

LIST OF FREE THINGS TO DO IN SAN FRANCISCO

Free Museum Days:

Asian Art Museum

One of the largest museums in the Western world devoted exclusively to Asian art.

Open Tuesday-Sunday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
(Thursday till 9:00 p.m.)

Free Day: 1st Sunday of every month

Discounted Admission Thursday 5:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.

Address: 200 Larkin Street (Between Hyde Street and Van Ness Avenue)

Phone: (415)581-3500

Website: <http://www.asianart.org>

Cable Car Museum

Houses a collection of historic cable cars, photographs and mechanical displays.

Open daily 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Free Day: Every Day

Address: 1201 Mason Street (Between Powell Street & Taylor Street)

Phone: (415)474-1887

Website: <http://cablecarmuseum.org>

California Historical Society

Explore the history & architecture of California.

Open Wednesday-Saturday, 12:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Free Day: 1st Tuesday of every month

Address: 678 Mission Street (between Third & New Montgomery Streets)

Phone: (415)357-1848

Website: <http://californiahistoricalsociety.org>

Cartoon Art Museum

The only museum in the Western United States dedicated to the preservation and exhibition of cartoon art in all its forms.

Open Tuesday-Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Free Day: 1st Tuesday of every month

Address: 655 Mission Street (Between Third & Montgomery Streets)

Phone: (415)CAR-TOON or (415)227-8666

Website: <http://www.cartoonart.org>

Conservatory of Flowers

Open Tuesday-Sunday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Free Day: 1st Tuesday of every month

Address: JFK Drive, Golden Gate Park

Phone: (415)666-7001

Website: <http://conservatoryofflowers.org>

de Young Museum

Integrates art, architecture and the natural landscape in one multi-faceted destination.

Open Tuesday-Sunday 9:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m.
(Friday, until 8:45 p.m.)

Free Day: 1st Tuesday of every month

Address: 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, Golden Gate Park

Phone: (415)750-3600

Website: <http://deyoungmuseum.org>

Exploratorium

Museum of science, art and human perception.

Open Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Free Day: 1st Wednesday of every month

Address: 3601 Lyon Street

Phone: (415)397-5674

Website: <http://www.exploratorium.edu/>

Legion of Honor

Displays an impressive collection of 4,000 years of ancient and European art.

Open Tuesday-Sunday 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Free Day: 1st Tuesday of every month

Address: 100 34th Avenue & Clement Street

Phone: (415)750-3600

Website: <http://famsf.org/legion>

Musée Mécanique

(The Mechanical Museum)

mechanically operated musical instruments and antique arcade machines.

Open Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.;

Saturday-Sunday 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Free Day: Every Day

Costs: Arcade machines are \$0.25-\$0.50

Address: Pier 45 Shed A at the end of Taylor Street, Fisherman's Wharf

Phone: (415)346-2000

Website: <http://www.museemechanique.org>

Museum of Craft & Folk Art

Provides innovative exhibitions and educational programs that are designed to connect with and inspire diverse communities.

Open Tuesday-Friday 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Free Day: 1st Tuesday of every month

Address: 51 Yerba Buena Lane, (On Pedestrian Walkway connecting Market and Mission Streets between Third and Fourth Streets)
Phone: (415)227-4888
Website: <http://mocfa.org>

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art
One of the world's most innovative museums of modern and contemporary art.

Open Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Sunday 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (Admission is half price Thursday from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.)

Free Day: 1st Tuesday of every month
Address: 151 Third Street (Between Howard & Mission Streets)
Phone: (415)357-4000
Website: <http://www.sfmoma.org/>

San Francisco Zoo
Home to a stunning and important botanical collection as well as more than 250 species of animals.

Open daily 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 365 days a year, including Thanksgiving and Christmas Day

Free Day: 1st Wednesday of every month
Address: 1 Zoo Road (Off of Skyline Boulevard)
Phone: (415) 753-7080
Website: <http://www.sfzoo.org>

Free Music, Festivals, & Theater:

Stern Grove Festival
EXPLORE MUSIC AND MORE!
Every season, Stern Grove Festival invites our audience to experience an array of free events.
Location: Sigmund Stern Grove is a 33-acre public park at 19th Avenue & Sloat Boulevard.
Time: All concerts occur on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. (check schedule online or by phone)
Phone: (415) 252-6252
Website: <http://www.sterngrove.org>

San Francisco Free Folk Festival
Immerse yourself in the world of Bay Area folk music and dance.
Location: SF City College (750 Ocean Avenue)
Time: Check scheduling online
Website: <http://www.sffolkfest.org>

Yerba Buena Garden Festival
Presents music, theater, dance, cultural events, educational and children's programs, reflecting the rich cultures and creativity of the region.

Between May and October the Festival presents nearly 100 programs in Yerba Buena Gardens, all FREE and open to the public. (check schedule online or by phone)

Location: In Yerba Buena Gardens
Website: www.ybgf.org or

Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival
Celebrates the current resurgence of bluegrass music with fans of all ages.

Location: Speedway, Lindley & Marx meadows in Golden Gate Park

Website:
<http://www.hardlystrictlybluegrass.com/>

San Francisco Symphony
The San Francisco Symphony celebrates summer under the skies with free outdoor concerts.

Location: Check schedule online or by phone

Phone: (415) 864-6000
Website: <http://sfsymphony.org/summer>

Annual Bay Area Free Night of Theater
Over 8,000 tickets for over 120 participating Bay Area theatre companies' productions with a long list of free shows available to the public.

Location: check scheduling.
Phone: (415) 430-1140
Website: <http://www.theatrebayarea.org/>

Free Shakespeare in the Park
Provides an opportunity for everyone to see high quality, professional theater free of charge.
Location: The Presidio's Main PostParade Ground Lawn (between Graham St & Keyes Ave, near the Officer's Club & Visitor's Center)
Phone: (415) 558-0888
Website: <http://www.sfshakes.org>

Fillmore Jazz Festival
Every summer, The Fillmore Jazz Festival welcomes more than 90,000 guests.
Location: Fillmore Street (Between Jackson & Eddy Streets)
Time: July 4th & 5th 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Phone: (415)456-6563
Website: <http://www.fillmorejazzfestival.com>