



## **San Francisco itineraries: One day, weekend or week**

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While it's certainly true that San Francisco is a city best savored slowly and not slurped down in one big gulp, it's also true that no amount of time spent in the City by the Bay is wasted time. The following itineraries will help you make the most of your stay, whether you've got a day, a weekend or a week to spare.

### **One Day**

Your plane has landed, you've collected your bags, and you've got only 24 hours to soak up the sights. Ditch the luggage and hop a BART train from the airport straight to downtown. Get off at Powell Street and you can check off your first authentic San Francisco treat from the to-do list: the world-famous cable cars. Powell Street station is the terminus for the Fisherman's Wharf lines, but don't ride the running boards just yet.

Make a detour to Pier 39 to visit the resident sea-lebrities on the west-side docks. The barking, belching, herring-eating sea lions have been happily ensconced here since 1990, having shown up one bright January day with an attitude and an appetite that permanently drove out the fishing boats. If you have time, make your last stop the Boudin bakery on Jefferson Street. As iconic to San Francisco as earthquakes, cable cars and liberal politics, Boudin's sourdough bread is still made from a mother dough first cultivated here in 1849. You can watch the bread-making process from the railing overlooking their showcase kitchen, and stock up on a few loaves.