WELCOME TO SAN FRANCISCO!

Recently declared by National Geographic magazine as the 12th most influential city in the World, San Francisco offers a lifetime’s worth of places to see, things to do, and morsels to eat. This guide to the city for the SICB goer just scratches the surface of what’s available here. Links to useful online resources have been provided, though there are countless more websites and other resources to guide you through the city. We’ve tried to provide our “top” choices customized specifically for conference attendees to help make your time in San Francisco as rewarding as possible. We refer to San Francisco as “the city” here, as that’s the term that locals use. Don’t say “SF” and for sure not “Frisco” unless you want to be instantly branded as a tourist!

Authors' Suggestion: If you don’t already have a hand-held device that runs web apps (like an iPhone or cellular iPad or some other type of smartphone), get one. There’s an app for just about anything you’d want to do or see in San Francisco, and your hand-held computer will be a valuable tool for helping you choose a restaurant or pub, and helping you to find the best way to get there. Of course, you can navigate the city without such a device, but it’s harder.

-Jonathon Stillman and Adam Paganini

Getting to San Francisco and the SICB Meeting Site:
The conference will be held at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square at 333 O’Farrell Street (http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/california/hilton-san-francisco-union-square-SFOFHHH/index.html)

1) If by Air: If arriving by air, you can fly to either San Francisco International Airport (SFO), Oakland International Airport (OAK), or San Jose International Airport (SJC). Though SFO is closer, you may get a better airfare to OAK, and the difference in time to get to downtown where the conference is taking place will be less than 30 min. SJC is further away, but right on the CalTrain line (see guide to public transportation, below) The most cost effective way to get from SFO or OAK to the hotel is BART ($8.25 from SFO, see guide to public transportation, below). Go to the Powell Street station, and exit onto Hallidie Plaza (San Francisco Visitor Information Center), which is at the corner of Market Street and Cyril Magnin Street. Follow Cyril Magnin to O’Farrell Street and turn left, continuing for ~1 block to the Hilton Hotel (on O’Farrell between Mason St. and Taylor St., Fig. 1 “SICB HERE”). You can also take a cab from the airport, or an airport shuttle. Cab fare from SFO will probably cost about $40-60 (from OAK it’ll be more), and the airport shuttle buses (e.g., BayPorter, http://www.bayporter.com/, will cost about $25-30).

2) If by Land: If you drive to San Francisco, there is a large parking structure across the street from the Hilton hotel where you can park your car. Parking is $54 per day ($6 more if by valet). There are a number of train options to get to the city as well if you wish to park outside of the city (see guide to public transportation below)

3) If by Sea: You can take the ferry from points north and east of San Francisco and then the BART to the hotel site. (see guide to public transportation below)
Guide to public transportation:

San Francisco has wonderful public transportation options, including trains, buses, ferry boats and taxis. Leave your car at home. You can rent a car across the street from the Hilton hotel if you plan to travel out of San Francisco (e.g., to see redwood trees or taste wine in Napa). If you are driving to San Francisco, you might be happier parking at one of the outlying BART stations (e.g., Pittsburg/Bay Point from points West, Millbrae from points South), as daily parking rates will be a fraction of the cost to park in the city.

Luckily, there is an online tool that can guide you to get from any address to any address in the greater San Francisco Bay region: http://transit.511.org: Simply type in your starting address and your desired destination and the website will tell you how to get there using the best combination of bus, train, taxi, ferry and walking. Transit times and fares are also included. The Lonely Planet guide also has a wealth of information about SF’s public transportation options (http://www.lonelyplanet.com/usa/san-francisco/transport/getting-around#103277).

1) Trains: There are five train systems, BART, MUNI, Cable Cars, CalTrain and Amtrak.

