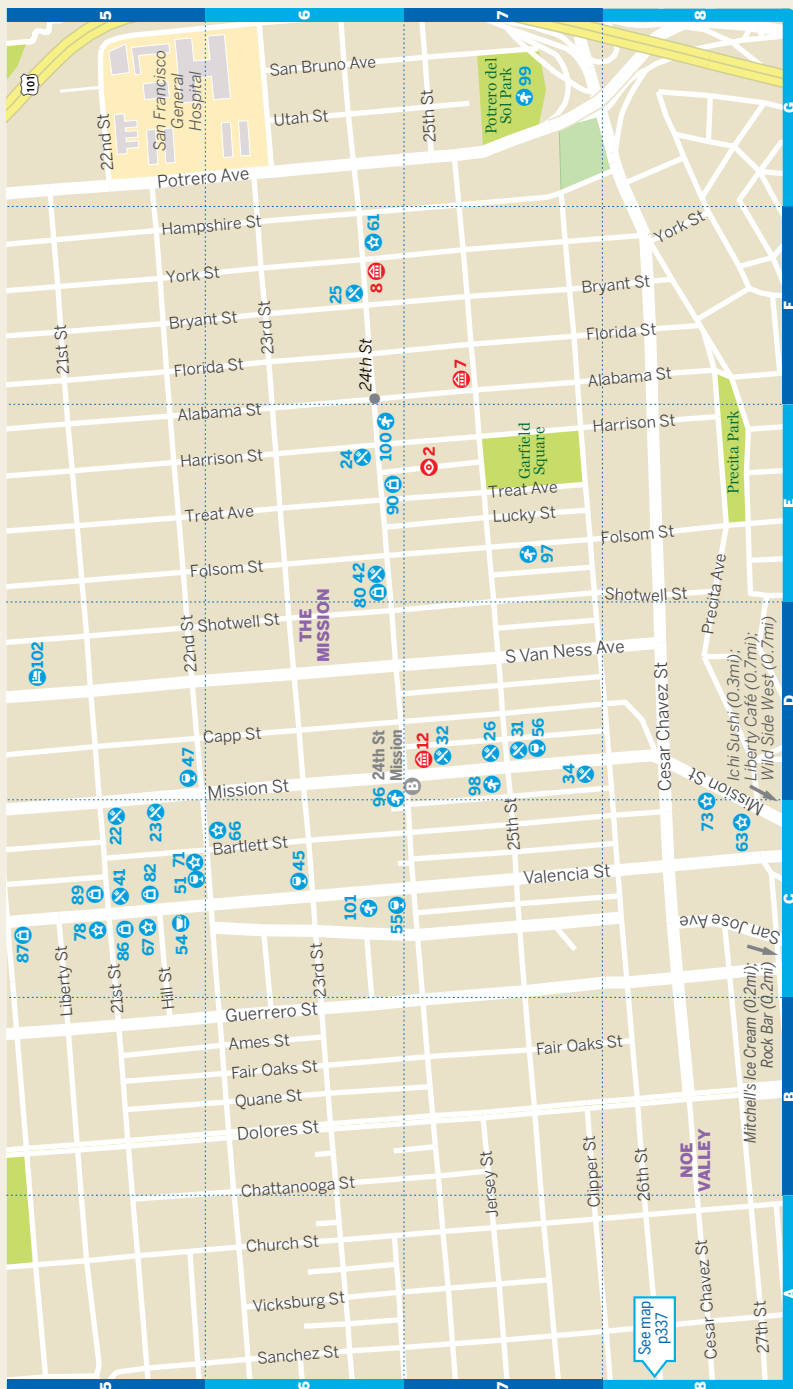
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