

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

EXPLORE. DISCOVER. BE INSPIRED.

Step beyond the classroom and explore the rich culture, history, and innovation that surround us.

CULTURE.
CURIOSITY.
COMMUNITY.

DISCOVER BAY AREA MUSEUMS

LEARN. EXPERIENCE. CONNECT.

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES SAN FRANCISCO Science, nature, and innovation under one living roof.	ASIAN ART MUSEUM SAN FRANCISCO One of the world's finest collections of Asian art.	de YOUNG MUSEUM SAN FRANCISCO Explore art from around the globe in Golden Gate Park.	OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA California's museum of art, history, and natural sciences.	ROSICRUCIAN EGYPTIAN MUSEUM SAN JOSE Ancient Egypt comes alive in this unique historic landmark.	Discover ancient civilizations and timeless treasures.
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WHY VISIT?

BROADEN YOUR MIND
Discover new ideas and perspectives.

CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY
Engage with the vibrant Bay Area.

CREATE MEMORIES
Capture experiences that last a lifetime.

ADVENTURE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Many museums offer free admission days, student discounts, and special events.

PLAN YOUR NEXT VISIT!

CHECK OUT OUR FULL LIST OF BAY AREA MUSEUMS AND MUSEUM DAYS

LEARN. EXPLORE. GROW.

Explore the Bay Area beyond the classroom and discover its incredible museums, rich culture, history, and iconic landmarks. Experience new places, connect with the community, and create lasting memories along the way. Take advantage of museum days and student discounts to learn, explore, and be inspired!

[Learn more](#)

BAY AREA MUSEUM DAYS

FREE DAYS • FAMILY DAYS • DISCOUNTS

Your guide to free and discounted
museum admission across the Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO

 1 SFMOMA Explore world-class modern and contemporary art, design, architecture, photography and more. 151 3rd St, San Francisco DISCOUNTED for students with valid ID, 18 & under FREE. Free Family & Community Days.	 2 de Young Museum Fine arts, textiles and fashion from around the world in beautiful Golden Gate Park. Golden Gate Park FREE: First Tuesday of every month for all. Saturday de Young residents (permanent collection).	 3 Legion of Honor European art, sculpture and classical antiquities in a stunning Beaux-Arts setting. Lincoln Park, San Francisco FREE: First Tuesday of every month for all. Saturday for Bay Area residents (general admission).	 4 Exploratorium Hands-on science, art and human perception exhibits on San Francisco's waterfront. Pier 15, San Francisco FREE on Community Days (varies). Pay-what-you-can on select days.	 5 Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD) Contemporary art and culture of the African Diaspora. 685 Mission St, San Francisco FREE: Second Saturday of every month.	 6 Asian Art Museum Thousands of years of Asian and Asian American art and culture. 200 Larkin St, San Francisco FREE: Second Saturday of every month.	 7 Contemporary Jewish Museum Art, ideas and culture through a contemporary Jewish lens. 736 Mission St, San Francisco DISCOUNTED for students with valid ID.
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EAST BAY

 11 Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA) Art exhibitions and a world-renowned film program. 2626 Durant Ave, Berkeley FREE: First Thursday of every month for everyone. Student DISCOUNT.	 12 Chabot Space & Science Center Planetarium shows, telescopes and interactive science exhibits. 10000 Skyline Blvd, Oakland Telescope viewing on Fri & Sat evenings (weather permitting).	 13 Casa Peralta Historic adobe home offering a glimpse into San Leandro's Spanish and Mexican heritage. San Leandro Check website for free days and events.	 18 Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) Art, history and natural sciences—all about California. 1000 Oak St, Oakland FREE: First Sunday of every month.	 19 Museum of Craft and Design Contemporary craft and design in all forms and materials. 2569 Third St, San Francisco FREE: First Thursday of month (nights). Student DISCOUNT with ID.	 15 San Francisco Botanical Garden Plants and landscapes from around the world in Golden Gate Park. 1199 9th Ave, San Francisco Check website for free days and events.	 19 San Francisco Botanic Garden Plants and landscapes from around the world in Golden Gate Park. 2159 9th Ave, San Francisco DISCOUNTED for students and seniors.	 20 Alameda Museum Local history exhibits highlighting Alameda's rich heritage. 2224 Alameda Ave, Alameda DISCOUNTS for students and seniors.
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SOUTH BAY

