

BEST AFTER-WORK BAR

Il Pirata 2007 16th St (415) 626-2626
Get hooked on this little cove in SOMA.

Zeitgeist 199 Valencia St (415) 255-7505
Go whole hog! The Zeitgeist has a rock attitude and enough outdoor seating for all your biker friends.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Irish Bank** 10 Mark Ln (415) 788-7152
The dusky interior and boisterous crowd here might have you singing "When Irish Eyes are Smiling."

111 Minna 111 Minna St (415) 974-1719
This chic little gallery/bar/nightclub maintains an edgy New York feel in the heart of SOMA.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **The Cellar** 685 Sutter St (415) 441-5678
Voted Best After-Work Bar by Citysearch users!

BEST ANTIQUE SHOPPING

Decodence 1684 Market St (415) 553-4525
Anyone who's had a love affair with Art Deco should get ready for some true decadence.

Golden Gate Antiques 1564 Market St (415) 626-3377
A general antiques store that's scruffy on the outside, polished on the inside.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Trout Farm—Retrospect Fine Furniture**
1649 Market St (415) 863-7414
If you're looking to spruce up your pad with some retro furnishings, drop by these upscale Market Street stores.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Gaslight & Shadows Antiques**
2335 Clement St (415) 387-0633
Hunting for treasure has never been so much fun—or so educational—as at this eclectic Richmond store.

Beaver Bros Antiques 1637 Market St (415) 863-4344
Indulge in the dual thrill of treasure hunting and strolling down memory lane.

BEST ATTRACTION FOR VISITORS

Golden Gate Park
Sharon Meadow, Bowling Green Dr and Kezar Dr (415) 831-2700
Built a century ago to rival Central Park, our urban oasis far surpasses NYC's little patch of green.

Coit Tower 1 Telegraph Hill Blvd (415) 362-0808
Fashioned in the shape of a fireman's...um...nozzle, this phallic monument features WPA paintings and beautiful views.

Alcatraz Golden Gate NRA (415) 705-5555
Rising from the middle of the San Francisco Bay, Alcatraz Island fairly drips with a sense of danger and notoriety.

Fisherman's Wharf The Embarcadero and Taylor St,
You can still find plenty of romance at Fisherman's Wharf, even that authentic aura that you might have guessed vanished long ago.

San Francisco City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Proudly referred to as the "Crown Jewel" of San Francisco.

BEST BARBECUE

Big Nate's Barbecue 1665 Folsom St (415) 861-4242
Not much ambiance here, but solid chicken, links and ribs, and a formidable Memphis-style pulled-pork sandwich.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Brother-in-Law's Bar-B-Que**
705 Divisadero St (415) 931-7427
There's no better place when you get a hankering for ribs, baked beans and corn bread.

Brother's Korean Restaurant 4128 Geary Blvd (415) 387-7991
Judging by the crowds outside and the whispers of insiders, this is one of San Francisco's favorite Korean restaurants.

Everett & Jones Barbeque
3411 Telegraph Ave Oakland (510) 601-9377
Classic barbeque and fast service keep the crowds coming back to this East Bay barbeque joint.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Flint's** 6609 Shattuck Ave Oakland (510) 652-9605
Distinctive barbeque makes up for the attitudinous service at this East Bay favorite.

BEST BARGAIN HOTEL

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **Phoenix Hotel** 601 Eddy St (415) 776-1380
This retro-swanky motor lodge is a hot destination for stylish, cocktail-swilling hipsters.

Commodore Hotel 825 Sutter St (415) 923-6800
This affordable hotel offers comfortable, colorful and kooky surroundings for European travelers and black-clad creative types.

Stanyan Park Hotel 750 Stanyan St (415) 751-1000
No place like home? This cozy Victorian may be the next best thing.

Metro Hotel 319 Divisadero St (415) 861-5364
Clean, affordable and centrally located, this hotel is a perfect stop for the visitor on a budget.

Hotel Del Sol 3100 Webster St (415) 921-5520
A colorful, kitschy and affordable boutique hotel located in the heart of the Marina District.

BEST BIG EVENT

Fringe Festival All over the Bay Area (415) 931-1094
The Fringe Festival returns annually with an awesome, awful and absolutely ridiculous array of new theater.



Pride Parade

Half a million revelers climb into their queer identities and put on a show for all the world to see.

Folsom Street Fair

A megaspectacle of public sex and mayhem, Folsom's THE fair for frenzied fetishists.

Bay to Breakers

Nudists, nuns on roller skates and world-class athletes compete in this 12k race that could only happen in San Francisco.

San Francisco International Film Festival

Come for the beret-bedecked social scene or the great films and visiting directors; either way this festival will blow your mind.

BEST BOOKSTORE

A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books

601 Van Ness Ave (415) 441-6670

After more than 20 years, this independent bookstore is still one of San Francisco's favorites.

Booksmith 1644 Haight St (415) 863-8688

A Haight Street bookstore specializing in new literary fiction and hard to find titles.

AUDIENCE WINNER! Green Apple Books & Music

506 Clement St (415) 387-2272

A fabulous, bookstrewn urban oasis that's been a Bay Area readers' refuge for 30 years.

EDITORIAL WINNER! Moe's Books 2476 Telegraph Ave Berkeley (510) 849-2087

Prepare to wander the aisles for hours and spend more than you can afford on tomes and poems.

Cody's Books (4th St) 1730 4th St Berkeley (510) 559-9500

Since 1956, this Berkeley bookstore has offered readers the best selection of books in the Bay Area.

BEST BOWLING ALLEY

EDITORIAL WINNER! Serra Bowl 3301 Junipero Serra Blvd Daly City (650) 992-3444

It's open 24-7; it's got a full-service pro-shop; it's got 44 lanes—this one goes out to the hardcore.

Sea Bowl 4625 Coast Hwy Pacifica (650) 738-8190

Beautiful views of the Pacific, laser shows and deep house—Toto, we're not bowling in Kansas anymore.

Brentwood Bowl 237 El Camino Real South San Francisco (415) 583-1056

Walk inside this small, family-owned bowling alley, and you'll swear you've gone back in time to bowling's golden age—the '50s.

Presidio Bowling Center

Presidio of San Francisco Bldg 93 (415) 561-BOWL

Hidden in the middle of a former army base, this tiny bowling alley easily overcomes its lack of size with a mega-dose of charm.

AMF Southshore Lanes 300 Park St Alameda (510) 521-1117

Forty lanes, a cocktail bar, pool tables and an arcade, all topped off with some laid-back East Bay flava.

BEST BREAKFAST

Sears Fine Foods 439 Powell St (415) 986-1160

In the heart of Union Square, this old-fashioned diner is a mecca for tourists seeking authentic San Francisco flavor; even locals admit this is the real deal.

Miss Millie's 4123 24th St (415) 285-5598

This Noe Valley eatery combines neighborly charm with delectable takes on breakfast and brunch fare.

AUDIENCE WINNER! Ella's 500 Presidio Ave (415) 441-5669

Even the dreariest weekday afternoons find a line at this beloved restaurant, which serves up delectable food and famous pastries.

Doidge's 2217 Union St (415) 921-2149

Some critics say this is the best American breakfast in the country, and some days it seems like the whole country is trying to get in.

EDITORIAL WINNER! Bette's Oceanview Diner

1807 4th St Berkeley (510) 644-3230

The early bird gets the worm at this Berkeley favorite; late-risers will wait forever, but the food is worth every minute.