**BART** ([http://www.bart.gov](http://www.bart.gov)): BART, Bay Area Rapid Transit, is the fastest way to get from areas outside of SF into SF (e.g., from Oakland or SF Airports), and in SF makes stops along Market Street and Mission Street before heading out towards outlying areas. BART is an easy option to getting from either airport to the hotel and conference venue at Union Square. There are 5 BART train routes, referred to by the terminal stations they visit. All routes except for the Richmond/Fremont train make stops along the Market St. corridor in San Francisco. Each line runs a train at least every 20 mins (more frequently during commute hours), and they are staggered such that trains going through downtown SF arrive every few minutes.

**MUNI** ([http://www.sfmta.com](http://www.sfmta.com)): Muni streetcars have several lines (denoted by letters) that criss-cross the city. See map (Fig. 2) and here: [http://sanfrancisco.about.com/od/neighborhoodprofiles/ig/sfmaps/Muni-Map.htm](http://sanfrancisco.about.com/od/neighborhoodprofiles/ig/sfmaps/Muni-Map.htm)

**Cable Cars** ([http://www.sfcablecar.com/riders.html](http://www.sfcablecar.com/riders.html)): The famous SF cable cars are slow and expensive, but they might just be the perfect ride for where you are going in the more touristy areas of SF. There are three cable car lines, two of which run along Powell St., just a block away from the conference site (Fig. 1): Union Square to North Beach (Powell-Mason Line), Union Square to Fisherman’s Wharf (Powell-Hyde Line, Fig. 2), and the Financial District (California Line). [http://sanfrancisco.about.com/od/neighborhoodprofiles/ig/sfmaps/San-Francisco-Cable-Car-Map.htm](http://sanfrancisco.about.com/od/neighborhoodprofiles/ig/sfmaps/San-Francisco-Cable-Car-Map.htm)

**CalTrain** ([http://www.caltrain.com](http://www.caltrain.com)): CalTrain runs between Gilroy, CA south of San Francisco Bay, along the San Francisco Peninsula and in to the city. Transfer to BART at Millbrae.

**Amtrak** ([http://www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)): Amtrak runs from points east and south along the eastern shores of San Francisco Bay and you can transfer to BART from an Amtrak train at the Richmond/Pleasanton (DBP) Amtrak stations.

2) **Buses**: MUNI bus ([http://www.sfmta.com](http://www.sfmta.com)) can get you anywhere that the MUNI trains, BART, or cable cars cannot. The bus lines are denoted by numbers (Fig. 2).

3) **Ferries**: There are at least 3 different ferry companies that can take you overwater from the Ferry Building or from Pier 41 to Oakland, Alameda, Vallejo, Tiburon, Sausalito, or Larkspur. The ferries are generally the most expensive options, but if, for example you want to hear superb Jazz at Yoshi’s in Oakland’s Jack London Square, the Ferry is the best way to get there.

4) **Taxis**: Taxis are the most expensive way to traverse the city, but late at night taxis are your best bet for safe door to door service from wherever you are back to the hotel. Taxi companies and information are highlighted here ([http://sanfrancisco.about.com/od/gettingaround1/qt/sftaxitips.htm](http://sanfrancisco.about.com/od/gettingaround1/qt/sftaxitips.htm)) and include: Yellow (415) 333-3333 and DeSoto Cab (415) 970-1300, among others. There are several apps for hailing taxis (e.g., TaxiMagic, Cabulous), including one called Uber, which will hail you a town-car (fancy taxi).
Hotels:
Official Conference Hotel: Hilton San Francisco Union Square [http://www.hiltonsanfranciscohotel.com/]

This hotel is on O’Farrell Street between Mason and Taylor Street, situated at the intersection of two very different neighborhoods: Union Square and the Tenderloin (see Fig. 1 “SICB HERE” and Fig. 3). The hotel has a Starbucks and a Kinkos/FedEx in the spacious lobby. The hotel restaurant is The Urban Tavern (Fig. 4). There is a concierge who can help you find what you need.