 21 Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose Hands-on exhibits that inspire kids to learn through play. 180 West Way, San Jose FREE: First Wednesday of every month.	 22 The Tech Interactive Explore science, technology, engineering and innovation hands-on. 201 S Market St, San Jose Student DISCOUNT available.	 23 Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum Ancient Egyptian artifacts and a full-size Egyptian tomb to explore. 1660 Park Ave, San Jose Student DISCOUNT available.	 24 San Jose Museum of Art Modern and contemporary art in downtown San Jose. 110 S Market St, San Jose FREE: First Friday after 6 PM.	 25 Winchester Mystery House Tour the famous 160-room Victorian mansion full of history and mystery. 525 S Winchester Blvd, San Jose DISCOUNTED for students and seniors.
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NORTH BAY & GREATER BAY AREA

 26 Charles M. Schulz Museum Celebrate the creator of Peanuts—Snoopy, Charlie Brown & friends. 2301 Hardies Ln, Santa Rosa Student DISCOUNT available.	 27 Sonoma Valley Museum of Art Contemporary art exhibitions in the heart of Sonoma. 301 Broadway, Sonoma Check website for free days.	 28 Walt Disney Family Museum The life, legacy and magic of Walt Disney through immersive exhibits. 104 Montgomery St, San Francisco (Presidio) Student DISCOUNT available.	 19 Napa Valley Museum Art, history and culture in beautiful Napa Valley. 55 President Cir, Napa Check website for free days.	 32 Napa Valley Museum Art, history and culture in beautiful Napa Valley. 55 President Cir, Napa Check website for free days.	32 Point Reyes National Seashore Visitor Center! Learn about the park's wildlife, geology and coastal ecosystems. 1 Bear Valley Rd, Point Reyes Station FREE admission.
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BEAUTIFUL BAY AREA: MUST-SEE PLACES

Scenic spots, iconic views & unforgettable experiences

 1 Golden Gate Bridge Walk or bike across the bridge for breathtaking views of the Bay and city. San Francisco Best views: Battery Spencer or Crissy Field.	 2 Marin Headlands Hiking trails, historic forts, and spectacular Golden Gate views. Marin County Try the Coastal Trail or Hawk Hill.	 3 Muir Woods National Monument Stunning ancient redwoods in a peaceful, magical forest. Mill Valley Arrive early & reserve parking online.	 4 Lands End Scenic coastal trails, ruins, and amazing ocean views. San Francisco Don't miss the Labyrinth and Sutro Baths.	 5 Angel Island State Park Panoramic views of the Bay and San Francisco skyline. Tiburon Historic immigration site and great hiking trails.	 6 Twin Peaks Best 360° views of San Francisco, especially at sunset or night. San Francisco Go at sunset for magical city lights.
 7 Baker Beach Iconic view of the Golden Gate Bridge with ocean and sand. San Francisco Perfect for photos & picnics.	 8 Crissy Field Easy waterfront walk or bike with amazing bridge and bay views. San Francisco Great for families & watching the sunset.	 9 Palace of Fine Arts Stunning architecture surrounded by a peaceful lagoon. San Francisco Perfect photo spot any time of day.	 10 Point Reyes National Seashore Dramatic coastline, wildlife, lighthouses and beaches. Point Reyes Station Drive or hike to Point Reyes Lighthouse.	 11 Half Moon Bay Charming coastal town with beaches, seafood and views. Half Moon Bay Visit the coastal trail and Pillar Point Harbor.	 12 Napa & Sonoma Wine Country World-class wineries, rolling hills and scenic drives. Napa & Sonoma Enjoy tastings, food and beautiful landscapes.



STUDENT TIP:
Always carry your student ID to enjoy discounts!

VISIT • LEARN • SAVE



Always check the attraction's official website before visiting. Free days and policies may change.

Bay Area
is for Everyone

Bay Area Museum Days & Must-See Places

2026 Student & Visitor Guide — Expanded with Photos

Each destination below includes a photo from the original guide, a clear description, location information, and a practical visit or admission note. Policies and schedules may change, so confirm details before visiting.

MUSEUMS & CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS



1. San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA)

San Francisco • 151 3rd St, San Francisco

A major modern and contemporary art museum featuring painting, photography, sculpture, architecture, design, and media arts. It is an excellent choice for students who want to experience influential 20th- and 21st-century artists in a landmark downtown museum.

Admission / Visit Note: Student discounts are commonly available; free/community programs vary. Check the museum's current policy before visiting.