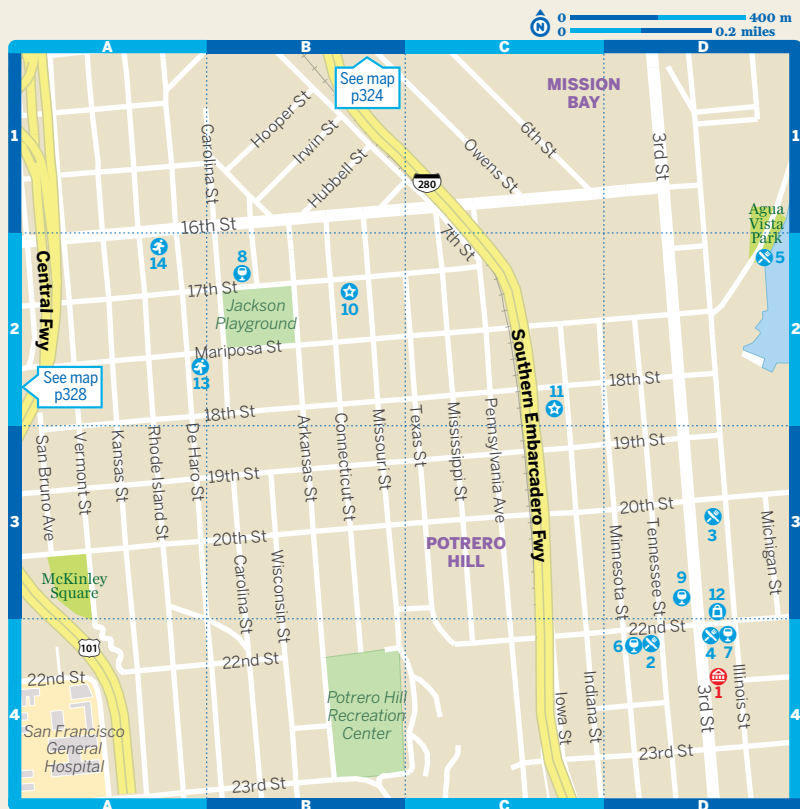
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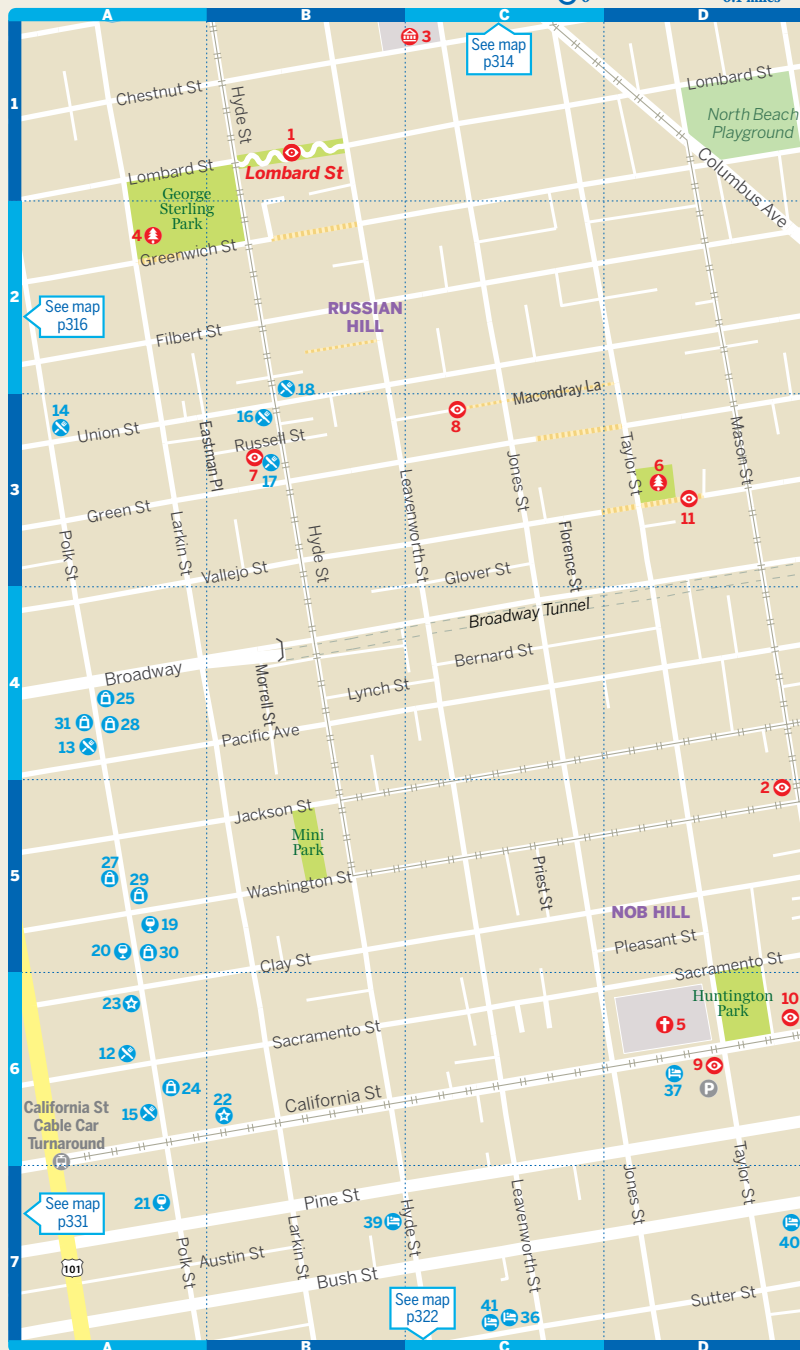
