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GUIDEBOOK SAUSALITO

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1 ABOUT SAUSALITO

Sausalito offers visitors and residents the chance to enjoy a relaxed and peaceful atmosphere by the edge of the Bay and some of the SF Bay Area's best in shopping, dining, and outdoor activities.



Discovered in 1775 by Spanish explorers and named Sausalito (Little Willow) for the trees growing around its springs, the town served as a port for whaling ships during the 19th century. By the mid-1800s wealthy San Franciscans were making Sausalito their getaway across the bay. They built lavish Victorian summer homes in the hills, many of which still stand. In 1875 the railroad from the north connected with ferryboats to San Francisco, bringing the merchant and working classes with it. This influx of hardworking, fun-loving folk polarized the town into "wharf rats" and "hill snobs," and the waterfront area grew thick with saloons, gambling dens, and bordellos. Bootleggers flourished during Prohibition, and shipyard workers swelled the town's population in the 1940s.

Sausalito developed its bohemian flair in the 1950s and '60s, when creative types, led by a charismatic Greek portraitist named Varda, established an artists' colony and a houseboat community there. Today more than 450 houseboats are docked in Sausalito, which has since also become a major yachting center. Some of these floating homes are ragged, others deluxe, but all are quirky (one, a miniature replica of a Persian castle, even has an elevator inside).

If you are looking for something new and different to do in the Bay Area, take a drive across the Golden Gate Bridge or a ferry across the water and see why Sausalito is consistently thought of as one of the best cities in the area to visit for the day, the weekend, or a vacation!

2 SIGHTS

- **THE SAUSALITO FERRY**

This 30-minute ride is the best way to get to Sausalito from San Francisco; you get more romance (and less traffic), is less expensive and disembark in the heart of downtown.

Website: goldengateferry.org

Location: **Downtown Sausalito at Humboldt & Anchor Streets.**

Phone: -

Hours: **Check website**



- **SAUSALITO WOODEN BOAT TOUR**

Sausalito, the first village north of the Golden Gate Bridge, is incredibly rich in history and has tales that are waiting to be shared with you. On this first-rate, Historic House Boat Walking Tour, you will see and learn about the history and local lore surrounding

Sausalito's Historic House Boat Communities, explore the WWII shipyards where the Liberty ships were built, visit the wooden boat center and art studios and enjoy an insider's view of Sausalito's 'Working Waterfront'. This local walking tour ends at the Boat Lettering Shack where you can instantly reminisce in your adventures for the day over cookies and tea with others. Reservation is required; you can book it online - \$50 per person.

Website: www.sausalitowoodenboattour.com

Location: **You will be informed the location once you place your reservation.**

Phone: **(415) 332-6608**

Hours: **Every Saturday & Sunday, 12:30pm to 3:30pm year round - with the exception of major holiday.**

- **BAY MODEL**

The Bay Model Visitor Center is a fully accessible education center administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which hosts a working hydraulic model of the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento - San Joaquin River Delta



System. The model is used to reproduce the rise and fall of tides, the flow of currents, and the other physical forces at work on the bay. It is a unique opportunity to view the complete bay-delta system at a glance!

Website: <http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Bay-Model-Visitor-Center/>

Location: **2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito, CA 94965**

Phone: **(415) 332-3871**

Hours: **Summer | TUE-FRI 9am–4pm | SAT 10am–5pm**

Winter | TUE-FRI 9am–4pm

3 ARTS & CULTURE

- **SAUSALITO ART FESTIVAL**

Fine art, music, food, and wine come together Labor Day weekend for one of the most prestigious art festivals in the country. The Sausalito Art Festival, America's Premiere Waterfront Art Festival, is held annually on Labor Day Weekend. Tickets are available online.



Website: www.sausalitoartfestival.org

Location: **2400 Bridgeway # 220, Sausalito, CA 94965**

Phone: **(415) 332-3555**

Hours: **Saturday, September 3, 2016 - 10am to 7pm**

Sunday, September 4, 2016 - 10am to 7pm

Monday, September 5, 2016 - 10am to 5pm.

- **BAY AREA DISCOVERY MUSEUM**

Sitting at the base of the Golden Gate Bridge, this indoor-outdoor museum offers entertaining and enlightening hands-on exhibits for children from 6 months to 8 years of age. Kids can fish from a boat

at the indoor wharf, imagine themselves as marine biologists in the Wave Workshop, and play outdoors at Lookout Cove (made up of scaled-down sea caves, tidal pools, and even a re-created shipwreck). At Tot Spot, toddlers and preschoolers dress up in animal costumes and crawl through miniature tunnels.

