



Insider Favorites: Karla's Guide to San Francisco

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I lived in [San Francisco](#) for more than 20 years. It is a city with which you will fall in love. Originally I moved for a job, but the climate, culture, and the endless things to see and participate in kept me there.

San Francisco has a rich history and culture dating back to the Gold Rush. It still retains its “Wild West” roots and is constantly reinventing itself. It is a city best experienced on foot. There are so many things to discover and enjoy, many of which are hidden gems. I love the beautiful vistas that are everywhere in San Francisco. You can walk from one end of the city to the other since it is only seven square miles.

One of my favorite things to do is to ride the cable car; it is a rolling museum of San Francisco history and engineering prowess. It is the best way to get to Fisherman’s Wharf or Ghirardelli Square, where you can visit the Buena Vista for an Irish coffee (they invented them here). Whatever you enjoy, you can find in San Francisco: recreation, culture, sports, music, and wine. It is an innovation center so the people are truly exceptional.

I want to share with you my favorite...

Drink

Chill bar: [The Big 4](#) at the Scarlet Huntington Hotel is a classic San Francisco place where you will run into the Nob Hill elite. I love ordering a glass of champagne at the bar.