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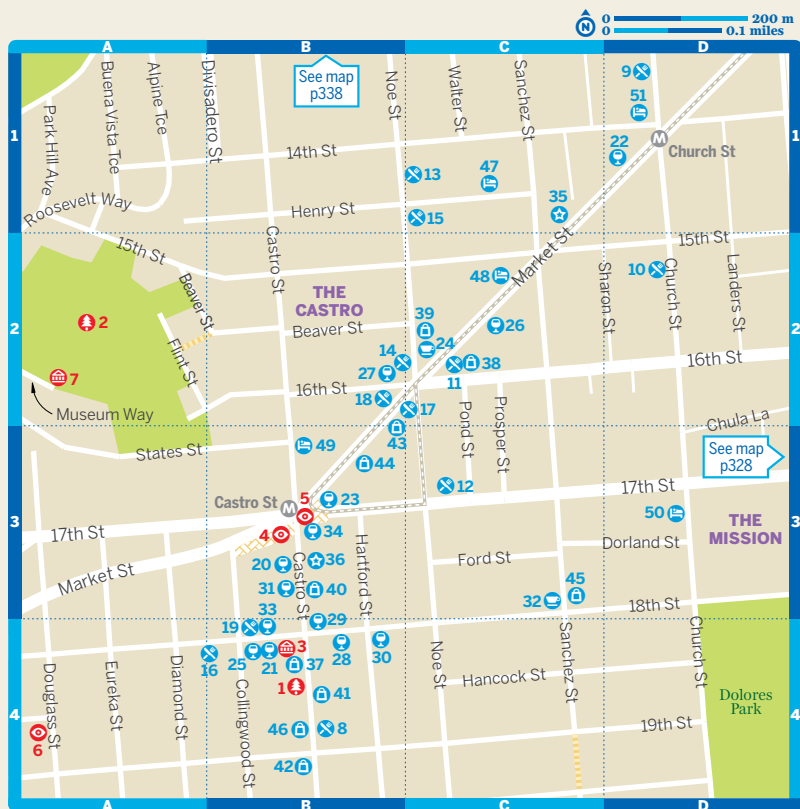


