

San Francisco, California, USA

Few cities pack an iconic punch like San Francisco. In a single shore day you can visit an island prison, ride a century-old cable car, and watch sea lions sunbathe 15 minutes from the ship.

Docked (pier) Typical call: 8–10 hrs USD English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier 27 (James R. Herman Cruise Terminal) or Pier 35 — both on the Embarcadero, no tendering

Best For: History, iconic landmarks, food, city culture

Walk to center: 10–15 min walk to Fisherman's Wharf; 20 min to Ferry Building

Don't Miss: Alcatraz Island — book tickets weeks in advance, they sell out fast

Getting around: **Taxi** \$15–\$25 · **Rideshare** Uber, Lyft · **Hop-on hop-off** Big Bus Tours / City Sightseeing

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Alcatraz Island Tour** — Board the ferry at Pier 33 for the infamous federal penitentiary island.
- **Bike the Golden Gate Bridge to Sausalito** — Rent a bike near Fisherman's Wharf, ride across the Golden Gate Bridge, and descend into the charming waterfront town of Sausalito.
- **Muir Woods & Sausalito** — Head north across the Golden Gate to walk among ancient coastal redwoods in Muir Woods National Monument, then stop in Sausalito's waterfront village.
- **Chinatown & North Beach Walking Tour** — Explore the oldest Chinatown in North America, then stroll into the Italian neighbourhood of North Beach for coffee and sourdough.
- **Hop-On Hop-Off City Tour** — Double-decker bus covering all major neighbourhoods — Fisherman's Wharf, Union Square, Haight-Ashbury, Castro, Golden Gate Park, and the Golden Gate...

