



San Francisco

The exciting location of UA's next
Convention, July 9-13, 2003!

San Francisco is a place where heart, mind, and soul get lost in simple delight. The cool, cloudy comfort of the early morning slowly dissolves into the peaceful warmth of a gentle afternoon. It is no wonder San Francisco is considered America's favorite city. It has been named the world's top city twice by Conde Nast Traveler, and the top U.S. city seven times since 1988.

"The City" is a cultural wonderland where custom, tradition, and history are preserved, celebrated, and shared. So take your time and explore...

San Francisco Bay, a 500-square mile cleft in the California coastline, has a split personality. It is both a center for water-borne commerce and an excuse to just go play. Sixteen rivers flow into the Bay, from the Central Valley and Sierra Nevada. Ferries and dinner cruises offer wonderful opportunities to see the Bay off-shore.

Fisherman's Wharf is on the must-see list of eighty-seven percent of San Francisco's visitors and for good reason. You haven't had clam chowder, which is served in sourdough bread, until you've eaten it on the Wharf! Waterfront marketplaces include The Anchorage, The Cannery, Ghirardelli Square, and Pier 39. The Wharf's working hub "Fish Alley" sells tons of shrimp, salmon, and other sea delicacies annually. Hyde Street Pier includes a fleet of historic ships.

Ocean Beach is the primary beach most sun lovers make it a point to visit. Located on the westernmost edge of The City, the beautiful beaches and crystal water of the Pacific are alluring. Just offshore are the outlines of Seal Rock. This rocky island is usually inhabited by shore birds and a colony of sea lions.

Golden Gate Park is San Francisco's 1,000-acre backyard. The park's trove of attractions includes Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, a "living library" of 6,000 plant species including a stunning display of California Redwoods. Cherry blossoms flower in the Japanese Tea Garden, a five-acre legacy from the 1984 Midwinter International Exposition. And, of course, dazzling views of Golden Gate Bridge are visible throughout the park.