BEST BURRITO

Pancho Villa Taqueria 3071 16th St (415) 864-8840

Some of the best tacos and burritos in town, and a feast for the eyes as well.

EDITORIAL WINNER! El Farolito 2779 Mission St (415) 824-7877

What this local chain lacks in ambiance it more than makes up for with top-shelf burritos and tacos.

Casa Sanchez 2778 24th St (415) 282-2400

This venerable taqueria is a well-loved monument to classic Mission District dining.

Taqueria Cancun 2288 Mission St (415) 252-9560

Like any good burrito spot, Cancun is fun, tasty and really cheap.

AUDIENCE WINNER! La Taqueria 2889 Mission St (415) 285-7117

This nondescript Mission Street haunt serves hearty Mexican favorites for pocket change.

BEST CHEAP EATS

EDITORIAL WINNER! Pakwan 3182 16th St (415) 776-0160

Locals are lining up for cheap, filling and delicious Indian curries, tandooris and daals.

AUDIENCE WINNER! Chow 215 Church St (415) 552-2469

The unpretentious vibe, eclectic menu and surprisingly reasonable prices make this hip pan-global diner a homegrown success story.

Alamo Square Seafood Grill 803 Fillmore St (415) 440-2828

Sing for your supper at this appealing, bargain-priced neighborhood bistro.

House of Nanking 919 Kearny St (415) 421-1429

Locals will forever debate its authenticity, but's hard to go wrong at this busy and absurdly good eatery.

Yokoso Nippon 314 Church St

Low prices, large portions and offbeat charm continue to lure locals to this Castro sushi joint.



BEST CHEAP SEATS/FREE ART

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Theatre Bay Area** 870 Market St, #375 (415) 430-1140
Serving 250 theaters and more than 3,000 individual members in Northern California, TBA is a lightning rod for local theater.

Amoeba Records 1855 Haight St (415) 831-1200
With its majestic aural offerings, this store is becoming a bigger tourist attraction than the Golden Gate Bridge.

Open Studios Galleries All Over The City (415) 861-9838
Hundreds of local artists open their studio doors each year, revealing the blood, sweat and tears that go into creating art.

Stern Grove Festival
Jun 17-Aug 19, Sundays, 2pm, Stern Grove (19th Ave at Sloat)
The sound of outstanding music, the scent of eucalyptus trees and free admission. What could be better?

First Thursdays Downtown Galleries (415) 626-7498
Whether you go to drink free wine or ogle over the art, this monthly event is a true class act.

BEST CHINESE FOOD

Firecracker 1007 1/2 Valencia St (415) 642-3470
Greaseless updates of traditional Chinese dishes provide a big bang of deliciousness.

Sing Restaurant 101 Spear St (415) 957-9300
You'll find superb dim sum at this perpetual fave, but be prepared to wait.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Ton Kiang** 5821 Geary Blvd (415) 387-8273
One of San Francisco's best Chinese restaurants, with killer dim sum.

Brandy Ho's Hunan Food 217 Columbus Ave (415) 788-7527
Some of the hottest—and perhaps the best—Hunan in the city.

Great Eastern Restaurant 649 Jackson St (415) 986-2500
For Hong Kong-style seafood more authentic than this, you'll have to go to the source.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Eric's Restaurant** 1500 Church St (415) 282-0919
Voted Best Chinese Food by Citysearch users!

BEST CLUB DJ

J-Boogie
The versatile DJ's deep grooves have made him a favorite on the dial and in clubs all over the city.

Vinnie Esparza
Steady waxin', maxin' and quietly dominating the SF scene with his Spanish fly blend of exotic beats.

Ellen Ferrato
A sought-after scenester whose user-friendly house tracks get her crowds grooving.

Ruben Mancias

Long a secret of the gay underground, Ruben's blowing up all over these days.

Peanut Butter Wolf

The turntable whiz kid lays his tasty breaks on thick, with the crust cut off.

BEST CLUB NIGHT

Club Evolution

Third Fridays: Monthly sounds of love for those ready to work it out on the dance floor.

Electric

Second Fridays: Shocking! A great vibe and that deep house feeling light up Townsend's dance floor.

Atmosfere

DJ Said's international-flavored house party celebrates two wonderful years.

Scuba

Second Saturdays: Get in deep with the Naked Music crew at another skintight affair featuring very danceable sounds.

Oxygen at 111 Minna

First Fridays: A San Francisco tradition that will lift you up and leave you wet.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Six** 60 Sixth St (415) 863-1221
Voted Best Club Night by Citysearch users!

BEST COLLEGE BAR/CLUB

Chalkers 101 Spear St (415) 512-0450
This tricked-out billiards club keeps several balls in the air.

Fulton Street 1785 Fulton St (415) 292-7564
If you were stranded on an island and could only take one bar with you, you'd be wise to make it this one.

The Graduate 6202 Claremont Ave Oakland (510) 655-8847
The only graduation here is in stages of intoxication.

Kip's Restaurant 2439 Durant Ave Berkeley (510) 848-4340
If Cal ever goes to the Rose Bowl, this grungy college sports bar will spontaneously combust.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Blakes on Telegraph**
2367 Telegraph Ave Berkeley (877) 488-6533

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Six** 60 Sixth St (415) 863-1221
Voted Best College Bar/Club by Citysearch users!

BEST COMFORT FOOD

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Powell's Place** 511 Hayes St (415) 863-1404
This eatery serves soul food so good, passers-by have been known to exclaim, "You'll love this place!"

Blue Plate 3218 Mission St (415) 282-6777
Solid, inventive Cal cuisine meets cuter-than-cute decor and staff.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Park Chow** 1240 Ninth Ave (415) 665-9912
The funky setting and very affordable, better-than-average food keep the crowds coming.

Spengers Fresh Fish Grotto
1919 Fourth St Berkeley (510) 845-7771
This Berkeley landmark isn't exactly breaking new ground, but it offers tasty, filling seafood in a classic nautical-themed atmosphere.



BEST CUP OF COFFEE

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AUDIENCE
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Peet's Coffee & Tea

2139 Polk St (415) 474-1871

A high-quality, locally-born alternative to that other coffee chain.

Martha & Brothers Coffee Company

3868 24th St (415) 641-4433

In a city overrun by big-name chains, this home-grown success story warms the heart with great service and killer java.

Caffe Trieste

609 Vallejo St (415) 982-2605
Rich, world-class coffee and dramatic operatics are the draw at this venerable North Beach haunt.

BEST DANCE CLUB

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ENDUP

401 6th St (415) 357-0827
Twenty-seven years and counting for this bastion of club-kid bacchanalia.

The Top

424 Haight St (415) 864-7386

Spin right round at this little zenith of SF turntablist culture.

Justice League

628 Divisadero St (415) 440-0409
Showcasing top names in hip-hop and electronica, this club helped put SF on the map as a DJ-music mecca.

550 Barneveld

550 Barneveld Ave (415) 550-6886
Even underground grumps will admit to having fun at this huge hot spot with a killer sound system.

1015 Folsom

1015 Folsom St (415) 431-1200
Club kids line up around the block for killer sound, dazzling lights and some of the world's biggest DJs.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Six

60 Sixth St (415) 863-1221

Voted Best Dance Club by Citysearch users!

BEST DANCE COMPANY

Lines Contemporary Ballet

50 Oak St, Fl 4 (415) 863-3040
A multicultural and inventive bunch, Alonzo King's ballet troupe views dance as an extension of life.

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Joe Goode Performance Group

290 A Napoleon St (415) 648-4848

This group of performers innovatively blends dance, text, song and humor to create groundbreaking, physical works of performance art.