Other Nearby Hotels: There are dozens of hotels within an easy walk of the Hilton (Fig. 1, orange color). Some are fancy, some are not. Hotels in the Tenderloin (not included on Fig. 1) can get pretty sketchy, so it would probably be better to avoid them, though there is a Super8 just across Taylor St on O’Farrell that might be worth considering [http://www.super8.com/hotels/california/san-francisco/super-8-san-francisco-union-square-area/hotel-overview?reg=Local- -all- -S8- -all&cid=IP_Local&wid=local]. Some of the nicer hotels in the area include the Hotel Nikko, just across Mason St. [http://www.hotelnikkosf.com/], the Wyndham Park 55, just 1.5 blocks away [http://www.parc55hotel.com/], and The Westin St. Francis on Union Square [http://www.westinsf.com/]. A real San Francisco legend is the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, about 4 blocks from the Hilton [http://www.sirfrancisdrake.com/], and there are many other boutique hotels in the Union Square area, such as King George Hotel half a block from the Hilton [http://www.kinggeorge.com/]. While none of the hotels in the area will be truly cheap (including those that rent by the hour in the Tenderloin!), for travelers on a tight budget, there is an international hostel within half a block of the Hilton [http://sfhostels.com/downtown/], where beds in a shared room can be as low as $30/night.

Neighborhoods of San Francisco:
San Francisco’s neighborhoods are diverse, and the transitions between one neighborhood and the next can be abrupt. For example, just walk across Taylor Street on O’Farrell and you are transported from Union Square, where you are likely to see tourists carrying large bundles of shopping bags from chic boutiques, to the Tenderloin, where you are likely to see people strung out or passed out on the sidewalk. Both types of neighborhoods are an important part of making San Francisco one of the most colorful and diverse cities in the World, though you may feel more comfortable in one or the other. The abruptness of the transitions inspired a map of San Francisco depicting neighborhoods as islands and streets as canals (Fig. 3). There are wonderful places to visit and eat in many of the neighborhoods, and we have tried to describe some of the ones you are likely to visit, below, in order of increasing distance from the conference site.

Union Square: Upscale shopping central, plus theater and galleries.
Tenderloin: Seedy, but replete with bars, clubs, and wonderful Mexican and Vietnamese foods. Avoid area indicated on map (Fig. 4) at night, as the streets can be dangerous.
Tendernob: Transitional area between Tenderloin and Nob Hill. Many good places to eat.
Nob Hill: Affluent neighborhood with a lot of history.
Chinatown: Step into Canton China. One of the most densely populated districts in San Francisco with many lively markets, bakeries, and restaurants serving traditional and non-traditional Chinese cuisine. Stop by the LiPo lounge for San Francisco’s tastiest Mai Tai cocktail.
Financial District: High-rise offices. Not many bars, but some establishments that cater to business “power lunches” or the after 5 PM drink on the way home. Pretty dead in evening and weekend hours aside from a bar here and there.
Mission: Latin American cultural center, great Mexican food as well as other cuisine. Bring cash – most Mission bars and restaurants don’t accept credit cards.
SoMa (south of Market): getting better all the time, formerly industrial area getting gentrified.
North Beach: Little Italy, plus some of the city’s seedier burlesque tradition dating back to the Gold Rush era.
**Russian Hill:** Home to the crookedest street in the world, Lombard Street between Hyde and Leavenworth Streets, this is a major tourist attraction.

**Embarcadero:** The city’s cement shoreline to the north of Market Street. The Ferry Building has a great farmer’s market (though not sure about January offerings) and terrific gourmet shops inside. This is also where you can catch the ferries.

**Fisherman’s Wharf & Pier 39.** Tourist trap of San Francisco. But, worth a visit nonetheless.

**Japantown:** Japanese restaurants, shopping and cultural center.

**Marina & Cow Hollow:** Lots of bars with college students inside of them.

**Inner Richmond:** Some great restaurants and pubs. Excellent Chinese food and Russian food too. Parking difficult, though.

**Pacific Heights:** Some good restaurants and beautiful huge houses made out of a special San Francisco alloy: unobtanium.