BEST WALKS

- **Embarcadero to Fisherman's Wharf** 1.5 km · 20 min · Flat · No hills — Walk north from Pier 27 along the scenic waterfront past the Ferry Building, the historic piers, and Pier 39 to reach the heart of Fisherman's Wharf.
- **Fisherman's Wharf to Ghirardelli Square** 0.8 km · 10 min · Mostly flat — From Pier 39 stroll west past Boudin Bakery, the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, and Hyde Street Pier to reach Ghirardelli Square — the former...
- **Cable Car Ride — Powell-Hyde Line** Approx 3 km · 15 min ride · Iconic — Board the Powell-Hyde cable car near Fisherman's Wharf for the classic San Francisco experience — cresting steep hills with bay views before descending to Union Square.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	61°	50°	5d
Jun	67°	55°	0d
Aug	68°	58°	0d
Sep	71°	58°	1d
Oct	69°	55°	3d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Apr 6:34AM–7:45PM · Jun 5:47AM–8:33PM · Aug 6:25AM–8:01PM · Sep 6:52AM–7:16PM · Oct 7:18AM–6:31PM	
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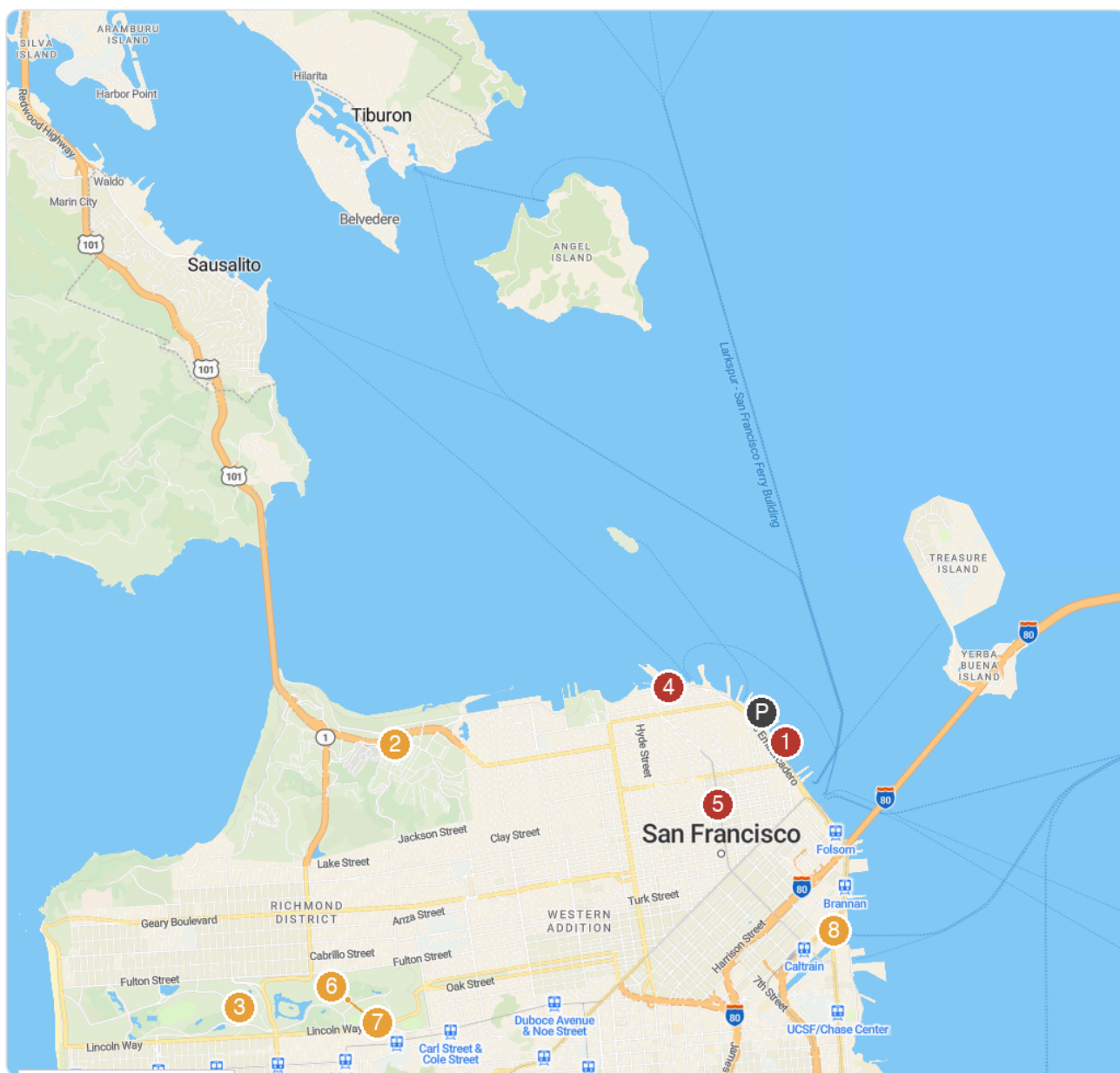
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Alcatraz now: City Cruises tickets sell out 3–4 weeks in advance. Book as soon as you know your port date — don't wait until you arrive.
- Dress in layers: San Francisco's famous fog can make summer mornings cold (55–60°F / 13–16°C). Bring a jacket regardless of the season.
- Buy a Muni day pass: The \$18 "Cable Car Plus" 1-day pass covers all buses, trams, and cable cars — far cheaper than the \$9-per-ride cable car fare or taking rideshares everywhere.
- Allow time to return: San Francisco traffic can be brutal. Budget at least 30–45 min to get back to the pier, more if your excursion ends across the city.
- Eat the Dungeness crab: In season (Nov–June), fresh Dungeness crab at Fisherman's Wharf stalls is a San Francisco must. Outside season, go for clam chowder in sourdough bread bowls instead.
- Muir Woods needs a timed entry: Reserve your Muir Woods entry ticket at recreation.gov before your cruise — walk-in access is often blocked to manage crowds.

San Francisco, California, USA — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Exploratorium An interactive science museum for all ages.

3 Golden Gate Park A vast urban park with gardens, museums, and lakes.

5 Chinatown San Francisco Historic Chinese cultural district with shops, food, and temples.

7 California Academy of Sciences Natural history museum, aquarium, rainforest, and planetarium.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 The Walt Disney Family Museum Museum detailing Walt Disney's life and legacy.

4 Fisherman's Wharf Historic waterfront district with seafood, shops, and sea lions.

6 de Young Museum Fine arts museum showcasing American art and textiles.

8 Oracle Park Home baseball stadium for the San Francisco Giants.