

YOUR ARTS & CULTURAL GUIDE TO

# GOLDEN GATE PARK & THE PRESIDIO

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The [Golden Gate Park](#) and [Presidio](#) area supply award-winning exhibits, family-friendly art workshops, and diverse cultural activities all within 2,500 acres.

## 01 DISCOVER THE LARGEST REPOSITORY OF WORKS OF ART ON PAPER IN THE WESTERN U.S.

Featuring more than 90,000 works of graphic arts

The [Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts](#) (AFGA) hosts the [de Young's](#) collection of works of art on paper: prints, drawings and artist books. Selections from the collection are exhibited in rotating exhibitions in specially designated galleries at the de Young. When they formed the collection, the Achenbachs intended that it would systematically illustrate the entire development of the graphic arts, from the 15th century to the present day. Through gifts, purchases and the generous support of additional donors, curators of the AFGA have worked steadily over the years to realize this goal, filling in gaps and moving the collection forward into the 21st century. Many of these additional acquisitions form the basis for special collections within the department, such as the [Anderson Collection of Graphic Arts](#).

## 02 EXPLORE WALT DISNEY'S LEGACY IN SAN FRANCISCO

Inspire your family through conversation, creativity and collaborative learning

Crafted with children and their accompanying adults in mind, **The Walt Disney Family Museum** hosts interactive **family programs** including: storytelling, festival days, animation, art making and more. The **Stories on Stage** program offers families with young children an opportunity to enjoy tales from around the globe-retold by story performers in an interactive atmosphere-and teaches new ways to tell your own story. Several **Open Studio** programs allow young ones and their accompanying adults to create artwork inspired by exhibitions on view at the museum.

## 03 TOUR THE GREENEST MUSEUM ON EARTH

An up-close-and-personal look at the Academy's exhibits, live animals and research endeavors

A tour of the **California Academy of Sciences** offers visitors an opportunity to peek into the vault of rare gems, traverse the Aquarium pipes, and learn why it's the greenest museum on Earth. The popular **Behind-the-Scenes Tours** are offered hourly throughout the day, including The **Aquarium Tour**, which covers the history and current animal residents of Steinhart Aquarium and looks at how biologists care for them. The **Nightlife VIP Tour**, offered every Thursday night for visitors ages 21 and over, provides VIP access to the museum, cocktails, and a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum's diverse collection.

## 04 SIGHT AND SOUND COMBINE AT THE LEGION OF HONOR

An artistic experience that affects your senses

The **Legion of Honor's** Skinner Organ is one of the few organs ever made that projects music both indoors and outdoors. View extraordinary works of art as you listen to a free concert (after museum admission) every Saturday and Sunday at 4 p.m. The organ concerts take place in Gallery 10 and you can check out the **lineup of musical performers** here.

## 05 SAN FRANCISCO'S MOST HISTORIC BUILDING IS HOME TO CULTURE, FOOD AND FAMILY FUN

The club features engaging exhibits inspired by events that shaped the Presidio and influenced the nation

Throughout the 20th century, the renowned **Presidio Officers' Club** was an exclusive gathering place for Army brass and their families. In 2014, the club reopened as a fully public cultural destination following a three-year award-winning renovation. Enjoy topical discussions, live music and dance, and creative family activities, all free to the public and sponsored by the Presidio Trust, in partnership with cultural institutions from across the Bay Area. Events include: Presidio Dialogues with notable authors, artists and conversation starters; **Presidio Sessions** with jazz, contemporary and classical music from Bay Area performers; Creative Family Fun hosted every weekend for creative craft making and much more!

LINKS TO HELP PLAN YOUR TOUR

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