**Sea Cliff:** Exclusive real estate, beautiful views on a nice day, Land’s End hike through Lincoln Park.

**Castro:** The LGBT center of San Francisco. Wonderful.

**Haight-Ashbury:** Epicenter for all things beatnik, hippie and the Summer of Love (for those SICB members old enough to remember the 1960’s and before). Remains an important center of countercultural movements.

**Neighborhoods outside of San Francisco that are worth a visit:**

**Oakland:** A much grittier city than SF, there are some great places to visit, and Jack London Square has some good eats and pubs, plus Yoshi’s Jazz Club.

**Berkeley:** Best Indian food in the area – easy ride on BART from the city.

**Sausalito & Tiburon:** Peaceful towns on the water, easily accessed by ferry, have fancy restaurants with terrific views of the city over the water.

**Eating and Drinking:**

There are 200+ restaurants & bars within an easy walk of the conference site. To help you pick some of the best places that are an easy walk from the conference, we’ve marked up a map of the area with 5min, 10min and 15min walking radii (Fig. 5). The numbering and lettering system isn’t perfect, and the map requires zooming-in to read, but we hope you find it to be useful. We’ve provided zoomed-in maps for the Union-Square, Little Saigon, and Polk St. areas.

San Francisco is an epicure’s paradise! One of the culinary destinations of the World, San Francisco’s restaurants just about anything your heart (or stomach) desires. That’s not to say, though, that all restaurants are good. Our favorite restaurants, sorted by neighborhood and cuisine, are listed below. These aren’t necessarily the cleanest or with the best service, but each mouthful will be an epiphany (or at least enjoyable).

For more choices, reviews, and maps of places to eat and drink in SF, check out the below links.


**San Francisco Chronicle** [http://www.sfgate.com/food/]: a great and comprehensive searchable guide to restaurants in the entire bay area. You can search by neighborhood (see above) or cuisine. Also, on that site, check out the “Top 100” list for the critics’ picks for the best restaurants around the bay area (not all of them are expensive!).
**OpenTable:** Visit the *OpenTable* website ([http://www.opentable.com/san-francisco-restaurants?mn=5](http://www.opentable.com/san-francisco-restaurants?mn=5)) to reserve a table at any of the n=1,220 SF Bay Area restaurants in their system (which represents only a fraction of the restaurants to choose from in the Bay Area!).

**Yelp** is also a great way to search for user-submitted reviews about restaurants ([http://www.yelp.com](http://www.yelp.com)) if you are wondering whether a place we haven’t mentioned is worth your while.

*(some of) Our Favorite Places to Eat and Drink, sorted by Neighborhood and Cuisine:*
Price: $ = cheap (<$10), $$ = reasonable ($11-30), $$$ = pricey ($31-60), $$$$ = you’d better be rich (>=$61).