ODC/ San Francisco (Dance Company)

3153 17th St, Fl 2 (415) 863-6606

A contemporary dance troupe with an international reputation for grace, wit and athleticism.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

San Francisco Ballet

455 Franklin St (415) 861-5600
Truly world-class, these dancers excel in a variety of styles that match the artistry of their top-notch choreographers.

Capacitor

1448 Pine St, Suite 304 (415) 820-4860
Hot enough to set the stage aflame, this San Francisco-based sensation is burning its way through the Bay Area.

BEST DAY SPA

Sheirling Salon & Spa

525 Second St (415) 974-6940
A salon and spa offering an impressive array of treatments and an Earth-friendly philosophy.

EDITORIAL
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Kabuki Springs & Spa

1750 Geary Blvd (415) 922-6000
In this Japantown spa, the mysteries of the East are revealed for less than the cost of a good sushi dinner.

Spa Claremont

41 Tunnel Rd Berkeley (510) 843-3000
As long as tossing away a few hundred dollars doesn't stress you out, this magnificent getaway is sure to relax.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

re:refresh

1130 Post St (415) 563-2316
Since opening in May 2000, this spa has become a favorite with the Bay Area's massage-and-facials crowd.

Nob Hill Spa

Huntington Hotel, 1075 California St (415) 345-2888
The posh address makes this spa a favorite among SF's relaxation-hungry glitterati.

BEST DAYTRIP

Point Reyes Beach

Point Reyes National Seashore Point Reyes Station (415) 663-1092
California dreaming with a German Expressionist twist, this beach is best in winter when the north winds howl.

Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz
An earthy and exotic beach town that renegade hippies and patchouli-scented coeds call home.

Monterey

Monterey
This beautiful town has far more to offer than tourist-trapped Cannery Row and sailor-themed restaurants.

Mendocino

Mendocino
A picture-postcard coastal town too pretty to mail to anyone but yourself.

Napa Valley

Napa Valley
Despite its Disneyfied atmosphere and oppressive crowds, the center of wine country boasts excellent vintages and fogless scenery.

BEST DESSERT

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Victoria Pastry Co.

1362 Stockton St (415) 781-2015
Traditional wedding cakes made to order at this perennial North Beach bakery.

Virginia Bakery

1690 Shattuck Ave Berkeley (510) 848-6711
Around long before anyone parsed the phrase "Gourmet Ghetto," its homey baked goods are as delicious as ever.

Alfred Schilling

1695 Market St (415) 431-8447
A delicious sidewalk cafe nestled right on Market Street, serving exquisite pastries and chocolate confections.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Citizen Cake

399 Grove St (415) 861-2228
This modish bakery and cafe serves some of the tastiest (and wittiest) baked goods in town.

BEST FAMILY OUTING

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Exploratorium

3601 Lyon St (415) EXP-LORE
This Disneyland of science museums offers a wonderful collision of technology, nature and art.



Pacific Bell Park 24 Willie Mays Plaza (514) 790-1245
You can see the players' eyes. You can see the entire city. Right-field homers go splash in the bay.

Angel Island State Park Northwest of Alcatraz Island (800) 444-PARK
Earn your wings on this island of incredible beauty, haunted by the bittersweet memory of its one-time immigrants.

Santa Cruz Boardwalk Santa Cruz
Bring the family but beware of the Big Dipper, a terrifying rollercoaster that just might harsh your Santa Cruz mellow.

Chabot Space and Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd Oakland (510) 336-7300
Explore eclipses, supernovae and black holes, or take a trip to Antarctica after you visit the heart of the sun.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Zeum** 221 4th St (415) 777-2800
Voted Best Family Outing by Citysearch users!

BEST FREE ATTRACTION

Golden Gate Park
Sharon Meadow, Bowling Green Dr and Kezar Dr (415) 831-2700
Built a century ago to rival Central Park, our urban oasis far surpasses NYC's little patch of green.

Crissy Field Restored! Southeast Presidio
The one-time broken asphalt wasteland has been turned into a gorgeous shoreline park.

Golden Gate Bridge (415) 921-5858
The beautiful old red bridge has become the defining symbol of the Bay Area.

Lombard Street Between Hyde and Leavenworth Sts
Sharp curves, lush flora and beautiful views make the "Crookedest Street in the World" a favorite stop for visitors.

Twin Peaks
In a city famous for its views, this vista stands out as one of the most spectacular.

BEST FRENCH RESTAURANT

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Masa's** 648 Bush St (415) 989-7154
After a couple of wilderness years, this elegant dining room reclaims its place among the city's finest eateries.

Fleur de Lys 777 Sutter St (415) 673-7779
Find an inventive, Californian spin on refined French cuisine at this high-ticket powerhouse.

Gary Danko 800 N Point St (415) 749-2060
Behind the polished wood and careful lighting is a paean to quality cooking, and chef Danko's creations approach the flawless.

La Folie 2316 Polk St (415) 776-5577
An appealing paradox, this long-standing favorite combines the feel of a competent neighborhood joint with exquisite, creative French cuisine.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **The French Laundry**
6640 Washington St Yountville (707) 944-2380
The Vatican, Graceland and Yankee Stadium of the culinary world, it shows no signs of flagging.

BEST FRIES

Zuni 1658 Market St (415) 552-2522
Twenty-plus years old, Zuni still possesses a timely chic, reverberating with an unmistakable air of anticipation on busy evenings.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Frijtz** 579 Hayes St (415) 864-7654
This little slice of Belgium sports thick beer, great fries and a soothingly funky patio.

Fog City Diner 1300 Battery St (415) 982-2000
This retro bayside eatery offers an exceptional experience in fine diner-ing.

Mo's Gourmet Hamburgers 1322 Grant Ave (415) 788-3779
Don't be fooled by the ice-cream-parlor atmosphere: you'll find some of the best burgers in the city here.

Barney's Gourmet Hamburgers
5819 College Ave Oakland (510) 601-0444
Tucked in Oakland's popular Rockridge neighborhood, Barney's is famous for its gigantic burgers.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **McDonalds Corp**
2527 Camino Ramon San Ramon (925) 904-3000
Voted Best Fries by Citysearch users!

BEST GALLERY

Intersection for the Arts 446 Valencia St (415) 626-2787
This multidisciplinary mainstay is one of San Francisco's oldest and most esteemed arts venues.

SF Camerawork Gallery & Bookstore
1246 Folsom St (415) 863-1001
A venue for emerging contemporary photographers, this cutting-edge nonprofit gallery has a vital presence in San Francisco.

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts 701 Mission St (415) 978-2787
Occupying 5.5 acres of prime picnic-friendly real estate, Center for the Arts is a frothy mecca for multicultural arts.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **111 Minna** 111 Minna St (415) 974-1719
This chic little gallery/bar/nightclub maintains an edgy New York feel in the heart of SOMA.

Catharine Clark Gallery 49 Geary, Second Floor (415) 399-1439
Housed in the gallery-packed 49 Geary building, this little gem offers the latest in emerging, contemporary art.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Hang** 556 Sutter St (415) 434-4264
Voted Best Gallery by Citysearch users!

BEST GAY BAR

The Stud 399 9th St (415) 252-7883
A legendary pit stop for boys and girls headed for the finish line.

Lexington Club 3464 19th St (415) 863-2052
The ladies love its come-hither decor and hip attitude.

Harvey's 500 Castro St (415) 431-HARV
Got Milk? A good-time monument to cruising and queer lib.

