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# THE BIG TO-DO 250 THINGS TO DO IN SAN FRANCISCO BEFORE YOU DIE

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## BAYVIEW

- 1. Get some landscaping inspiration (and a Ritual coffee) at **Flora Grubb Gardens**. 1634 Jerrold Ave., 415-648-2670, floragrubb.com
- 2. Save the date for the **Hunters Point Shipyard Artists' Open Studio**, a great place to find affordable art. Hunters Point Shipyard, Innes Street near waterfront, 888-640-5554, thepointart.com
- 3. Venture into **Heron's Head Park** for an off-the-grid urban hike. Cargo Way and Jennings St., 415-282-6840
- 4. Sample the local brews at **Speak-easy Ales**. 1195 Evans Ave., 415-642-3371, goodbeer.com
- 5. Get your craft on and scrounge through piles of recycled art supplies at **SCRAP**. 801 Toland St., 415-647-1746, scrap-sf.org
- 6. Try (tipsy) glassblowing at one of **Public Glass**'s "Hot Glass, Cold Beer" events. 1750 Armstrong Ave., 415-671-4916, publicglass.org
- 7. Get your pooch open-water-ready at **Pet Camp**'s dog swim sessions. 525 Phelps St., 415-282-0700, petcamp.com
- 8. Scope out the kiteboarders (or try it yourself) at **Candlestick Park**. 602 Jamestown Ave.
- 9. Forage for salvaged (a.k.a., shabby chic) windows, doors and bathtubs at **Building Resources**. 701 Amador St., 415-285-7814, buildingresources.org

## BERNAL HEIGHTS

- 1. Have a straight-out-of-the-oven blueberry-bran muffin at The **Liberty Café Bakery**. 410 Cortland Ave., 415-695-8777, thelibertycafe.com
- 2. Spend a Sunday afternoon happy hour on the patio of **El Rio** nursing a bloody mary pint. 3158 Mission St., 415-282-3325, elriosf.com
- 3. Get a 360-degree view while walking the trails that circle the tippy top of **Bernal Heights Hill**.
- 4. Shop for Asian vegetables at the **Alemanys Farmers Market**. 100 Alemany Blvd., 415-647-9423
- 5. Go salsa dancing at **Roccapulco** (followed by a midnight snack of fried plantains at El Zocalo, a block away). 3140 Mission St., 415-648-6611, roccapulco.com
- 6. Make dinner reservations at the counter of **Blue Plate** and watch the kitchen action. 3218 Mission St., 415-282-6777, blueplatesf.com
- 7. Have a super burrito at **Taqueria Cancun** (and bring quarters for the jukebox). 2288 Mission St., 415-252-9560
- 8. Find the perfect birthday gift at **Heartfelt** (and ask them to wrap it). 436 Cortland Ave., 415-648-1380, heartfeltsf.com

- 9. Stop by **Red Hill Books** for story hour. 401 Cortland Ave., 415-648-5331

## COLE VALLEY

- 1. Up the picnic ante and splurge on some d'Affinois cheese at **Say Cheese**. 856 Cole St., 415-665-5020
- 2. Don't compromise and split the gingerbread pancakes and eggs Benedict at **Zazie**. 941 Cole St., 415-564-5332, zaziesf.com
- 3. Wake up early to watch a rugby match on the big screen at **Kezar Pub**. 770 Stanyan St., 415-386-9292
- 4. Take the shortcut from Cole to Clayton through **Cole Valley Dog Park** behind the N tracks.
- 5. Write in your journal while sipping a cappuccino in the backyard of **Reverie Cafe**. 848 Cole St., 415-242-0200
- 6. Get some free inspiration and flip through home design books at **Egg + Urban Mercantile**. 85 Carl St., 415-643-6372, urbanmercantile.com
- 7. Splurge on a Sweet Almond Latte spa pedicure at **Lavande**. 113 Carl St., 415-566-5333, lavandenailspa.com
- 8. Order a traditional kaiseki dinner at the unmarked **Hama-Ko Sushi** on Carl Street. 108 Carl St., 415-753-6808
- 9. Pick up the ultimate hostess gift - macarons - at **Boulange** in Cole Valley. 1000 Cole St., 415-242-2442, laboulangebakery.com

## CASTRO

- 1. Check out a gay-fabulous flick at the **Castro Theatre**. 429 Castro St., 415-621-6120, thecastrotheatre.com
- 2. Wait in line for a Superman sandwich with dirty sauce at **Ike's Place**. Follow with Tums. 3506 16th St., 415-553-6888, ilikeikesplace.com
- 3. Sit at the piano and sing along with the boys at **Martuni's**. 4 Valencia St., 415-241-0205
- 4. Spend Sunday trying to keep count of the all-you-can-drink-for-\$6 mimosas at **Lime**. 2247 Market St., 415-621-5256, lime-sf.com
- 5. Shop for feather boas and tool belts at **Cliff's Variety**. 479 Castro St., 415-431-5365, cliffsvariety.com
- 6. Strike a pose at Friday's happy-hour dance party at **Badlands**. 4121 18th St., 415-626-9320, sfbadlands.com
- 7. Catch a concert at **Café Du Nord** (or a little acoustic at the adjacent **Swedish American Hall**). 2170 Market St., 415-861-5016, cafedunord.com
- 8. Have a 3 a.m., post-clubbing breakfast at **Bagdad Café**. 2295 Market St., 415-621-4434, bagdadcafesf.com
- 9. Pick up some social criticism at **A**