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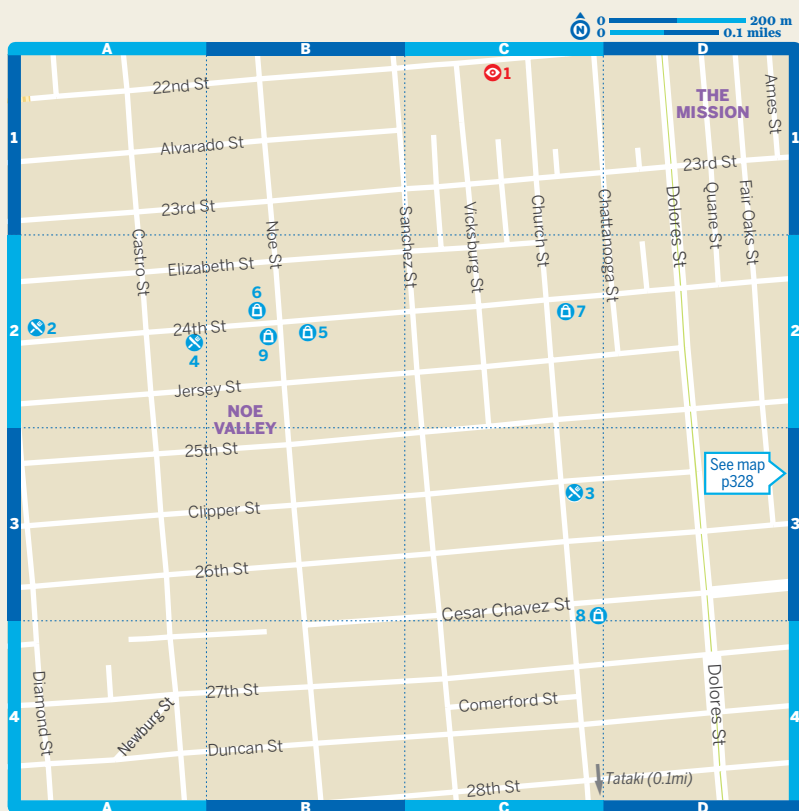
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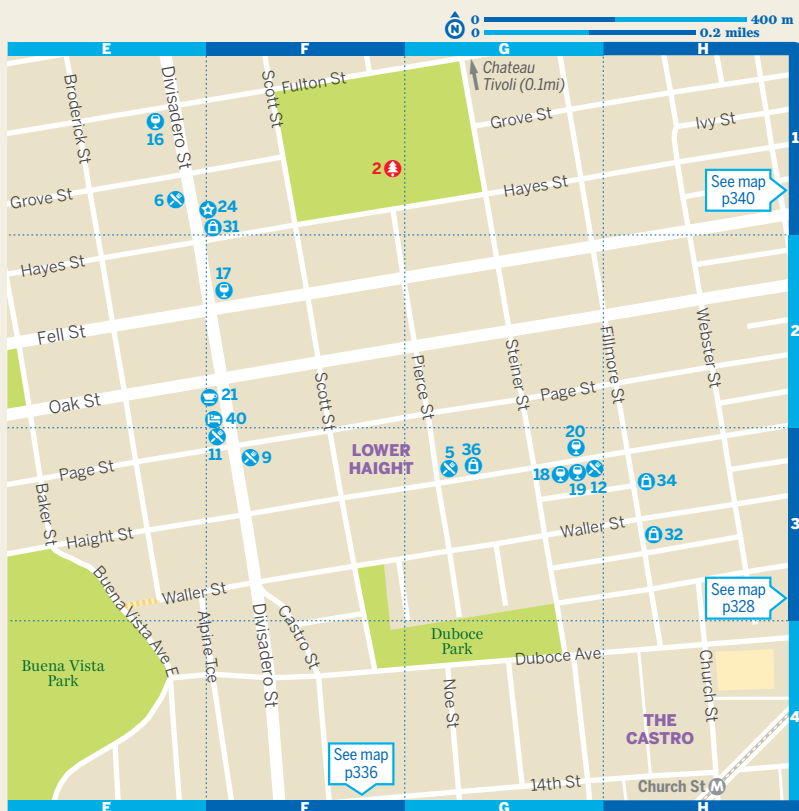
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Our Story