The Cafe 2367 Market St (415) 861-3846
A Castro mainstay for young queer folk in the mood to dance.



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Pilsner Inn 225 Church St (415) 621-7058
It's nice to know there's still a neighborhood bar where you can just get drunk and pick up a stranger.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Six 60 Sixth St (415) 863-1221
Voted Best Gay Bar by Citysearch users!

BEST GOURMET STORE

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Yum 1750 Market St (415) 626-9866
In a city ruled by its stomach, serious cooks should take note of this action-packed gourmet food store.

Rainbow Grocery Cooperative, Inc.

1745 Folsom St (415) 863-0620
Somewhere over this Rainbow you'll find delicious gourmet items and crunchy granola shoppers.

Sur La Table

77 Maiden Ln (415) 732-7900
You'll find everything from cooking classes to the latest kitchen accoutrements at this upscale store.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Berkeley Bowl 2020 Oregon St Berkeley (510) 843-6929
Affectionately dubbed "the stroll" by loyal shoppers, this popular marketplace is a budget-conscious organic shopper's oasis.

Draeger's Supermarket

1010 University Dr Menlo Park (650) 324-7700
Proof that happiness can indeed be bought.

BEST GYM

Mission Cliffs Rock Climbing Center

2295 Harrison St (415) 550-0515
Bring out your inner human fly.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

YMCA—Embarcadero 169 Steuart St (415) 957-9622
A wide selection of equipment, a big pool and great views make this Y one of the city's best.

Bay Club of San Francisco

150 Greenwich St (415) 433-2200
It's pricey, it's toney, but in this case, you get what you pay for.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

24 Hour Fitness—Potrero Hill
1645 Bryant St (415) 437-4188
The club may be bare-bones, but it has tons of equipment and the most convenient schedule of all time.

ClubOne—Oakland City Center

1200 Clay St Oakland (510) 895-1010
The lobby to this facility looks like a hotel, not a gym. 'Nuff said.

BEST HAMBURGER

Zuni 1658 Market St (415) 552-2522
Twenty-plus years old, Zuni still possesses a timely chic, reverberating with an unmistakable air of anticipation on busy evenings.

Burger Joint 807 Valencia St (415) 824-3494
Lots of crowd-pleasing food at great down-to-earth prices. Just shield your eyes from the Day-Glo color combos.

Clown Alley 42 Columbus Ave (415) 421-2540
Find outstanding burgers at this no-frills San Francisco institution.

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5819 College Ave Oakland (510) 601-0444
Tucked in Oakland's popular Rockridge neighborhood, Barney's is famous for its gigantic burgers.

BEST HOME DECOR STORE

X-21 Modern 890 Valencia St (415) 647-4211
This Mission District antique, junk and prop shop has what you need for camp or classic home decor.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Other Shop II 327 Divisadero St (415) 621-5424
This purveyor of groovy, space-age home furnishings and other vintage goods is an ironic decorator's dream.

IKEA 4400 Shellmound St Emeryville (510) 420-4532
This enormous furniture superstore will thrill budget shoppers but disappoint those searching for something different.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Crate and Barrel 55 Stockton St (415) 982-5200
A three-story wonderland of home furnishings that will leave you dying to redecorate.

SUMA 1224 9th Ave (415) 759-7862
Southeast Asia comes to the Inner Sunset.

BEST ICE CREAM

Double Rainbow 519 Powell St (415) 982-3097
Dubbed "San Francisco's all-natural ice cream", this local chain delivers a quick, inexpensive and cooling sugar fix.

EDITORIAL
and
AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Mitchell's Ice Cream
688 San Jose Ave (415) 648-2300
As far as sweet frozen confections go, this is the only game in town.

St. Francis Fountain 2801 24th St (415) 826-4200
France has its wine and Germany its beer, but only Americans thought of mixing milk, chocolate and seltzer water into the ingenious egg cream soda.

Rory's Gourmet Ice Cream Factory
2015 Fillmore St (415) 346-3692
Whimsical decor and inspired flavors make this very San Franciscan ice cream parlor a local favorite.

BEST ITALIAN FOOD

Delfina 3621 18th St (415) 552-4055
The Mission's first-rate neighborhood Italian joint—hip, comfortable and consistent.

Zinzino 2355 Chestnut St (415) 346-6623
Light, flavorful Italian dishes shine at this eclectically decorated hideaway.

Rose Pistola 532 Columbus Ave (415) 399-0499
Already a landmark, this immensely popular trattoria typifies the new North Beach scene, with good Italian food and an always-hopping bar scene.

Oliveto Cafe and Restaurant
5655 College Ave Oakland (510) 547-5356
Chef Paul Bertolli, formerly of Chez Panisse, is a stickler for detail, and his restaurant is a bastion of authentic Northern Italian cuisine.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Rivoli 1539 Solano Ave Berkeley (510) 526-2542
Opening in February 1994 to rave reviews, this has been among the East Bay's top spots ever since.



AUDIENCE WINNER!

Ristorante Milano 1448 Pacific St (415) 673-2961
Voted Best Italian Food by Citysearch users!

BEST JUKEBOX

Dalva 3121 16th St (415) 252-7740

A soothing, dark interior and a rich blend of tunes: That's the Dalva Bar!

EDITORIAL WINNER!

Taqueria Cancun 2288 Mission St (415) 252-9560
Like any good burrito spot, Cancun is fun, tasty and really cheap.

Treat Street Cocktails 3050 24th St (415) 824-5954

This hip rock-and-roller's roost is a great place to sink a beer while air-guitaring to Van Halen.

Tosca Cafe 242 Columbus Ave (415) 986-9651

A diva of dives that boasts Old World ambience, one of the classiest jukeboxes in town.

AUDIENCE WINNER!

Kennedy's Irish Pub and Curry House
1040 Columbus (415) 441-8855
Voted Best Jukebox by Citysearch users!

BEST KID-FRIENDLY RESTAURANT

Buca di Beppo 855 Howard St (415) 543-7673

Hearty food, crazy decor and a lively staff come together for boistrous fun at this charming chain restaurants.

Pluto's Fresh Food for a Hungry Universe

627 Irving St (415) 753-8867

Earth-shatteringly hearty and satisfying food for down-to-earth prices at this low-key favorite.

AUDIENCE WINNER!

Mel's Drive-In 2165 Lombard St (415) 921-3039
Immortalized in "American Graffiti," this '50s-style diner serves up hearty fare with few surprises.

EDITORIAL WINNER!

In the Night Kitchen 101 4th St, 4th Floor (415) 369-6080
Ostensibly for kids, the menu at this Sendak-themed attraction in the Metreon features beyond-comfort food for adults.

BEST LATE-NIGHT DINING

Absinthe Brasserie and Bar 398 Hayes St (415) 551-1590

This Hayes Valley hot spot boasts an upscale bar scene and a Californian take on classic bistro fare.

Osha Thai Noodle Cafe 696 Geary Blvd (415) 673-2368

The epitome of cheap, clean and cheerful, and your best bet for pad thai at 3am.

La Rondalla 901 Valencia St (415) 647-7474

One of the Mission's busiest and kitschiest sit-down Mexican spots.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER!

Globe Restaurant 290 Pacific Ave (415) 391-4132
Go one toque over the line at this late-night eatery beloved by some of San Francisco's top chefs.

Baghdad Cafe 2295 Market St (415) 621-4434

Tasty, airy and fun, this popular cafe comes close to epitomizing the spirit of the Castro.

BEST LOCAL MUSIC ACT

Green Day

Even as these pop-punkers sell their bouncy melodies and chunky guitar to millions worldwide, they remain bratty East Bay boys.