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<td>La Mar Cebichería Peruana. Pier 1.5 The Embarcadero (415) 397-8880 <a href="http://www.lamarciebericha.com">http://www.lamarciebericha.com</a> <em>Peruvian seafood and cocktails.</em></td>
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<td>Waterbar. 399 The Embarcadero South. (<a href="http://www.waterbarsf.com">www.waterbarsf.com</a>) <em>Fitted with aquaria where you can pick what you eat! And one that is just pretty to look at...</em></td>
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<td>Tadich Grill, 240 California St (between Battery and Front). (415) 391-1849 <a href="http://www.tadichgrill.com">http://www.tadichgrill.com</a> <em>The oldest restaurant in SF (maybe the entire west coast!), and still good. No reservations accepted.</em></td>
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<td>Tataki 2815 California Street (cross street Divisadero) <a href="http://www.tatakisushibar.com">http://www.tatakisushibar.com</a>. <em>Sustainable sushi: Save the Oceans One Bite at a Time!</em></td>
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<td>ChaChaCha, 2327 Mission St. (between 19th and 20th) (415) 648-0504 <a href="http://www.cha3.com">http://www.cha3.com</a> <em>Good drinks and tapas.</em></td>
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<td>Pancho Villa Taqueria. 3071 16th St. (between Caledonia and Julian). (415) 864-8840 <a href="http://www.sfpanchovilla.com">http://www.sfpanchovilla.com</a> <em>One of several Mission taquerias that we recommend.</em></td>
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<td>El Farolito. 2779 Mission St. (between 23rd and 24th). (415) 824-7877 <a href="http://www.elfarolitoinc.com">http://www.elfarolitoinc.com</a> <em>Perhaps the best taqueria in the Mission, this small greasy spoon is adjacent to the 24th St Mission BART stop. Their al pastor is spectacular.</em></td>
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<td>Molinari’s. 373 Columbus Ave (between Grant and Vallejo). (415) 421-2337. <a href="http://www.molinarisalame.com">http://www.molinarisalame.com</a> <em>Famous for their in-house made salami’s, there’s a lot more on offer at this classic Italian deli that has operated for over 100 years! Super authentic Italian deli with cured meats, and sandwiches to order.</em></td>
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<td>Lers Ros, 730 Larkin St (between Ellis and Olive) (415) 931-6917, <a href="http://www.lersros.com">http://www.lersros.com</a>. <em>Incredibly tasty Thai food! The Koh Moo Yang is superb!</em> (CO on map)</td>
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<td>Shalimar 532 Jones (between O’Farrell and Geary). (415) 928-0333, <a href="http://www.shalimarsf.com">http://www.shalimarsf.com</a> Inexpensive and tasty Indian food. (41 on map)</td>
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<td>Chutney 511 Jones (between O’Farrell and Geary) Terrific!</td>
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<td>North Beach</td>
<td>Italian</td>
<td>Rose Pistola 532 Columbus Ave (between Stockton and Green) (415) 399-0499, <a href="http://www.rosepistolasf.com">http://www.rosepistolasf.com</a> Great all around Italian menu with excellent food (unlike most of the other restaurants in North Beach). Skip the other Columbus Ave restaurants and go straight here.</td>
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<td>North Beach</td>
<td>Italian Deli</td>
<td>Molinari’s. 373 Columbus Ave (between Grant and Vallejo). (415) 421-2337. <a href="http://www.molinarisalame.com">http://www.molinarisalame.com</a> Famous for their in-house made salami’s, there’s a lot more on offer at this classic Italian deli that has operated for over 100 years! Super authentic Italian deli with cured meats, and sandwiches to order.</td>
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<td>North Beach</td>
<td>Italian Dessert</td>
<td>Stella Pastry and Café, 446 Columbus Ave (between Vallejo and Stockton) (415) 986-2914, <a href="http://www.stellapastry.com">http://www.stellapastry.com</a> Wonderful Italian desserts and coffee. If you are in North Beach, this is the place to go after dinner.</td>
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<td>Mission</td>
<td>Mexican</td>
<td>El Delfin. 3066 24th St (between Lucky and Treat) (415) 643-7955. Food from across Mexico at reasonable prices.</td>
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<td>Mission</td>
<td>Mexican Taqueria</td>
<td>Pancho Villa Taqueria. 3071 16th St. (between Caledonia and Julian). (415) 864-8840 <a href="http://www.sfpanchovilla.com">http://www.sfpanchovilla.com</a> One of several Mission taquerias that we recommend.</td>
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<td>Mission</td>
<td>Mexican Taqueria</td>
<td>El Farolito. 2779 Mission St. (between 23rd and 24th). (415) 824-7877 <a href="http://www.elfarolitoinc.com">http://www elfarolitoinc.com</a>! Perhaps the best taqueria in the Mission, this small greasy spoon is adjacent to the 24th St Mission BART stop. Their al pastor is spectacular.</td>
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<td>Mission</td>
<td>Mexican Taqueria</td>
<td>La Taqueria. 2889 Mission St (between 24th and 25th) (415) 285-1771 <a href="http://www.sfpanchovilla.com">http://www.sfpanchovilla.com</a> Terrific food just half a block from the 24th St Mission BART.</td>
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<td>Embarcadero</td>
<td>Peruvian</td>
<td>La Mar Cebichería Peruana. Pier 1.5 The Embarcadero (415) 397-8880 <a href="http://www.lamarcebicheria.com">http://www.lamarcebicheria.com</a> Peruvian seafood and cocktails</td>
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<td>Union Square</td>
<td>Pub</td>
<td>Lefty O’Doul’s 333 Geary (51 on map). <em>Great beer selection, cafeteria food, and live music at 8:30-9PM.</em></td>
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<td>Embarcadero</td>
<td>Seafood</td>
<td>Waterbar. 399 The Embarcadero South. (<a href="http://www.waterbarsf.com">www.waterbarsf.com</a>) <em>Fitted with aquaria where you can pick what you eat! And one that is just pretty to look at...</em></td>
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<td>Financial District</td>
<td>Seafood</td>
<td>Tadich Grill, 240 California St (between Battery and Front). (415) 391-1849 <a href="http://www.tadichgrill.com">http://www.tadichgrill.com</a> <em>The oldest restaurant in SF (maybe the entire west coast!), and still good. No reservations accepted.</em></td>
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<td>Union Square</td>
<td>Seafood</td>
<td>Farrallon 450 Post (between Powell and Mason, 19 on map). (415) 956-6969 <a href="http://www.farallonrestaurant.com">http://www.farallonrestaurant.com</a> <em>Pricey, but worth it for delicious food, drinks, and atmosphere. All of the décor is marine-invertebrate! A must see for any zoologist. One of the city’s best!</em></td>
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<td>Union Square</td>
<td>Southern US</td>
<td>Farmer Browns (70 on map): <em>Weekend brunch is a special affair!</em></td>
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<td>North Beach</td>
<td>Spanish</td>
<td>Bocadillos, 710 Montgomery St (415) 982-2622. <a href="http://www.bocasf.com">http://www.bocasf.com</a> <em>Great wines and Spanish Tapas in this small cozy place.</em></td>
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<td>Japantown</td>
<td>Sushi</td>
<td>Tataki 2815 California Street (cross street Divisadero) (<a href="http://www.tatakisushibar.com">http://www.tatakisushibar.com</a>). <em>Sustainable sushi: Save the Oceans One Bite at a Time!</em></td>
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<td>Tenderloin</td>
<td>Thai</td>
<td>Lers Ros, 730 Larkin St (between Ellis and Olive) (415) 931-6917, <a href="http://www.lersros.com">http://www.lersros.com</a>. <em>Incredibly tasty Thai food! The Koh Moo Yang is superb!</em> (CO on map)</td>
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Attractions