2. de Young Museum

San Francisco • Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

Located in Golden Gate Park, the de Young presents American art, international textiles and costumes, photography, and art from Africa, Oceania, and the Americas. Its observation tower is also known for broad views of San Francisco.

Admission / Visit Note: The flyer lists free admission on the first Tuesday of every month for the permanent collection; special exhibitions may require a separate ticket.

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3. Legion of Honor

San Francisco • Lincoln Park, San Francisco

A beautiful Beaux-Arts museum overlooking the Golden Gate area. Its collection emphasizes European painting, sculpture, decorative arts, and ancient art, making it a strong destination for both art and architecture lovers.

Admission / Visit Note: The flyer lists free first-Tuesday admission for the permanent collection; special exhibitions may require a separate ticket.

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4. Exploratorium

San Francisco • Pier 15, San Francisco

A hands-on museum of science, art, and human perception. Visitors learn by experimenting with interactive exhibits involving light, sound, biology, physics, psychology, and the environment.

Admission / Visit Note: Community/free days and pay-what-you-can programs may be offered on selected dates. Verify the current calendar before visiting.

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5. Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD)

San Francisco • 685 Mission St, San Francisco

A contemporary art museum focused on the history, culture, creativity, and global experiences of people of African descent. Exhibitions often connect visual art with identity, migration, history, and social issues.

Admission / Visit Note: The flyer lists free admission on the second Saturday of every month; verify current details.

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6. Asian Art Museum

San Francisco • 200 Larkin St, San Francisco

Home to an extensive collection spanning thousands of years of Asian art and culture. Galleries cover regions across East, South, Southeast, Central, and West Asia, with both historic masterpieces and contemporary exhibitions.

Admission / Visit Note: The flyer lists free admission on the second Saturday of every month; special exhibitions or programs may differ.



7. Contemporary Jewish Museum

San Francisco • 736 Mission St, San Francisco

A cultural museum exploring Jewish history, ideas, art, and contemporary life through changing exhibitions and public programs. Its striking building also makes it an architectural point of interest.

Admission / Visit Note: Student discounts may be available with valid ID. Confirm current admission and operating status before visiting.



8. Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA)

East Bay • 2155 Center St, Berkeley

UC Berkeley's visual arts center combines art galleries with a major film archive and cinema program. Visitors can see historical and contemporary art and attend screenings ranging from classics to international and experimental films.

Admission / Visit Note: The flyer lists free first-Thursdays admission monthly and student discounts; confirm current policies.



9. Chabot Space & Science Center

East Bay • 10000 Skyline Blvd, Oakland

An Oakland science center dedicated to astronomy, space exploration, and STEM learning. It features planetarium programs, interactive exhibits, telescopes, and opportunities to observe the night sky.

Admission / Visit Note: Telescope viewing is often offered on selected Friday and Saturday evenings, weather permitting. Check the current schedule.



10. Casa Peralta

East Bay • San Leandro

A historic San Leandro property associated with the Peralta family and the region's Spanish and Mexican-era history. The site offers a quieter local-history experience with architecture, artifacts, and community heritage.

Admission / Visit Note: Check the current website or city calendar for public hours, tours, free days, and special events.

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11. Oakland Museum of California (OMCA)

East Bay • 1000 Oak St, Oakland

A multidisciplinary museum devoted to California's art, history, natural sciences, people, and changing communities. Its galleries help visitors understand the state through objects, stories, interactive displays, and rotating exhibitions.

Admission / Visit Note: The flyer lists free first-Sunday admission each month; verify current admission terms and any special-exhibition charges.

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12. Museum of Craft and Design

Bay Area • 2569 Third St, San Francisco

A museum devoted to contemporary craft and design, with exhibitions that may feature ceramics, textiles, furniture, architecture, technology, and experimental materials. It is especially interesting for visitors who enjoy creativity and applied design.

Admission / Visit Note: The flyer lists free first-Thursdays admission monthly and student discounts with ID; verify current details.

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13. San Francisco Botanical Garden

San Francisco • 1199 9th Ave, San Francisco

A large living collection in Golden Gate Park featuring plants from Mediterranean, cloud-forest, temperate, and other climates around the world. It is ideal for a peaceful walk, photography, and learning about global plant diversity.

Admission / Visit Note: Free days and resident/nonresident admission policies can change; check current garden information before visiting.

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14. Conservatory of Flowers

San Francisco • Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

An iconic Victorian greenhouse in Golden Gate Park filled with tropical plants, aquatic species, orchids, and unusual botanical collections. The historic glass building itself is one of the park's most recognizable landmarks.

