

# Things to Do and See on the Peninsula

## *Allied Arts Guild*

Created in 1929 as a unique historical garden and shopping area that is a showplace for artisans and was designed after the famous Alhambra and Generalife gardens of Granada, Spain. It is an enchanting complex of shops, gardens and artists' studios nestled in a quiet corner of a lovely Menlo Park residential community.

[www.alliedartsguild.org](http://www.alliedartsguild.org)

Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm

Sundays, noon to 5 pm, during November and December



## *Año Nuevo State Reserve*

This state reserve is the site of one of the largest mainland-breeding colony in the world for the northern elephant seal. Elephant seals, sea lions, and other marine mammals come ashore to rest, mate, and give birth in the sand dunes or on the beaches and offshore islands. Reservations fill up fast during the winter breeding season. [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov)

Call for park hours 650-879-2025 (8:30 am - 4:30 pm)



## *California Canoe & Kayak*

Providing the best instruction possible - whether in a sea kayak, whitewater kayak, canoe or recreational boat - for 35 years. Discover the joy and freedom of paddling taught by instructors who are the best in the business. Also offers an easy introduction to sea kayaking for a business event or private party. [www.calkayak.com](http://www.calkayak.com)

Call for Reservations: 800-366-9804



## *Cantor Arts Center*

The Center's diverse collections span continents, cultures, and 4,000 years of art history and includes the largest gathering of Rodin bronzes outside Paris. View a wide range of changing exhibitions, and take advantage of docent tours, lectures, gallery talks, symposia, classes and special events. Open Wednesday-Sunday; free admission.

<http://museum.stanford.edu>

Wednesday-Sunday 11 am – 5 pm

Thursday 11 am – 8 pm



## *Coastal Elegance Tours*

Explore the hidden coastside through Eco-Bike Tours, Coastal Limo Tours, and Tide Pool Nature Tours. Experience unsurpassed personal attention while exploring one of the most ecologically diverse habitats in North America. [www.coastalelegancetours.com](http://www.coastalelegancetours.com)

Reservations: 650-712-8456



## *Colma Historical Association*

The Mission Revival style museum depicts the history of the Town of Colma, its 17 cemeteries, and the Native Americans, Spanish settlers, post-World War II families and others who have contributed to its growth. It also features a research library, hall and conference room. Visit the historic train depot, freight shed, and a reproduction of a Colma blacksmith shop on its grounds. [www.colmahistory.org](http://www.colmahistory.org)

Tuesday-Sunday 10 am - 3 pm



### ***CuriOdyssey Museum***

Located in beautiful Coyote Point Recreation Area in San Mateo, Coyote Point Museum provides visitors with opportunities to learn first-hand about the science behind the environment. The Museum offers interactive exhibits, hands-on science and art programs, and outdoor wildlife habitats with live, non-releasable animals native to California.

[www.curiodyssey.org](http://www.curiodyssey.org)

**Tuesday – Saturday: 10am – 5pm**

**Sunday: 12pm – 5pm**



### ***Filoli Center***

Located 30 miles south of San Francisco on the eastern slope of the Coast Range, the 654-acre Filoli estate contains as its central portion a historic house and 16 acres of formal gardens. Occupied from 1917-1936 as a private residence. Filoli was then donated to the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1975. [www.filoli.org](http://www.filoli.org)

**Tuesday – Saturday 10 am - 3:30 pm**

**Sunday 11 am - 3:30 pm**

**(last admission 2:30 pm)**



### ***Harley Farms***

Farmstead dairy producing award winning fresh French style goat cheese, hand made and hand packed. 220 American Alpine goats roam on the 9 acre farm and produce over 500 kids each Spring. [www.harleyfarms.com](http://www.harleyfarms.com)

**Tours available call 650-879-0480**



### ***Hiller Aviation Museum***

The Hiller Aviation Institute is dedicated to the dreams of flight – looking back into aviation's history while exploring its future. The experience is educational and entertaining casting new light onto the technical innovations. Before you leave, you'll be transformed from visitor to explorer. [www.hiller.org](http://www.hiller.org)

**Daily 10 am – 5 pm**



### ***Johnston House***

The classic New England salt-box (two stories in front, one in back) was built by '49er pioneer James Johnston between 1853-1855, for his Californian bride, Petra Maria de Jara. Now California's last surviving "saltbox" house is an interpretive museum with a community garden. [www.johnstonhouse.org](http://www.johnstonhouse.org)

**3rd Saturday of each month 11 am - 3 pm**

**Closed October, November and December**



### ***Kohl Mansion***

This rare brick estate with its exquisite gardens and ponds has been the host of countless social gatherings since 1914. The mansion is open year-round for wedding receptions, concerts, dinners and corporate events. [www.kohl-mansion.com](http://www.kohl-mansion.com)

**Weekday tours are available along with Thursday evenings until 7 pm**

**Saturday 9 am – noon**

**Appointments are required**



### ***Millbrae Museum***

Housed inside a restored 1895-built house, the museum features numerous photos, artifacts, furniture, and documents. In 1976, the Historical Society stepped up to the plate and saved the then 90 year-old house by moving it one-half mile through downtown Millbrae. Recently, the City built a full basement for the Museum and moved the building a second time, about 50 feet, in order to facilitate the construction of a new library. [www.millbraehs.org](http://www.millbraehs.org)

**Open Saturdays from 12:00-4:00 p.m. and by appointment**



### ***Pigeon Point Lighthouse***

One of the tallest lighthouses in the U.S; built in 1872 following a string of shipwrecks. The lens occupies a lantern room that was constructed in New York at the Lighthouse Service's general depot before being shipped around the Horn.