Quannum

Anyone bemoaning the thuggish state of hip-hop should look to this crew for proof that all is not lost.

Ledisi

The Bay Area makes its own contribution to today's soul renaissance in the form of this incomparable crooner.

Live Human

Out-there experimental hip-hop that bridges the live band—DJ divide.

Marcus Shelby

The ubiquitous bassist brings top-flight jazz to the clubs and to the performing arts.

BEST LUXURY HOTEL

Hotel Nikko 222 Mason St (415) 394-1318

Ultra-contemporary design and traditional Japanese flourishes make this an elegant stop for discriminating international business travellers.

EDITORIAL WINNER!

Palace Hotel 2 New Montgomery St (415) 512-1111

Crystal chandeliers, plush carpets, stained glass ceilings and elegant palms transport guests to turn-of-the-century San Francisco.

Mark Hopkins Inter-Continental Hotel

One Nob Hill (415) 392-3434

History and glamour abound at this Nob Hill landmark.

AUDIENCE WINNER!

Ritz-Carlton San Francisco

600 Stockton St (415) 296-7465 (800) 241-3333

Polished marble and museum-quality art make this historic hotel a must for the moneyed cognoscenti.

W Hotel 181 Third St (415) 777-5300

Sleek, modern, business-and-pleasure hotel for the young, black-clad and wealthy.

BEST MARGARITA

Chevy's Fresh Mex 201 3rd St (415) 543-8060

A Mexican restaurant chain with a difference: The food is terrific.

Puerto Alegre Restaurant 546 Valencia St (415) 255-8201

This neighborhood favorite packs 'em in every night for top-notch margaritas and their antidote—starchy Mexican food.

La Rondalla 901 Valencia St (415) 647-7474

One of the Mission's busiest and kitschiest sit-down Mexican spots.

Sweet Heat 1725 Haight St (415) 387-8845

A full blast of healthy South-of-the-Border flavor, featuring strong and fruity margaritas.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER!

Tommy's Mexican Restaurant

5929 Geary Blvd (415) 387-4747

Outstanding tequilas and a festive atmosphere elevate this long-established Mexican restaurant.

BEST MARTINI

Martuni's 4 Valencia St (415) 241-0205

The top post-performance nightcap hotspot, guaranteed to wet your showtune whistle.



Blondie's Bar & No Grill 540 Valencia St (415) 864-2419
With prime patio seating and a plethora of elegant cocktails, patrons do have more fun.

Persian Aub Zam Zam 1633 Haight St (415) 861-2545
Take a powder at this cool, relaxing, retro sheik's pad.

Bix 56 Gold St (415) 433-6300
Timeless style and classic food mix at this convincing re-creation of a 1930's supper club.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Lisa's on Folsom** 299 9th St (415) 551-1688
Asian-flavored dishes and potent libations enliven this lush lounge.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Six** 60 Sixth St (415) 863-1221
Voted Best Martini Food by Citysearch users!

BEST MEN'S CLOTHING

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Rolo Garage** 1301 Howard St (415) 861-1999
Hip, urban and discounted—this is every trend-watcher's dream come true.

Emporio Armani Boutique 1 Grant Ave 677-9400
Simple, elegant fashion from one of the world's most famous designers.

L'uomo 2121 Fillmore St (415) 776-0669
If you like the feel of expensive leather, fine silk or soft cashmere, you'll love this elegant men's clothing shop.

Kweejibo Clothing Co. 1580 Haight St (415) 552-3555
The preferred shop for male hipsters seeking the flair of vintage clothing without the flaws.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Macy's in Union Square** 170 O'Farrell St (415) 397-3333
With an endless selection of designers and frequent sales, this Union Square staple is a shopaholic's dream come true.

BEST MEXICAN FOOD

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Maya** 303 Second St (415) 543-2928
San Francisco's fanciest Mexican restaurant puts a nouveau, upscale spin on unusual regional specialties.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Chava's Mexican Restaurant**
3248 18th St (415) 552-9387
The savvy, mostly Latino crowd that fills this place tell you it's the real deal.

Mom Is Cooking 1166 Geneva Ave (415) 586-7000
Christmas-light decor and decent margaritas come together with low, low prices at this Excelsior favorite.

Cafe Marimba 2317 Chestnut St (415) 776-1506
Mouth-watering chips and guacamole and reasonably priced Oaxacan fare make up for long waits at this festive Marina cantina.

Guaymas 5 Main St Tiburon (415) 435-6300
This Tiburon mainstay serves up fresh Mexican favorites and views of San Francisco.

BEST MUSEUM

Oakland Museum of California
1000 Oak St Oakland 1-888-OAK-MUSE
This East Bay mainstay is the only museum devoted entirely to the art and history of California.

Berkeley Art Museum 2626 Bancroft Way Berkeley (510) 642-0808
Marrying art and education, BAM is one of the East Bay's most highly regarded institutions.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **SFMOMA** 151 Third St (415) 357-4000
With a finger on the technology's pulse, this West Coast premiere spot for modern art just keeps getting better.

Palace of the Legion of Honor
100 34th Ave at Clement in Lincoln Park

Ansel Adams Center 655 Mission St (415) 495-7000
One of the nation's most prestigious photography museums reopens its shutters in a brand-new SOMA space.

BEST NEW RESTAURANT

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Ana Mandara** 891 Beach St (415) 771-6800
Don't let the Hollywood stars deter you; this is some of the best Vietnamese food in town.

Chaya Brasserie 132 Embarcadero (415) 777-8688
Madeleine Albright couldn't have arranged a better conmingling of East and West.

Lapis Pier 33 (415) 982-0203
Extraordinary Mediterranean fare in a sophisticated, plush bayside locale.

Jianna 1548 Stockton St (415) 398-0442
Unique American-style food and a calm atmosphere set Jianna apart from the North Beach crowd.

Bacar Restaurant and Wine Salon 448 Brannan St (415) 904-4100
This red-hot SOMA eatery means business, with a wine list some 1,000 bottles strong.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Destino** 1815 Market St (415) 552-4451
Voted Best New Restaurant by Citysearch users!

BEST OFFBEAT FINDS

Mr. S Leather 310 7th St (415) 863-7764
Love hurts... and it's gonna hurt more after a shopping spree at this SOMA store.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Good Vibrations** 1210 Valencia St (415) 974-8980
Sexual ecstasy is just one click (of the on-switch) away at this worker-owned cooperative and sex shop.

Encantada Gallery of Fine Art 904 Valencia St (415) 642-3939
Colorful and artfully stocked, this enchanting store lives up to its name.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Uncle Mame** 2241 Market St (415) 626-1953
Lovers of American kitsch rejoice—this is one-stop-shopping for tragically ludicrous, trash culture merchandise.

Wishbone 601 Irving St (415) 242-5540
Stylish, urban and cute, this adorable Sunset spot is everything you could wish for.

BEST OUTDOOR DINING

The Terrace Restaurant at the Ritz-Carlton
600 Stockton St (415) 296-7465
Perfect for a swanky, sunny San Francisco lunch.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Enrico's** 504 Broadway (415) 982-6223
This North Beach favorite lures the beautiful people late into the night with solid eats and delicious desserts.



Brava Terrace 3010 Saint Helena Hwy St Helena (707) 963-9300
Bravo! to this cozy bistro and garden serving up weekly specials with a French and Italian flair.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Lark Creek Inn 234 Magnolia Ave Larkspur (415) 924-7766
This classic has segued from heavy meat cookery to lighter veggie and fish presentations, yet the delightful homey charm is unchanged.