A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that's all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end – broke but inspired – they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, *Across Asia on the Cheap*. Within a week they'd sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born.

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Top Itineraries

Day One

Telegraph Hill & Waterfront (p115 & p50)



Grab a leather strap on the **Powell-Mason cable car** and hold on: you're in for hills and thrills. Hop off at **Washington Square Park**, and parrots squawk encouragement as you hike up to **Coit Tower** for WPA murals and giddy, 360-degree panoramas. Take scenic **Filbert Street Steps** to the **Embarcadero** and wander across Fog Bridge to explore the freaky Tactile Dome at the **Exploratorium**.



Lunch Try the local oysters and Dungeness crab at the Ferry Building (p79).

Alcatraz & North Beach (p50 & p115)



Catch your pre-booked ferry to **Alcatraz**, where D-block solitary raises goosebumps and library books were censored for kissing and curses. Make your island prison break (checking out the **Golden Gate Bridge** views on the trip back) and take the Powell-Mason cable car to North Beach, where you can read freely at free-speech landmark **City Lights** and mingle with San Francisco's freest spirits at the **Beat Museum**.



Dinner Reserve ahead for North Beach's best pasta at Cotogna (p89).

North Beach (p115)



Since you just escaped prison, you're tough enough to handle too-close-for-comfort comics at **Cobb's Comedy Club**, or razor-sharp drag satire at **Beach Blanket Babylon**. Toast the wildest night in the west with potent Pisco sours at **Comstock Saloon**.

Day Two

Chinatown (p115)



Take the **California cable car** to pagoda-topped Grant Street for eye-opening **Red Blossom** tea tasting, then a jaw-dropping history of Chinatown at **Chinese Historical Society of America**. Wander temple-lined **Waverly Place** and notorious **Ross Alley** to find your fortune at **Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Company**.



Lunch Hail dim sum carts for dumplings at City View (p126).

Fisherman's Wharf (p50)



To cover the waterfront, take the **Powell-Hyde cable car** past zig-zagging **Lombard St** to **Aquatic Park Bathhouse**, where an underwater world unfolds in 1930s murals and mosaics. Save the world from Space Invaders at **Musée Mécanique**, or enter underwater stealth mode inside a real WWII submarine: **USS Pampanito**. Watch sea lions cavort as the sun fades over **Pier 39**, then hop the vintage **F-line streetcar**.



Dinner Inspired NorCal fare at Rich Table (p189) satisfies and surprises.

Hayes Valley (p183)



Troll boutiques before your concert at **San Francisco Symphony** or **SFJAZZ Center**, and toast your good fortune with California bubbly in the bar at **Jardinière**.



The Embarcadero and the Bay Bridge

Day Three

Golden Gate Park (p200)



Hop the N Judah to Golden Gate Park to see carnivorous plants enjoying insect breakfasts at **Conservatory of Flowers** and dahlias wet with dew in the **Dahlia Garden**. Follow Andy Goldworthy's artful sidewalk fault lines to find Oceanic masks and faultless tower-top views at the **MH de Young Museum**, then take a walk on the wild side inside the rainforest dome of the **California Academy of Sciences**. Enjoy a moment of Zen with green tea at the **Japanese Tea Garden** and bliss out in the secret redwood grove at the **San Francisco Botanical Garden**.



Lunch Surfers hit Outerlands (p211) for grilled cheese and organic soup.

The Richmond (p200)



Beachcomb **Ocean Beach** up to the **Beach Chalet** to glimpse 1930s WPA murals celebrating Golden Gate Park. Follow the **Coastal Trail** past **Sutro Baths** and **Land's End** for **Golden Gate Bridge** vistas and priceless paper artworks at **Legion of Honor**.



Dinner Organic Cal-Moroccan feasts satisfy cravings at Aziza (p210).

Japantown (p133)



Psychedelic posters and top acts make for rock-legendary nights at the **Fillmore**, or get in the swing with jazz greats performing nightly at **Yoshi's**.

Day Four

The Mission (p149)



Stroll 24th St past mural-covered bodegas to **Balmy Alley**, where the Mission muralist movement began in the 1970s. Stop for a 'secret breakfast' (bourbon and cornflake) ice cream sundae at **Humphry Slocombe**, then head up Valencia to Ritual Coffee Roasters. Pause for pirate supplies and Fish Theater at **826 Valencia** and duck into **Clarion Alley**, the Mission's outdoor graffiti-art gallery. See San Francisco's first building, Spanish adobe **Mission Dolores**, and visit the memorial to native Ohlone who built it.



Lunch Get La Taqueria (p155) burritos to go and enjoy in Dolores Park.

The Haight (p183)



Spot Victorian 'Painted Ladies' around **Alamo Square** and browse **NoPa boutiques**. Stroll the green Panhandle park to Stanyan, then window-shop your way down hippie-historic **Haight Street** past record stores, vintage emporiums, drag designers and **Bound Together Anarchist Book Collective**.



Dinner Early walk-ins may score amazing small plates at Frances (p177).

The Castro (p173)



Sing along to show tunes pounded out on the Mighty Wurlitzer organ before shows at deco-fabulous **Castro Theatre**. Party boys cruise over to 440 Castro, while straight-friendly crowds clink glasses at **Blackbird**.

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