Art Museums:

De Young Art Museum ([http://deyoung.famsf.org/](http://deyoung.famsf.org/)): The DeYoung also has a great observation platform from where you can see the entire city on a clear day.


Yerba Buena Center for the Arts ([http://www.ybca.org/](http://www.ybca.org/))

Clarion Street Alley ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clarion_Alley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clarion_Alley)) Some of the most revolutionary murals in San Francisco all on one alley. Take a stroll during the day so you can get a great photo.

Science & Natural History Museums and Aquaria

California Academy of Sciences ([http://www.calacademy.org/](http://www.calacademy.org/)). The best natural history museum in the city, with a real rainforest, a Philippine coral reef that is several stories tall, an albino alligator, and lots of other cool things to see.


Bay Model ([http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/bmvc](http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/bmvc)): A scale model of the San Francisco Bay built by the Army Corps of Engineers to study hydrology of the bay in the era before computer modeling was possible. If you are in Sausalito, this is worth a visit. And it’s free!

Outdoor Attractions:

Alcatraz Island: The Rock. Take the ferry there from Pier 39/41 and tour the famous former prison. Reservations MUST be made at least weeks in advance, and even earlier is recommended if you want a spot on the Ferry. [http://www.alcatrazcruises.com/](http://www.alcatrazcruises.com/)

Coit Tower: Cool murals on bottom floor and cool views from the top.

Golden Gate Bridge: You can walk or bike across this historic landmark.