BEST PARK

Golden Gate Park

Sharon Meadow, Bowling Green Dr and Kezar Dr (415) 831-2700
Built a century ago to rival Central Park, our urban oasis far surpasses NYC's little patch of green.

Mount Diablo State Park

96 Mitchell Canyon Rd Clayton (925) 837-2525
Eagles, lions and wide-eyed hikers roam among hidden waterfalls on the anything-but-devilish Mount Diablo.

Mount Tamalpais State Park

Pantoll Ranger Stn 801, Panoramic Hwy Mill Valley (415) 388-2070
Waterfalls in winter, flowers in spring, sun in summer—truly a mountain for all seasons.

Point Reyes National Seashore

Bear Valley Rd Point Reyes Station (415) 663-1155
A glorious peninsula highlighted by secluded beaches, ancient forests and dramatic views, all within an hour's drive of San Francisco.

Charles Lee Tilden Park

Wildcat Canyon Rd Berkeley (510) 562-7275
With its freshwater swimming and awesome views, this Berkeley sanctuary makes Telegraph Ave seem 1,000 miles away.

BEST PERFORMING ARTS GROUP OR VENUE

Actors Theatre of San Francisco 533 Sutter St (415) 296-9179
With superb ensemble acting and diverse play selections, this local hot spot is a good bet for a great night out.

American Conservatory Theater

Geary Theater (415) 749-2228
The top local venue for world premieres and polished classics, which are often masterfully conceived and produced.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre

2025 Addison St Berkeley (510) 647-2949
From Greek tragedy to world premieres, the adventuresome Berkeley Rep boasts fine acting, directing and production values.

Cal Shakes at Bruns Memorial Amphitheatre

100 Gateway Blvd (off Highway 24) Berkeley (510) 548-9666
California's biggest and most established Shakespeare company carries off glossy productions enhanced by an alfresco setting.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Campo Santo 446 Valencia St (415) 267-3956
While this stellar acting troupe could survive on raw energy alone, it goes the distance by staging daring new plays.

BEST PIZZA

Zinzino 2355 Chestnut St (415) 346-6623
Light, flavorful Italian dishes shine at this eclectically decorated hideaway.

Via Vai

1715 Union St (415) 441-2111
Quick, tasty pizzas, pasta and the entire menu to go at this Northern Italian-style trattoria.

Tommaso's Restaurant

1042 Kearny St (415) 398-9696
A pizza joint in the classic mold, North Beach's Tommaso's is widely regarded as one of the city's best.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Zachary's Chicago Pizza

5801 College Ave Berkeley (510) 655-6385
Delicious thin crusts laden with cornmeal and ever-popular stuffed pizzas make the two Zachary's locations East Bay favorites.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Arizmendi Bakery

1331 9th Ave (415) 566-3117
Is it possible that the city's best pizza, bread and breakfast treats are all in the same place? Believe it.

BEST PLACE TO BIKE

Railroad Grade

West Blithedale Ave Mount Tamalpais State Park (415) 388-2070
The granddaddy of all mountain biking trails.

Pine Mountain Loop

Fairfax-Bolinas Rd Marin Municipal Water District (415) 945-1455
It's steep, it's rocky... and a required rite of passage for Bay Area mountain bikers.

Bolinas Ridge

Mount Tamalpais State Park (415) 388-2070
One of the most photographed places in California remains largely anonymous. Cyclists in the know hope it stays that way.

San Francisco to Tiburon

The views from San Francisco's promenade and the Golden Gate Bridge make this one of America's great road rides.

Nimitz Bike Path

Wildcat Canyon Rd Tilden Regional Park (510) 562-7275
A mellow but dramatic ride along the crest of the Berkeley Hills, featuring vistas of the entire Bay Area.

BEST PLACE TO HEAR LIVE MUSIC

Bottom of the Hill

1233 17th St (415) 621-4455
Down-home, rockin' ambience and plenty of amenities put the Bottom at the top of the heap.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Great American Music Hall

859 O'Farrell St (415) 885-0750
With a style recalling the Gold Rush era, this SF fave places cutting-edge bands in an old-time setting.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Fillmore Auditorium

1805 Geary Blvd (415) 346-6000
The legendary hippie haven is all grown up, evolving into one of San Francisco's classiest concert halls, man.

Yoshi's at Jack London Square

510 Embarcadero W Oakland (510) 238-9200
A world-class venue showcasing legends at their zenith and young Turks on their way up.

Paramount Theatre

2025 Broadway Ave Oakland (510) 465-6400
Concert and film audiences feel like royalty amidst the historic art deco palace's lavish lounges and impeccably restored, ornate detail.



BEST PLACE TO HIKE

Matt Davis—Steep Ravine

Mount Tamalpais State Park Stinson Beach (415) 388-2070

The quintessential Northern California hike with glorious ocean views, a supremely beautiful redwood canyon and lunch on the beach.

Tomaes Point Trail

Pierce Point Rd Point Reyes National Seashore (415) 464-5100

Along with sweeping oceans vistas, this gorgeous grassy spur offers insight into one of California's most essential myths.

Berry Creek Falls Trail

Big Basin Way Big Basin State Park (831) 338-8860

A challenging trek through ancient redwoods to the Bay Area's biggest waterfall.

Bob Walker Ridge

Morgan Territory Rd Morgan Territory Regional Preserve (510) 562-7275

Gorgeous views of Mount Diablo and the Central Valley highlight this classic East Bay trek through secluded oak savanna.

Donner Creek Loop

Regency Drive Mount Diablo State Park (925) 837-2525

Dramatic views and rarely visited waterfalls highlight this secluded hike along the precipitous north slope of Mount Diablo.

BEST PLACE TO SEE AND BE SEEN

Beauty Bar 2299 Mission St (415) 285-0323

Pamper yourself here or prepare to lose points for lack of poise.

Sno-Drift 1830 3rd St (415) 431-4766

Straight from the pages of "Wallpaper," it's S.F.'s most fabulous igloo on 3rd.

G Bar 488 Presidio (415) 409-4227

Velvet ropes, chocolate martinis, formal doormen, flying fish caviar and \$200 bottles of champagne. L.A.? It wants to be.

Rouge 1500 Broadway (415) 346-7683

A dolled-up showgirl in Russian Hill that swings with the best of them.

XYZ (Bar) 181 Third St (415) 817-7836

A lobby bar in a pricey hotel playing bad club music for the overdressed.

The Cellar 685 Sutter Street (415) 441-5678

Voted Best Place to See and be Seen by Citysearch users!

BEST PUBLIC GOLF COURSE

Lincoln Park Golf Course 34th Ave (415) 221-9911

It's beautiful, it's challenging, it's got one of the world's top-rated holes... and it's cheap.

Presidio Golf Course 300 Finley Rd (415) 561-4653

Bay Area golfers are big fans of military downsizing, ever since this gem of a course opened to the public.

Harding Park Golf Course Harding Rd at Skyline Blvd (415) 661-1865
Set along the idyllic shoreline of Lake Merced in southwestern San Francisco, Harding Park is stunning, demanding and inexpensive.

Paradise Valley Golf Course

3950 Paradise Valley Dr Fairfield (707) 426-1600

Out there on the fringe, hidden amidst the suburban East-Bay sprawl, lies a hidden oasis of grass and trees.

Canyon Lakes Golf Course

640 Bollinger Canyon Way San Ramon (925) 735-6511

A young course, known for its trees, nasty bunkers and—as the name implies—its water traps.