Website: www.baykidsmuseum.org/

Location: **557 McReynolds Rd, Sausalito, CA 94965**

Phone: **(415) 339-3900**

Hours: **TUE-FRI 9am-4pm**

SAT-SUN 10am-5pm

4 SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

- **SEA TREK OCEAN KAYAKING AND SUP CENTER**

For over 30 years, the center offers guided sea-kayaking trips underneath the Golden Gate Bridge and to the Angel Island. Trips for beginners and experienced kayakers, classes, and rentals are also available. Starlight and full-moon paddles



are particularly popular. Rentals are first come first serve but for groups of 10 or more please call us.

Website: www.seatrek.com

Location: **2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito, CA 94965**

Phone: **(415) 332-8494**

Hours: **Open 7 days a week**

NOV1-MAR30 | Everyday 9am-4pm

APR1-OCT31 | MON-FRI 9am-5pm | SAT-SUN 8:30am-5pm

- **SF BAY ADVENTURES (SAILING)**

This outfit's expert skippers conduct sunset and full-moon sails around the bay, as well as fascinating eco and whale-watching tours with the possibility of viewing great white sharks. If you're interested, the company can arrange for you to barbecue on Angel Island or even spend the night in a lighthouse.

Website: www.sfbayadventures.com

Location: **60 Liberty Ship Way, Suite 4, Sausalito, CA 94965**

Phone: **(415) 331-0444**

Hours: -

- **MOUNT TAMALPAIS STATE PARK**

The breathtaking panorama from Mount Tamalpais's 2,571-foot peak includes the Farallon Islands 25 miles out to sea, the Marin County hills, San Francisco Bay, the East Bay and Mount Diablo. There are several hundred miles of trails in the State Park and adjacent areas such as the Marin Municipal Water District for you to explore. Because there are so many trails on Mt Tamalpais, we strongly recommend you bring a map with you.

Website: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=471

Location: **North of San Francisco's Golden Gate**

Phone: **(415) 388-2070**

Hours: **Daily: 7:00am to Sunset year round**

- **MUIR WOODS NATIONAL MONUMENT**

Muir Woods lies in the middle of the redwood's latitudinal range that spans from the California/Oregon border to Big Sur, just south of Monterey. The weather is mild throughout the year, but summer is the busiest time to visit Muir Woods. The incredible diversity of flora

and fauna at Muir Woods can be daunting some times, elusive at other times. Muir Woods National Monument contains 6 miles of trails. There is a 1/2 hour loop, a 1 hour loop, and a 1 1/2 hour loop as well as longer hikes on trails that extend into surrounding Mount Tamalpais State Park.

Website: [nps.gov/muwo/index.htm](https://www.nps.gov/muwo/index.htm)

Location: **1 Muir Woods Rd, Mill Valley, CA 94941**

Phone: **(415) 388-2595**

Hours: **Open every day of the year from 8:00am to Sunset.**



5 SHOPPING

- **SAUSALITO FERRY CO.**

Eccentric and fun, this shop is a great place to buy trendy T-shirts, wallets, and clocks—not to mention solar-powered bobbleheads, outrageous cocktail napkins, and one-of-a-kind key chains.

Website: www.sausalitoferry.com

Address: **688 Bridgeway, Sausalito, CA 94965**

Phone: **(415) 332-9590**

Hours: **Open 7 days a week from 9:30am to 7:00pm**

- **STUDIO 333**

For something more unique and not outrageously expensive, see Studio 333 downtown branch. Studio 333 is the largest Artist's Co-Op Gallery in the San Francisco Bay area. It's a good place to get souvenirs



created by local Artists. There are two locations, one is downtown on Bridgeway near the Ferryboat Landing and the original location is still at 333 Caledonia St.

Website: <http://studio333.info/about/#downtown>

Address: **803 Bridgeway, Sausalito, CA 94965**

Phone: **(415) 332-5483**

Hours: **Open 7 days a week from 10am to 6:30pm**

6 RESTAURANTS

- **AVATAR'S**

Avatar's offers Indian-Mexican fusion combinations such as Punjabi burritos and pumpkin enchiladas that locals love. The outgoing chef makes a big impression; you can tell him your preferences, sensitivities, and whims, and he'll create something spectacular and promise you'll want to lick the plate. The creativity of the food and the low prices more than make up for the uninspired space.



Type of Food: **India-Mexican fusion**

Price: **\$\$**

Website: www.enjoyavatars.com

Address: **2656 Bridgeway Blvd, Sausalito, CA 94965**

Phone: **(415) 332-8083**

Hours: **MON-SAT 11am-3pm / 5pm-9:30pm**

***Closed on Sundays**

- **FISH.**

This is where locals go when they want fresh seafood. You can order at the counter (cash only) and then grab a seat by the floor-to-ceiling windows or at a picnic table on the pier, overlooking the fishing harbor on the north side of town. Fish



Restaurant was given the Sustainable North Bay Award to honor their commitment to protecting wild fish populations and helping the local economy by supporting local fishermen. The restaurant is dog and child friendly.