Land’s End: Beautiful scenery and views of the Golden Gate Bridge

Angel Island: Historic site of immigration (like the East’s Ellis Island), Angel Island is a great outdoor destination, with boats from Tiburon. Take the ferry from SF to Tiburon, then another boat to Angel Island.

Fisherman’s Wharf & Pier 39/41: San Francisco’s tourist trap! Avoid the temptation to spend your time here and visit other neighborhoods instead.

Muir Woods: North, across the Golden Gate Bridge is a spectacular grove of old-growth giant redwoods. If you’ve never seen these tallest trees on Earth, it’s your chance. You can even take public transportation there (see 511.org for instructions).
Figure 1. Map of Union Square Area
Figure 2. Map of San Francisco, showing CableCar, Muni train and Muni bus routes. Note area west of Divisadero Street is compressed.
Figure 3. Neighborhoods of San Francisco (portrayed as Islands)
http://burritojustice.com/2010/05/07/the-islands-of-san-francisco/
Figure 4. Our local picks for restaurants, bars, music clubs, and other places you might need that are within an easy walk of the SICB conference. Places denoted by number are from a map provided by the Hilton that you can get at the hotel concierge; those denoted by letter were included by your authors. You will need to zoom in on the map with your .pdf viewer to read the numbers and letters per the tables below.

1  Sanraku (Japanese)  2  L’Ottavo (Italian)  4  Leathernecks (Steak)
3  Jeanne D’Arc (French)  6  Sotano Grill (Mexican)  8  Café de la press (French)
5  Lori’s Diner (American)  10  Gitane (Spanish-French)  12  Canteen (California style)
7  E&O Trading (Asian Fusion)  14  Bourobuldur (Indonesian)
9  Le Central (French)  16  Ryokos (Sushi)
11  Café Claude (French)  18  Fleur de Lys (French)
13  Pearls Deluxe Burgers  20  Morton’s (Steak)
15  Le Colonial (French Vietnamese)  22  Scala’s (Italian)
17  Fino (Italian)  24  Campton place (California)
19  Farallon (Seafood)  26  Osha (Thai)
21  Sears (American)  28  Millenium (Vegan)
23  Granview’s (California)  30  Honey Honey (Crepes)
25  Hops and Hominy (Southern)  32  La Scene (French)
27  Ar Roi (Thai)  34  Urban Tavern (California)
29  Sakana (Japanese)  36  Café Rulli (coffee deli)
31  Zingari (Italian)  38  Kim Thanh (Chinese/Vietnamese)
33  Colibri (Mexican)  40  Chutney (Indian)
35  Bourbon Steak  42  Grand Café (Californian French)
37  Café Mocca (coffee deli)  44  Velvet Room (Californian)
39  Golden Era (Vegan Vietnamese)  46  Biscuits and Blues (Soul food)
41  Shalimar (Indian)  48  Lori’s Diner (American)
43  Jasper’s (American)  50  Daily Grill (American)
45  Pinecrest (American)  52  Chipotle (Burritos)
47  Mason St. Café (American)  54  Cheesecake Factory
49  Sushi boat  56  Rotunda (Californian)
51  Lefty O’Douls (Hoffbrau)  58  Marrakech (Moroccan, belly dancing)
53  Macy’s food court  60  Anzu (American Japanese)
55  Boudin Bakery (Sourdough bread)  62  New Deli (Indian)
57  Pho Tan Hoa (Vietnamese)  64  Lori’s Diner (American)
59  Fish and Farm (Californian)  66  Bio (French Café)
61  Hana Zen (Japanese)  68  Tikka Masala (Indian)
63  First Crush (California-French)  70  Farmer Browns (Southern/Soul)
65  Johnny Foley’s (Pub Food)  72  John’s Grill (American)
67  Café Madeline (Deli)  74  Postrio (American)
69  Old Siam (Thai)  76  Santorinin Mediterranean
71  Puccini and Penetti (Italian)  78  Dojima An-Japanese
73  Kuletos (Italian)  80  DimSum lunch / Cantonese
A  Naan N’Curry  B  Napa Valley Winery Exchange
C  Irish House Pub  E  Napa Valley Winery Exchange
F  Taylor St. Coffee shop (breakfast + lunch)  G  Sunflower café (European style sandwiches + breakfasts)
H  Santorinin Mediterranean  I  Dojima An-Japanese
J  Lori’s diner. 100+ beers, 52 on tap  J  Tad’s deli/café
L  Bangkok Thai  M  Bakery
N  Jazz Bistro American food + late night Jazz (www.jazzbistrosf.com)  O  Bella Lucca Pizza by the slice
P  Chabaa Thai  Q  Katana-Ya Japanese
R  Biscuits + Blues (blues club, above Jack-in the Box)  S  David’s delicatessen
T  Walgreens
V  The Mortimer Bar (Adagio Hotel)
X  Mango’s café (European)
Z  High Tide Bar (best dive bar in SF)
AB  Pizza by the slice
AD  hamburger place (so-so)
AF  Angel café & deli

