

Special Events

SIGHTSEEING TOURS

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

9:00 a.m.–Noon (09.00–12.00)

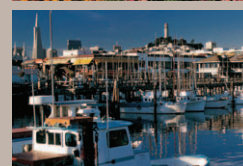
Pre-Conference Tour: Welcome to San Francisco

This tour begins with deluxe motorcoach pickup at the hotel. San Francisco is teeming with timeless images that are nostalgic and recognizable to even first-time visitors. The mesmerizing blend of distinct neighborhoods, each with its own flavor and character, sights and sounds, architecture and art, cuisine and shopping, is both intimidating and electrifying. With off-beat innovation and a showy-yet-shy attitude, San Francisco is the archetype for a diverse metropolis. From the quiet parks of Pacific Heights to the bustling, carefree activity of Fisherman's Wharf to the no-nonsense economic fervor of the Financial District, this is a city of contrasts, yet together they create a metropolitan symphony that cannot be matched.

Your tour of the sites that have made San Francisco one of the best-loved cities in the world will include a driving tour of Nob Hill, Union Square, Chinatown, North Beach, Pier 39, Fisherman's Wharf, Golden Gate Park, Haight-Ashbury, the Presidio, and stops at the Golden Gate Bridge and Twin Peaks and Alamo Square (weather permitting).

Throughout your tour, you will be accompanied by a professional tour guide who will bring the city's colorful history to life as you explore and discover its legendary delights.

Price per person: \$45.00 (does not include lunch)



TOUR
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FRIDAY, MAY 20

10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (10.00–15.00)

Muir Woods & Sausalito

Today you will be picked up by your professional guide at the hotel by deluxe motorcoach. After crossing the Golden Gate Bridge into Marin County, a region of spectacular coastline and prominent, affluent communities, your first stop will be Muir Woods National Park. Here you will have the opportunity to walk among the world famous Sequoia Sempervirens, also known as the California redwoods, the tallest trees on earth. Until the 1800s, many northern California coastal valleys were covered with coast redwood trees similar to those now found in Muir Woods. These magnificent specimens of nature's enormity would have been lost to logging had it not been for naturalist and philanthropist William Kent who lobbied President Theodore Roosevelt to preserve the area as a national monument in 1908.

Next, travel to the charming bayside village of Sausalito where world-class hotels, plentiful restaurants, and a diverse selection of shopping opportunities, galleries, and retail fashion shops are found. The magic of this old fisherman's village is found not only in the Mediterranean atmosphere but also in the spectacular views of San Francisco just across the Bay. The floating homes, waterfront community, and rich history define a town that prides itself on a strong and unique spirit. You will have some free time to explore the shops and then finish your visit with a luncheon at a lovely Sausalito restaurant.

Price per person: \$120.00 (includes lunch)



TOUR
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SATURDAY, MAY 21

2:00–6:30 p.m. (14.00–18.30)

Post-Conference Tour: Afternoon in Wine Country

Napa and Sonoma Counties are the most popular of the California wine regions. The Mission grape was first brought to Napa from neighboring Sonoma in the early 1800s. By the latter half of the nineteenth century, wineries flourished throughout the valleys. Today, these valleys are a mixture of old and new—an entire lifestyle has sprung up around the wineries—but the serenity of the vineyard and the feeling of tradition remain wherever one looks.

You will depart the hotel via deluxe motorcoach and cross the Golden Gate Bridge for your ride to the wine country. Here the idyllic blend of soil and climate combines to produce some of the finest wines in the United States. Today you will visit two of the finest wineries in the region, known for excellent varietals and rich history. Your visit will be a progression through three classic styles of wine, California sparkling and various white & red varietals. Between tastes guests will be led on private tours of each winery and educated on the process that turns grapes into wine.

At the conclusion of the day, you can relax and enjoy the scenery of California's low rolling hills on your motorcoach return to San Francisco.

Cost per person: \$145 (does not include lunch)



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WAKE UP WALKING TOURS

Get the day started off on the right foot by exploring one of San Francisco's unique neighborhoods. A certified tour guide will lead you on narrated walks through some of San Francisco's most historical and identifiable areas. These morning walks are complimentary, but do require advance registration as space is limited. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. All morning walks will depart from the Mission Street entrance of the hotel. Morning weather can be quite cool, so layered clothing is recommended along with appropriate footwear. Walks will be one to three miles.

Price per person: Complimentary *Ticket required. Space is limited.*

THURSDAY, MAY 19

**WAKE UP WALK 1:
THE DYNASTY OF CHINATOWN**

6:30–7:45 a.m. (06.30–07.45)

San Francisco's Chinatown holds the distinction of being one of the few ethnic communities with an enduring presence in the city. While other cultural communities experience an ebb and flow due to economic and social climates, Chinatown continues to grow with spirit and tenacity. The neighborhood is home to over 30,000 people and is a historic maze of mystery, where an ancient culture from the other side of the world survives and flourishes with remarkable authenticity. Take a brisk walk through this intriguing community.



FRIDAY, MAY 20

**WAKE UP WALK 2:
EARTHQUAKE WALK**

6:30–7:45 a.m. (06.30–07.45)

San Francisco's history is filled with tales of destruction from the many earthquakes the city has endured over the centuries. Evidence of these quakes can be found in much of the city's infrastructure and historic buildings and is easily visible. Your guide will walk you through some of these historic and interesting sites.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

**WAKE UP WALK 3:
EMBARCADERO & FERRY BUILDING**

6:30–7:45 a.m. (06.30–07.45)

Lined with deep-water piers is the famous Embarcadero district. Located here is the Ferry Building, which offers a unique site for your tour today. Opened in 1898 on the site of the 1875 wooden Ferry House, the Ferry Building became the transportation focal point for anyone arriving by train from the East. From the Gold Rush until the 1930s, arrival by ferryboat became the only way travelers and commuters, except those coming from the Peninsula, could reach the city. Today the Ferry Building has gone through a complete renovation achieving a modern yet classic structure of unparalleled grace. The Ferry Building is also the terminal for ferries to Marin County, Vallejo, Oakland, and Alameda.