[www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov)



### ***Point Montara Lighthouse***

This picturesque light station stands just 30 feet tall, the perfect height for keeping its beam of light beneath the fog. Originally constructed in 1875, a new lighthouse tower arrived in 1928 from Mayo Beach on Cape Cod where it had served from 1881 to 1922. The lighthouse served as a naval training base during World War II.

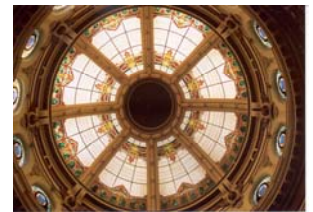
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### ***San Mateo County History Museum***

Features exhibits depicting the history of the Peninsula through the times of the Ohlone Indians, the Spanish explorers, the ranchos, pioneer logging, agriculture, dairy farms, whaling, and the Victorian era of great estates. Visit the "Journey to Work" exhibit, chronicling the history of the commute from stagecoaches to the automobile. Largest stained glass dome in a public building on entire West Coast. [www.historysmc.org](http://www.historysmc.org)

**Tuesday – Sunday 10 am – 4 pm**



### ***Sanchez Adobe***

Sanchez Adobe is a living-history site that was occupied from prehistoric Indian times until it became a historic landmark in 1953. The old adobe home on the site, a fine example of authentic Monterey architecture and furnished with period pieces, is the oldest building in San Mateo County. [www.historysmc.org](http://www.historysmc.org)

**Tuesday – Thursday 10 am – 4 pm**

**Saturday & Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm**



### ***Stanford University***

Many tours of the campus are available including student-guided or self-guided Podcast walking tours, golf cart tours, and group tours. For those interested in sporting events, Stanford Athletics include 35 varsity sports—19 for women, 15 for men and one coed—and more than 40 club sports.

[www.stanford.edu](http://www.stanford.edu)



## Member Attractions Outside Our Area

### ***Aquarium of the Bay*** (San Francisco)

Get up close and personal with sharks, rays, octopuses, jellies and 20,000 other aquatic animals at the only aquarium focused on the marine life of San Francisco Bay. Open every day of the year except for December 25. The nonprofit marine nature center strongly emphasizes conservation, research, and education as its key priorities.

[www.aquariumofthebay.org](http://www.aquariumofthebay.org)

### ***Blazing Saddles Bike Rental & Tours*** (San Francisco)

Bay Area group tours, self-guided tours, and daily rentals of electric bikes. Daily group tours are available for those riders who would like the experience of biking with a knowledgeable guide.

[www.blazingsaddles.com](http://www.blazingsaddles.com)



### ***Blue & Gold Fleet*** (San Francisco)

Experience the thrilling history of the San Francisco Bay with all the sound and glory it deserves. Spend an hour on the water with Captain Nemo and his crew reliving 150 years of the celebrated San Francisco coast. There's no better way to experience unobstructed views of sensational skylines in every direction. It's a great vantage point for snapping pictures or simply reflecting on the vast beauty of the San Francisco Bay. Along the way, you'll be entertained with historical, fun narration and factual tidbits.

[www.blueandgoldfleet.com](http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com)



### ***Red and White Fleet*** (San Francisco)

San Francisco's original sightseeing tradition since 1892 offers water, land and air tours. A one-hour Golden Gate Bay Cruise offers breathtaking views of the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz and San Francisco with educational commentary in eight languages. The two-hour California Sunset Cruise provides spectacular sunset views of San Francisco, Angel Island, Tiburon, Sausalito, and the Golden Gate Bridge. More sightseeing opportunities are available.

[www.redandwhite.com](http://www.redandwhite.com)



### ***USS Hornet Museum*** (Alameda)

This National Historical Landmark is one of the most decorated ships in naval history (it participated in WWII and the Apollo 11 manned moon mission). Explore an authentically restored aircraft carrier and get a close-up look at classic naval aircraft. Exhibits also include the West Coast's largest display of Apollo moon mission artifacts. In addition to being a museum, the ship is available for corporate entertaining, trade shows, dances, dinners, and youth overnights.

[www.uss-hornet.org](http://www.uss-hornet.org)



For additional information on the above venues, contact the  
San Mateo County/Silicon Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau at  
(650) 348-7600 or visit our website at [www.visitsanmateocounty.com](http://www.visitsanmateocounty.com)