AH  Alla Turka (best Turkish food in SF)
AJ  Thai house express
AL  Edinburgh Castle Bar (great atmosphere!, sometimes live music)
AN  Mel’s burgers (an old-fashioned burger place / soda counter)
BB  Diva’s nightclub (best for TG/TV in the area)
BD  Hemlock Bar (a top choice!)
BF  Upcider (ciders and sliders, http://www.upcidersf.com)
BH  Sliders (burgers)
BJ  McTeagues (great bar)
BL  Chai-Yo Thai and pastry shop
BN  Fourth wave coffee shop

BQ  Myconos Greek food
BS  The swan oyster depot (best cheap seafood in the city, but you’ll wait in line a long while!)
CB  Bob’s donuts (best donuts in the city, plate sized glazed donuts)
CE  Olivo’s Mexican and Salvadoran food (excellent!)

CG  Deco bar (TV/TG)
CI  Phoenix hotel (where all the Rock stars stay)
CK  Bahn Mi Lees (Vietnamese sandwiches)
CM  Pagolac Vietnamese
CP  International Hostel
DA  Chinese fast food
DC  Oz lounge (music)
DE  Mediterranean food

DG  Taqueria Mana
DJ  Sotaro Grill Mexican food
DL  Otis lounge & DJ club
DN  Taza café
DP  Akiko’s Sushi
DR  Coco Bang Korean BBQ

U  Backpackers Hostel + Bike Rental
W  Swig (swanky bar)
Y  Taqueria El Sol (not as good as the Mission)
AA  Halal meats grocery
AC  Mediterranean sandwiches
AE  RJ’s sports bar (good dive bar)
AG  Whisky thieves (good dive bar abounds with tattooed patrons)
AI  Mid-City foods + El Tesoro Taqueria (great carnitas!)
AK  Irving pizza
AM  Tommy’s Joynt, great food and 100+ beers from around the world. A tradition fro over 100 years
BA  Yama-Sho karaoke

BC  Wing Lum chinese
BE  Vertigo Bar & Dancing
BG  Moroccan food
BI  Mayes (great bar)
BK  La Fina Estampa Peruvian (ok)
BM  Picadilly fish&chips
BO  Victor’s pizza and Italian food (terrific locals place!)
BR  Crustacean (a fancy and expensive but terrific seafood restaurant)
CA  Dunya Mediterranean
CC  Korean BBQ joint
CF  Harrington’s Irish pub

CH  Saigon sandwich
CJ  Red Crawfish (Asian-Cajun fusion)
CL  Pho 2000 (Vietnamese noodle soup)
CN  Them Ky Vietnamese
CO  Lers Ros
DB  Murphy’s pub
DD  Working Girl’s café
DF  Irish bank (down Mark lane – good looking Irish pub!)

DH  Persimmon café (American/Mediterranean)
DK  Bistro 69 café
DM  Chinese lunch plate
DO  Café Encore
DQ  Café Chanta Hookah lounge
QQ  Liquor Stores
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