Admission / Visit Note: The flyer lists free first-Tuesday admission monthly; verify the current policy.



15. Alameda Museum

East Bay • 2324 Alameda Ave, Alameda

A community museum preserving Alameda's local history through photographs, household objects, architectural material, and rotating displays. It is a useful stop for understanding the island city's neighborhoods and development.

Admission / Visit Note: Discounts for students and seniors may be available. Confirm current hours and admission before visiting.



16. Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose

South Bay • 180 Woz Way, San Jose

A colorful, hands-on museum designed for children and families. Exhibits encourage learning through play, creativity, science, culture, and problem-solving, making it especially suitable for younger visitors.

Admission / Visit Note: The flyer lists free admission on the first Wednesday of every month; verify current participation and reservation requirements.



17. The Tech Interactive

South Bay • 201 S Market St, San Jose

A hands-on science and technology center in downtown San Jose. Exhibits explore engineering, robotics, biotechnology, innovation, and problem-solving through interactive activities.

Admission / Visit Note: Student discounts may be available. Check current pricing and special programs.



18. Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum

South Bay • 1660 Park Ave, San Jose

A museum devoted to ancient Egypt, with galleries featuring artifacts, replicas, funerary objects, religious material, and a full-scale tomb experience. Its Egyptian-inspired architecture and gardens add to the visit.

Admission / Visit Note: Student discounts may be available. Verify current ticket prices and hours.

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19. San Jose Museum of Art

South Bay • 110 S Market St, San Jose

A downtown museum focused on modern and contemporary art, particularly artists and ideas connected to the West Coast and changing global culture. Exhibitions often include painting, sculpture, photography, and new media.

Admission / Visit Note: The flyer lists free admission on the first Friday after 6 PM; confirm the current program calendar.

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20. Winchester Mystery House

South Bay • 525 S Winchester Blvd, San Jose

A famous Victorian mansion known for its unusual architecture, stairways, doors, rooms, and stories surrounding former owner Sarah Winchester. Guided tours combine history, architecture, and local legend.

Admission / Visit Note: Student and senior discounts may be offered. Tours can sell out, so advance booking is useful.

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21. Charles M. Schulz Museum

North Bay • 2301 Hardies Ln, Santa Rosa

A museum celebrating Charles M. Schulz, creator of Peanuts. Visitors can explore original comic-strip art, Schulz's creative process, the history of Snoopy and Charlie Brown, and rotating exhibitions.

Admission / Visit Note: Student discounts may be available; check current admission and hours.

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22. Sonoma Valley Museum of Art

North Bay • 551 Broadway, Sonoma

A small contemporary and modern art museum in Sonoma presenting changing exhibitions by regional, national, and international artists. Its manageable size makes it an easy addition to a Sonoma day trip.

Admission / Visit Note: Check the museum's current calendar for free days, community programs, and student pricing.



23. Walt Disney Family Museum

San Francisco • 104 Montgomery St, San Francisco (Presidio)

A museum in the Presidio devoted to the life, work, and legacy of Walt Disney. Exhibits trace animation history, technological innovation, the creation of Disneyland, and the development of the Disney studio.

Admission / Visit Note: Student discounts may be available. Special exhibitions can require separate admission.



24. Napa Valley Museum

North Bay • 55 Presidents Cir, Yountville

A regional museum exploring Napa Valley's art, history, environment, and culture through changing exhibitions. It offers useful context beyond wine, including local communities, landscape, and artistic traditions.

Admission / Visit Note: Check current free-day programs, admission, and exhibition schedule.



25. Point Reyes National Seashore Visitor Center

North Bay • Point Reyes Station / Bear Valley area

A National Park Service visitor center and gateway to Point Reyes, with information on coastal ecosystems, wildlife, geology, cultural history, trails, beaches, and lighthouse areas.

Admission / Visit Note: Visitor-center access is generally free; some activities or nearby services may have separate fees. Check park conditions before traveling.



26. Mount Tamalpais State Park

North Bay • Marin County / Mill Valley area

A spectacular mountain park in Marin County with redwood groves, chaparral, ridgelines, hiking trails, and panoramic views over the Bay Area and Pacific Ocean. On clear days, the vistas can extend for many miles.

Admission / Visit Note: The flyer notes free admission, but parking or facility fees can apply in state parks. Verify current conditions and fees.