Type of Food: **Seafood**

Price: **\$\$**

Website: www.331fish.com

Address: **350 Harbor Dr, Sausalito, CA 94965**

Phone: **(415) 331-3474**

Hours: **Open 7 days a week**

Lunch | 11:30am-4:30pm

Dinner | 5:30pm-8:30pm

- **LE GARAGE**

Born in Brittany, France, Olivier moved to San Francisco in 2005 and worked as Executive Chef at Chez Papa Bistrot where he met Bruno. A native of Versailles, France, General Manager Bruno has



been working in the restaurant industry for the past 10 years in San

Francisco. They are committed to serving simple French bistro style food in a relaxed casual atmosphere. The menu is small, but the dishes are substantial in flavor and presentation. Standouts include frisée salad with poached egg, bacon, croutons, and pancetta vinaigrette; steak frites with a shallot confit and crispy fries; and a chef's selection of cheese or charcuterie with soup and mixed greens. The restaurant only seats 35 inside and 15 outside, so reservation is essential,

Type of Food: **French, Breakfast & Brunch**

Price: **\$\$**

Website: legaragebistrosausalito.com

Address: **85 Liberty Ship Way, Suit 109, Sausalito, CA 94965**

Phone: **(415) 332-5625**

Hours: **Coffee & Croissants | MON-FRI 9am**

Lunch | MON-FRI 11:30am-3pm

Snacks and Drinks | MON-FRI 3pm-5:30pm

Dinner | MON-SUN | 5:30pm-9:30pm

Weekend Brunch | SAT-SUN 10am-2:30pm

- **LIGHTHOUSE CAFE**

A cozy spot with a long coffee bar and dose of Scandinavian flair, this local establishment has been a favorite breakfast (served all day) and brunch destination for decades. The hearty Norwegian salmon



omelet with spinach and cream cheese always hits the spot, as do the fruit pancakes and, for lunch, grilled burgers, sandwiches, and Danish specials such as meatballs with potato salad. Expect a wait,

often with a long line of people waiting to get in, particularly during the weekends (they don't make reservations).

Type of Food: **Breakfast & Brunch**

Price: **\$\$**

Website: lighthouse-restaurants.com

Address: **1311 Bridgeway, Sausalito, CA 94965**

Phone: **(415) 331-3034**

Hours: **MON-SUN 7am-3pm**

- **POGGIO**

Poggio is a classic Italian trattoria with comfortable neighborhood charm and destination-caliber cuisine. Using the best available local ingredients and property-grown organic herbs and vegetables, the daily changing



menu features soulful classics of Northern Italy, simply and earnestly prepared. Expect dishes such as grilled chicken with roasted beets and sunchokes, braised artichokes with polenta, featherlight gnocchi, and pizzas from the open kitchen's wood-fired oven. Daily breakfast includes fresh-made pastries, house-made granola, and panini such as ham and eggs or prosciutto and provolone.

Type of Food: **Italian**

Price: **\$\$\$**

Website: poggiotrattoria.com

Address: **777 Bridgeway, Sausalito, CA 94965**

Phone: **(415) 332-7771**

Hours: **Open 7 days a week**

Breakfast | 6:30am-11am

Lunch | 11:30am

Dinner | 5:30pm

- **SUSHI RAN**

Sushi aficionados swear that this stylish restaurant—in business for three decades—is the Bay Area's best option for raw fish, but don't overlook the excellent Pacific Rim fusions, a melding of Japanese ingredients and



French cooking techniques, served up in unusual presentations. Because Sushi Ran is so highly ranked among area foodies, book from two to seven days in advance for dinner. Otherwise, expect a long wait, which you can soften by sipping one of the 45 by-the-glass sakes from the outstanding wine-and-sake bar. If you arrive without a reservation and can't get a table, you can sometimes dine in the noisy bar. One of the best sushi restaurants in the San Francisco Bay area, Sushi Ran serves up incredibly good and fresh sushi and modern Japanese cuisine. Received a Michelin star in October 2006.

Type of Food: **Sushi Bar, Japanese**

Price: **\$\$\$**

Website: www.sushiran.com

Address: **107 Caledonia St., Sausalito, CA 94965**

Phone: **(415) 332-3620**

Hours: **MON-FRI 11:45am-2:30pm**

SUN-THU 5pm-10pm

FRI-SAT 5pm-11pm

7 ABOUT AIR CONCIERGE

Air Concierge is the newest thing in vacation rental property management. Serving vacation rental properties in select San Diego, Orange County, Los Angeles, Palm Springs, Lake Tahoe and San Francisco (Bay Area/Marin County) communities, our certified team can transform any property into a successful vacation rental hot spot people won't stop talking about.

We specialize in Airbnb and VRBO homes and rely on a two-pronged approach when it comes to our and our clients' success:

- 1) We utilize sophisticated and dynamic pricing software that allows us to optimize occupancy and nightly rates for our clients.
- 2) Every home has a dedicated Air Concierge staffer who attends to check ins, check outs, oversees cleanings and ensures that your home has eyes and ears on the ground 24/7.

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