

# SAN FRANCISCO: Culinary Tour

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

**Day 1:** Depart for **San Francisco**. Upon arrival enjoy panoramic sightseeing tour. See Haight Ashbury, **Fisherman Wharf**, Telegraph Hill, Nob Hill the **Golden Gate Bridge** and the Presidio.



**Day 2:** Today enjoy a **culinary walking tour**. San Francisco is comprised of numerous very diverse cultures and this is reflected in the great San Francisco cuisine. **Alcatraz Island** looms over San Francisco Bay. This afternoon visit "The Rock". Alcatraz is famous for Al Capone, and 'Machine Gun' Kelly. Then wander towards Fisherman's Wharf and spend some time shopping, watching the jugglers, mime artists and magicians along Pier 39. This historic waterfront serves delicious seafood, offers unique shopping and spectacular sites. Rich in maritime history, the wharf has something to offer everyone

**Day 3:** Head to The **Embarcadero**, a broad avenue along the bayfront, lined with shops, restaurants and tourist attractions including several piers that have been converted to specialty shopping malls. Visit the Cannery at Del Monte Square. Originally built in 1907, The Cannery was once the largest peach cannery in the world. Today, it is a vibrant waterfront marketplace of shops and restaurants, offices, live entertainment, and a world-class jazz club. Head to **Ghirardelli Square**, a famous shopping mall around Fisherman's Wharf housing some of the best chocolate in the world. While sourdough breads have been made throughout the world, San Francisco's sourdough is widely regarded as the best in the world. In 1849 this valuable resource put San Francisco on the culinary map. Watch Boudin bakers at work. Watch as the flour is pumped at high velocity from the silo directly into the mixer, and as the dough is tossed from the mezzanine to the ground floor, where it is hand-finished and baked into nearly 10,000 loaves of fresh sourdough! Later make your way to your late afternoon **cheese school**.



**Day 4:** Today is your first **hands on cooking class**. Learn some secrets about San Francisco cuisine from a highly qualified local chef. Your group will work in teams to prepare a delicious meal. At the conclusion of the cooking class, take a ride to the Wharf area on the clattering **cable cars**, part of San Francisco's classic and colorful image. The cable cars were declared a national historic landmark in 1964. You may wish to savor a San Francisco specialty – clam chowder in a Sourdough bread bowl. Work your leg muscles as you climb UP Lombard Street between Hyde and Leavenworth Streets, the world's crookedest street. Optional visit to **SEMOMA – San Francisco Museum of Modern Art**.



**Day 5:** Begin at the **Jelly Belly Factory**. Jelly Belly guides will show you a real working factory where they cook up over 150 different sweet treats. After the tour, you may taste any of the candies and jelly beans at the sampling bar. Continue to the **Sonoma / Napa Valley** region of California. Stop in the city of Napa for lunch on your own. Then on to a Winery and Italian Marketplace. The winery is a unique mix of vineyards, olive groves and wetlands and was created as a way to share a love of good food, wine and Italian heritage. The land surrounding the beautiful Tuscan villa has been transformed into meticulously tended vineyards. From the nearly 1000 olive trees on the property, an estate variety of extra virgin olive oil is produced as well as an extensive line of California / Italian delights including pestos, salsas, marinades, dessert sauces and baking mixes

**Day 6:** Today a second hands on cooking class. Later visit **Chinatown**. See Calligraphy street signs, lampposts dressed like pagodas and colored filigreed balconies draped with laundry. See the **Fortune Cookie Factory** in Ross Alley, the open markets on Stockton Street and the little alleys between Grant and Stockton. The **oldest street—Grant Avenue**—runs eight blocks through the center . Visit Polk Street, a blend of high-end consignment shops, affordable retail outfits shops and low-end clothing stores. Downtown San Francisco is the center of business, commerce and shopping with a wide variety of large stores near Union Square. Shop Macy's, Saks, Neiman Marcus, Levi's, Virgin Megastore, Coach, Cartier, Thomas Pink, Louis Vuitton, MaxMara, Armani, Diesel, Prada, Gucci, Guess, Hermes, along with colorful flower stands and street performers.

**Day 7:** Last minute shopping and sightseeing. Head to the historic **Ferry Building Marketplace**. Originally opening in 1893 on the site of the 1875 wooden Ferry House, the Ferry Building became the focal point for anyone arriving by train from the east. The Ferry Building is organized along a central nave with all sorts of restaurants and cafes serving all kinds of food as well as large and small shops offering the freshest and finest delights that represent the quality and cultural diversity of the city.

## **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- Return airfare to San Francisco
- Coach transfers
  - o Return airport transfers with guided panoramic sightseeing tour upon arrival
  - o Full day tour to Jelly Belly Factory and Napa Valley
- 6 nights hotel accommodation with private facilities
- 6 breakfast
- 2 dinners
- Entrances/ Activities
  - o Culinary Walking Tour
  - o Guided visit to Alcatraz (*\$33 USD Value*)
  - o 1 ride on San Francisco Cable Car
  - o Afternoon Cheese School
  - o 2 Hands on cooking Classes
  - o Entrance to SEMOMA- San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