BEST RADIO DJ

J-Boogie

The versatile DJ's deep grooves have made him a favorite on the dial and in clubs all over the city.

John Grappone

This veteran hard rock DJ slips something sardonic into your morning brew.

Davey D

One of the foremost authorities on hip-hop culture both on air and off, in the Bay Area and beyond.

Jesse "Chuy" Varela

Long before Rickymania, this salsa scholar lit the airwaves on fire with Latin music.

BEST RADIO MORNING SHOW

Sarah and Vinnie on Radio Alice 97.3 FM

Racy Gen X humor offsets the soft sounds of Radio Alice's morning playlist.

Dave Morey on KFOG 104.5 FM

Classic rock class act Dave Morey eases the pain of mornings with civilized humor.

Renel in the Morning on 98.1 KISS FM

The diva DJ brings classic soul and a sassy attitude to the morning show mix.

Forum on KQED 88.5 FM

KQED public radio offers IQ maintenance in the morning.

Ron and Cammy on KFRC 99.7 FM

Tune in and turn on to these '60s nostalgists for classic tunes and current events.

BEST RECORD/CD STORE

Music 101 101 Fourth St (415) 369-6070

Finally, a corporate record store that puts the listener in control.

Grooves Vinyl Attractions 1797 Market St (415) 436-9933

A vinyl-only shop that's a DJ's dream.

Aquarius Records 1055 Valencia St (415) 647-2272

Take a lesson in music's cutting edge in an unpretentious, unintimidating environment.

Amoeba Records 1855 Haight St (415) 831-1200

With its majestic aural offerings, this store is becoming a bigger tourist attraction than the Golden Gate Bridge.

Mod Lang 2136 University Ave Berkeley (510) 486-1880

This colorful East Bay store will satiate your inner hipster.

BEST ROMANTIC BAR

Harry Denton's Starlight Room 450 Powell St (415) 395-8595

If you're feeling less than zero, this vanity fair is the place to fill out that old tube top.

Top of the Mark Mark Hopkins Inter-Continental Hotel (415) 616-6916

The rich kid on the block, this favorite upscale hangout puts some fancy in your pants.



Lone Palm 3394 22nd St (415) 648-0109

A swanky little operation torn from the pages of "The Maltese Falcon."

Tosca Cafe 242 Columbus Ave (415) 986-9651

A diva of dives that boasts Old World ambience, one of the classiest jukeboxes in town.

EDITORIAL
AND
AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Tony Nik's 1534 Stockton St (415) -693-0993

An elegantly appointed, retro dig ticking to the time of the Eisenhower hour.

BEST ROMANTIC HOTEL

Hotel Majestic 1500 Sutter St (415) 441-1100

Once one of the city's grand hotels, the painstakingly restored five-story Edwardian now exudes an old-manor feel.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Archbishop's Mansion Inn 1000 Fulton St (415) 563-7872

This Second Empire-style mansion has been restored to its original extravagant glory reminiscent of a belle-epoque French chateau.

Acqua Hotel 555 Redwood Hwy Mill Valley (415) 380-0400

A cool and elegant Marin hotel with stunning views of the Bay Area's natural wonders.

Pelican Inn Muir Beach, Marin County Muir Beach (415) 383-6000

Between the woods and beach, this romantic spot offers the rustic charm of a 16th-century English country inn.

Montara Hostel 16th St at California Hwy 1 Montara (650) 728-7177

Nestled between a lighthouse and a postcard-perfect coastline, this quaint Victorian is a romantic, New England-esque getaway.

BEST ROMANTIC RESTAURANT

Fifth Floor Restaurant 12 Fourth St (415) 348-1555

Elevator going up!

Gary Danko 800 N Point St (415) 749-2060

Behind the polished wood and careful lighting is a paean to quality cooking, and chef Danko's creations approach the flawless.

Bix 56 Gold St (415) 433-6300

Timeless style and classic food mix at this convincing re-creation of a 1930's supper club.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Cafe Jacqueline 1454 Grant Ave (415) 981-5565

Chef Jacqueline Margulis works lighter-than-air magic at this soufflé-only restaurant.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Elisabeth Daniel 550 Washington St (415) 397-6129

This high-ticket palace without the attitude serves a smart take on classic Cal-French.

BEST SHOE STORE

Gimme Shoes 416 Hayes St (415) 864-0691

A dangerous place for anyone with a shoe fetish.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Shoe Biz 1446 Haight St (415) 864-0990

Keeping your feet fashionable from morning 'til night has never been so easy.

Aldo Shoes 844 Market St (415) 989-2544

Funky, urban and fashionable footwear just a hop, skip and jump from Union Square.

Bulo Women 418 Hayes St (415) 255-4939

Offering footwear from the hottest Italian designers, this hip Hayes Valley store drops high fashion at your feet.

Subterranean Shoe Room 877 Valencia St (415) 401-9504

A classy Mission addition purveying footwear that won't shrivel in your wardrobe after just one season.

BEST SHOPPING AREA

Rockridge Oakland

East Bay's destination for family shopping and Saturday afternoon strolls.

Haight Street San Francisco

From pipes and tie-dyes to bondage and gargoyles, Haight Street has it all.

Hayes Valley San Francisco

A fabulous sampling of home furnishings and accessories, men's and women's clothing, shoes and jewelry.

Fourth Street Berkeley

This small Berkeley neighborhood gets its face lifted to millennial hipness.

Union Square San Francisco

Ground zero for consumerism in the Bay Area.

BEST SINGLES SCENE

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Cafe Mars 798 Brannan St (415) 621-MARS

For party girls and fly boys, life on Mars is a ruckus good time.

Kelly's Mission Rock 817 China Basin (415) 626-5355

A China Basin hot spot that boasts a kitchen and two dance floors.

The Red Room 827 Sutter St (415) 346-7666

A sharp little lounge that lives up to its name; the only thing not red are the necks.

City Tavern 3200 Fillmore St (415) 567-0918

The top destination for weekend warriors on the prowl.

Ruby Skye 420 Mason St (415) 675-4874

Frosted thirtysomethings flock to this posh club du jour for its clubby and loungey atmospheres rolled into one.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Six 60 Sixth St (415) 863-1221

Voted Best Singles Scene by Citysearch users!

BEST SKI RESORT

Kirkwood P.O. Box 1 Kirkwood (209) 258-6000

Beginners are certainly welcome, but this mountain calls out to the hardcore.

Mount Rose 22222 Mt. Rose Highway Reno (702) 849-0704

Bring your ski legs. This mountain, which rises to the west of Reno, is the third highest in Tahoe.

Heavenly Valley PO Box 2180 Stateline (800) 2-HEAVEN

With its myriad trails and million-dollar views, Heavenly draws droves of mountain enthusiasts.

Mammoth Mountain PO Box 24 Mammoth Lakes (760) 934-0645

With its sheer size and stunning scenery, Mammoth looms large for diehard mountaingoers in the West.



Squaw Valley Squaw Valley

A world-class resort that has continued to build on its Olympic legacy since hosting the 1960 winter games.

BEST SPORTS BAR

Zeke's Diamond Bar 601 Third St (415) 392-5311

Armchair quarterbacks and Giants maniacs will fall in love with this divey little joint.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **The Mad Dog in the Fog** 530 Haight St (415) 626-7279
If soccer is your game, you'll get your fix of kicks at this authentic U.K. pub.

Bayside Sports Bar & Grill 1787 Union St (415) 673-1565

The impressive TV-screen-per-square-foot ratio ensures a prime view for all at this upper-crust Marina hangout.