**Different Light Bookstore**. 489 Castro St., 415-431-0891, adlbooks.com

- 10. Hook up over coffee at **Café Flore**. 2298 Market St., 415-621-8579, cafe flore.com

## CHINATOWN/FIDI

- 1. Have your fortune made at the **Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Factory**. 56 Ross Aly., 415-781-3956
- 2. Give up coffee for tea at **Red Blossom Tea**. 831 Grant Ave., 415-395-0868, redblossomtea.com
- 3. Sign up for Shirley Fong-Torres' **Wok Wiz walking tour** of Chinatown. 650-355-9657, wokwiz.com
- 4. And then buy an authentic wok (or any number of Chinese cooking tools) from owner Tane Chan at the **Wok Shop**. 718 Grant Ave., 415-989-3797, wokshop.com
- 5. Order whatever was cooked on the spit that day at **Kokkari**. 200 Jackson St., 415-981-0983, kokkari.com
- 6. Start at the Old **U.S. Mint** and meander the 3.8 miles' worth of **Barbary Coast Trail bronze** medallions. U.S. Mint at Fifth and Mission Sts.
- 7. Channel another era with a martini and steak tartare at **Bix**. 56 Gold St., 415-433-6300, bixrestaurant.com
- 8. Browse the spendy **antique stores** on Jackson Street. Starting at Montgomery and Jackson Sts.
- 9. Have a Arturo Fuente cigar on the heated patio of the **Cigar Bar & Grill**. 850 Montgomery St., 415-398-0850, cigarbarandgrill.com

## DOGPATCH

- 1. Wait for the daily menu posting on Twitter and order the sandwich du jour from **Kitchenette**. 958 Illinois St., kitchenettesf.com
- 2. Pick up a made-in-SF, eco-friendly messenger bag at **Rickshaw Bagworks**. 904 22nd St., 415-904-8368, rickshawbags.com
- 3. Sit down to some housemade beignets at **Just For You Cafe**. 732 22nd St., 415-647-3033, justforyoucafe.com
- 4. Fuel up your VW or Mercedes with biodiesel at **Dogpatch Biofuels**. 765 Pennsylvania Ave., 415-643-3435, dogpatchbiofuels.com
- 5. Three words. Red. Flannel. Hash. (Have it for brunch at **Serpentine**.) 2495 Third St., 415-252-2000, serpentesf.com
- 6. Test-run your Match.com date over biodynamic wine at **Yield**. 2490 Third St., 415-401-8984, yieldsf.com
- 7. Score an Eames knockoff at **Sphere Designs**. 2525 Third St., 415-738-8446, spheredesignsfurniture.com

- 8. Discover local, emerging contemporary artists at **Ampersand**. 1001 Tennessee St., 415-285-0170, ampersandintarts.com

- 9. Take a Thursday night qigong class at **Acupuncture Kitchen**. 2325 Third St., no. 4R, 415-553-5999, acupuncturekitchen.com

## EXCELSIOR

- 1. Get a milkshake (and two straws) at **Joe's Cable Car**. 4320 Mission St., 415-334-6699, joescablecarrestaurant.com
- 2. Throw the ball for the dog at the **McLaren Park reservoir**. At Mansell St. and John F. Shelley Dr.
- 3. Sample your way through the **Broken Record's** collection of 200 whiskeys. 1166 Geneva Ave., 415-963-1713
- 4. Check out work by local artists (and get your caffeine fix) at **Mama's Art Cafe**. 4754 Mission St., 415-586-8453, mamasf.com
- 5. Take a deep breath at the lush **Cayuga Playground garden**. Naglee St. and Cayuga Ave.
- 6. Work your way through the menu at **Beijing Restaurant**, beginning with the fennel dumplings. 1801 Alemany Blvd., 415-333-8182
- 7. Get some friends together for a softball game at **Crocker Amazon playground**. Geneva Ave & Moscow St., 415-831-2700
- 8. Dive into a stack of pupusas at the Excelsior outpost of **Balompie Cafe**. 3801 Mission St., 415-647-4000

## GLEN PARK

- 1. Look up to see the hawks circling the rustic canyon paths of **Glen Canyon Park**. Elk at Chenery Sts., 415-337-4705
- 2. Forget cooking for a night and stop at **Canyon Market** to get something from its gourmet deli. 2815 Diamond St., 415-586-9999, canyonmarket.com
- 3. Sit down to a potato-and-bacon pizza at **Gialina**. 2842 Diamond St., 415-239-8500, gialina.com
- 4. Take time to smell the roses at the lovely **Arlington Community Garden**. At Arlington Street and Highland Ave.
- 5. Find some quiet time at the new **Glen Park Library**. 2825 Diamond St., 415-355-2858
- 6. Play darts at the **Glen Park Station** (not the BART stop—the dive bar). 2816 Diamond St., 415-333-4633
- 7. Pick up a conversation piece, like a Paul McCobb coffeetable, at **Modern Past**. 677 Chenery St., 415-333-9007, modernpast.com
- 8. Have a greasy-spoon, stack-of-pancakes breakfast at **Tyger's**. 2798 Diamond St., 415-239-4060