

# The Mission & Potrero Hill

## Neighborhood Top Five

### 1 Mission murals (p146)

Seeing garage doors, billboards and storefronts transformed into canvases with over 400 artworks.

### 2 826 Valencia (p147)

Watching puffer fish completely immersed in a role inside the Fish Theater.

### 3 Dolores Park (p147)

Playing, tanning, picnicking and protesting entire days away.

### 4 Mission Dolores (p149)

Getting a handle on California history at San Francisco's oldest building.

### 5 Potrero Flats (p150)

Exploring the repurposed industrial buildings that house an exuberant artistic community.



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## 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, crafts workshop, or 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

➔ **Learning something new** Upcycle office supplies into art at SCRAP (p164), hone knife skills at 18 Reasons (p165), vogue at Dance Mission (p166) and tell likely stories at 826 Valencia (p147).

➔ **Doing dessert** After another lap of Mission murals, you're ready for Mission Pie (p153), boozy ice cream at Humphry Slocombe (p152), tea cakes from Tartine (p152) and salted-caramel eclairs from Craftsman & Wolves (p152).

➔ **Looking the part** Define your own streetwise Mission style with local designers at Gravel & Gold (p162), Betabrand (p164), Nooworks (p163), Baggu (p163) and Aggregate Supply (p163).

## Getting There & Away

➔ **Bus** Bus 14 runs from downtown to the Mission District along Mission St. Bus 22 runs from Dogpatch and the Mission through the Haight to the Marina. Bus 49 follows Mission St and Van Ness Ave to Fisherman's Wharf, while bus 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 while 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 – this isn't LA – and don't leave belongings unattended.

## Best Places to Eat

- ➔ La Taqueria (p151)
- ➔ La Palma Mexicatessen (p152)
- ➔ Al's Place (p153)
- ➔ Craftsman & Wolves (p152)
- ➔ Serpentine (p156)

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## Best Places to Drink

- ➔ El Rio (p158)
- ➔ Trick Dog (p158)
- ➔ %ABV (p157)
- ➔ 20 Spot (p158)
- ➔ Elixir (p158)

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## Best Shopping

- ➔ Adobe Books & Backroom Gallery (p163)
- ➔ Gravel & Gold (p162)
- ➔ Poco Dolce (p162)
- ➔ Community Thrift (p162)
- ➔ Little Paper Planes (p162)

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