Boathouse 1 Harding Rd (415) 681-2727

Strange brew: a sports bar in a beautiful place. Yes, enjoy watching the game and the gorgeous Lake Merced setting.

EDITORIAL WINNER! Ricky's Sports Theater & Grill

15028 Hesperian Blvd San Leandro (510) 352-0200
In 1998, USA Today named this local fave one of the top ten sports bars in the U.S.

BEST STEAK

Morton's of Chicago 400 Post St (415) 986-5830

Good meat and yummy starters keep Morton's busy despite astronomical prices.

Ruth's Chris Steak House 1601 Van Ness Ave (415) 673-0557

Huge steaks, white linen and whispered stock quotes: A conservative respite in a town of fruits and nuts.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Harris'** 2100 Van Ness Ave (415) 673-1888
A monument to the bygone days of guiltless beef-eating, serving some of the best steaks in town.

House of Prime Rib 1906 Van Ness Ave (415) 885-4605

Attentive, old-fashioned service, handsome and cozy setting and excellent beef make House your home.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Alfred's Steakhouse** 659 Merchant St (415) 781-7058
An old-school establishment that delivers exactly what you want and expect from a steakhouse.

BEST SUSHI

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Tokyo Go Go** 3174 16th St (415) 864-2288
Arrive early; this impeccably hip sushi-plus joint is usually packed to the gills with hungry Missionites.

Hamano Sushi 1332 Castro St (415) 826-0825

Though this place is no longer the only reason to dine in Noe Valley, it's still one of the best.

EDITORIAL WINNER! Kabuto Japanese Restaurant

5116 Geary Blvd (415) 752-5652
This place serves what may be the finest sushi in the city, and some find even that statement too modest.

Ebisu 1283 9th Ave (415) 566-1770

Voted "best sushi" in San Francisco by several local publications, Ebisu has earned its kudos by serving fabulously fresh sushi in a festive environment.

Kirala 2100 Ward St Berkeley (510) 549-3486

People who like their fish fresh and their prices reasonable gather in this Berkeley warehouse.

BEST TAKEOUT FOOD

Truly Mediterranean 3109 16th St (415) 252-7482

A beacon in the night for hungry late-night drunks and other fine diners, this tiny shack serves first-rate falafel and shawarma.

Tu Lan 8 Sixth St (415) 626-0927

Some of the city's best Vietnamese food is tucked away on a dingy corner of 6th St.

Brother-in-Law's Bar-B-Que 705 Divisadero St (415) 931-7427

There's no better place when you get a hankering for ribs, baked beans and corn bread.

Cheeseboard Pizza 1504 Shattuck Ave Berkeley (510) 549-3055

This wildly successful spin-off of Berkeley's beloved gourmet cheese collective spreads the love for simple, high-quality foods.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Vik's Chaat Corner** 726 Allston Way Berkeley (510) 644-4412
Humble digs house some of the finest Indian food you'll find anywhere west of Delhi.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Yum** 1750 Market St. (415) 626-9866
Voted Best Takeout Food by Citysearch users!

BEST THAI FOOD

Manora's Thai Cuisine 1600 Folsom St (415) 861-6224

A quietly elegant restaurant serving innovative, affordable and remarkably intense Thai cuisine.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Thep Phanom** 400 Waller St (415) 431-2526
The city is full of good Thai restaurants, but the permanent line out Thep Phanom's door attests to its outstanding quality.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **King of Thai Noodle House** 639 Clement St (415) 752-5198
Don't be dismayed by the seemingly neglected interior. People in the know flock to this hole in the wall for a taste of authentic Thai cuisine.

Marnee Thai 2225 Irving St (415) 665-9500

Marnee Thai's owner is welcoming, and the unique rustic atmosphere complements the wonderful food.

Yuko! Place Thai Cuisine 2380 Lombard St (415) 922-1599

Whether you go for the pad thai or more eclectic offerings, the Thai cuisine at this neighborhood standout is inspired.

BEST THEME CLUB

Soul Finger!

Fridays: Wilson Pickett, the O'Jays, Deep Purple and the Cure. Now dance.

Trannyshack

Tuesdays: The number one alternative drag mess-tackular, Trannyshack's a wild way to ring in Hump Day.



Popscene

Thursdays: Feeling square? Don't you dare, darling. Dig that crazy rhythm.

Sixtteen

Third Saturdays: A little bit of New Jersey in S.F. Come knockin' for some hard rockin'.

Church of Sinatra

Tuesdays: Ol' Blue Eyes is canonized at this stylish Club Deluxe affair.

BEST VEGETARIAN FOOD

Millennium 246 McAllister St (415) 487-9800

What chef Eric Tucker does with tofu shames what many others do with top-quality meat and dairy products.

Golden Era 572 O'Farrell St (415) 673-3136

Remarkable, all-vegetarian Asian food at this oasis in the deepest, darkest Tenderloin.

Joubert's Restaurant 4115 Judah St (415) 753-5448

Vegetarian food with a South African accent way out near Ocean Beach.

Vik's Chaat Corner 726 Allston Way Berkeley (510) 644-4412

Humble digs house some of the finest Indian food you'll find anywhere west of Delhi.

Greens Restaurant Fort Mason (415) 771-6222

Leafy greens never looked so golden at this vegetarian landmark.

BEST VINTAGE CLOTHING

Das Pussycat 3162 16th St (415) 255-4883

Camp collides with the classics at this 16th St favorite.

Schauplatz 791 Valencia St (415) 864-5665

From freak to chic, you'll find the clothes you're looking for at this Mission district vintage store.

Guys & Dolls Vintage 3789 24th St (415) 285-7174

This Noe Valley shop makes it easy to dress like the good old days never ended.

La Rosa Vintage 1711 Haight St (415) 668-3744

A decadent vintage oasis, just a few steps off of frenetic Haight St.

Martini Mercantile 1453 Grant Ave (415) 552-1940

The cream of the crop when it comes to vintage shopping—classy and well worth the extra bucks.

BEST WOMEN'S CLOTHING

Dema 1038 Valencia St (415) 206-0500

Contemporary clothing that hints of the '60s, with a designer on the premises.

Behind the Post Office 1510 Haight St (415) 861-2507

When it comes to original and one-of-a-kind items by local designers, this Haight St shop delivers.

Heather 2408 Fillmore St (415) 409-4410

Owner Heather Frazier offers a unique selection of high-end clothes, and she does it with a smile.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Penelope Starr** 136 Fillmore St (415) 621-7970

After six years under the radar, this local designer is poised to blast off.

Joe Pye 351 Divisadero St (415) 355-1051

Affordable fashion for funky city girls on funky Divisadero St.

BEST YOGA STUDIO

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Mindful Body** 2876 California St (415) 931-2639

First-rate instructors mind your body and soul at this diverse studio for both beginners and serious students.

Yoga Haven 3305 Buchanan (415) 775-9642

A hot and sweaty Marina scene that will rock your Bikram Yoga world.

7th Heaven Body Awareness Center

2820 Seventh St Berkeley (510) 665-4300

Get centered and get down at this popular East Bay yoga studio that moonlights as a hip rave spot.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Yoga Studio Mill Valley**

650 E Blithedale Ave Mill Valley (415) 380-8800

Pastoral views and a friendly atmosphere make this a popular studio in which to flex your yoga muscles.

Funky Door Yoga 1334 Polk St (415) 673-8659

Crank up the heat on your yoga practice at this seriously hot Bikram studio.



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