BEAUTIFUL BAY AREA: MUST-SEE PLACES



1. Golden Gate Bridge

San Francisco

The Bay Area's most recognizable landmark, connecting San Francisco and Marin County across the Golden Gate strait. Walk or bike part of the bridge for dramatic views of the city, Alcatraz, Marin Headlands, and the Pacific Ocean.

Visitor Tip: Best views include Battery Spencer, Crissy Field, and Golden Gate Overlook. Bring a jacket because wind and fog can arrive quickly.



2. Marin Headlands

Marin County

A rugged coastal landscape just north of the Golden Gate Bridge, filled with hills, historic military sites, beaches, and sweeping overlooks. It is one of the best places to photograph the bridge with San Francisco behind it.

Visitor Tip: Drive or hike to viewpoints such as Hawk Hill and Battery Spencer; weekends can be busy.



3. Muir Woods National Monument

Mill Valley / Marin County

A protected old-growth coast redwood forest where visitors can walk beneath some of the tallest trees on Earth. The main paths are peaceful and accessible, while longer trails climb into surrounding Mount Tamalpais landscapes.

Visitor Tip: Parking or shuttle reservations are often required in advance, so plan before driving there.



4. Lands End

San Francisco

A scenic coastal area on San Francisco's northwest edge with cliffside trails, cypress trees, ocean views, historic ruins, and dramatic perspectives of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Visitor Tip: Combine the Coastal Trail with Sutro Baths and the nearby Legion of Honor. Stay on marked trails near cliffs.

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5. Angel Island State Park

Tiburon / San Francisco Bay

The largest natural island in San Francisco Bay offers panoramic views, hiking and biking routes, picnic areas, military history, and the important Angel Island Immigration Station.

Visitor Tip: Reach the island by ferry. Allow several hours if you want to circle the island or visit the immigration-history sites.

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6. Twin Peaks

San Francisco

Two high hills near the geographic center of San Francisco offering one of the city's best 360-degree viewpoints. From the summit area, visitors can see downtown, the Bay, bridges, neighborhoods, and the Pacific on clear days.

Visitor Tip: Sunset and nighttime views are especially impressive. It can be much colder and windier than downtown.

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7. Baker Beach

San Francisco

A Pacific-facing beach with a classic close-up view of the Golden Gate Bridge and Marin Headlands. It is popular for photography, walking, picnics, and watching the changing light near sunset.

Visitor Tip: The water is cold and currents can be dangerous; enjoy the shoreline rather than treating it as a typical swimming beach.

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8. Crissy Field

San Francisco

A restored waterfront area in the Presidio with a flat promenade, lawns, beach access, bird habitat, and outstanding Golden Gate Bridge views. It is excellent for walking, biking, family outings, and picnics.

Visitor Tip: Walk toward Fort Point for an even closer bridge view, or continue along the waterfront toward the Marina.



9. Palace of Fine Arts

San Francisco

A monumental classical-style rotunda and colonnade built for the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The lagoon, architecture, and landscaped grounds make it one of San Francisco's most photogenic places.

Visitor Tip: A good short stop that pairs well with Crissy Field, the Presidio, or the Marina District.



10. Point Reyes National Seashore

Marin County

A vast protected peninsula known for dramatic cliffs, beaches, wildlife, tule elk, historic ranches, coastal trails, and the Point Reyes Lighthouse. It feels remote even though it is within reach of the Bay Area.

Visitor Tip: Plan a full or half day. Roads are winding and weather changes quickly; check park alerts before departure.



11. Half Moon Bay

San Mateo County

A relaxed coastal town south of San Francisco surrounded by beaches, bluffs, farms, and oceanfront trails. It is a popular destination for scenic drives, seafood, beach walks, and an easy escape from the city.

Visitor Tip: Explore the Coastal Trail and Pillar Point Harbor. Highway 1 traffic can be heavy on sunny weekends.

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12. Napa & Sonoma Wine Country

North Bay

Two internationally known wine regions with vineyard landscapes, rolling hills, historic towns, restaurants, gardens, and scenic roads. Even visitors who do not drink wine can enjoy the countryside, food, architecture, and seasonal scenery.

Visitor Tip: Choose a few stops rather than trying to cover both regions in one rushed day. Reserve popular experiences in advance and arrange safe transportation if tasting wine.

Student Tip: Carry a valid student ID. Free days, discounts, parking fees, hours, and reservation requirements may change.

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