



# San Francisco Events & Points of Interest in September 2018

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## Sausalito Arts Festival

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**Dates:** 9/1-9/3

This Labor Day weekend, head over to Sausalito, the lovely waterfront town just north of the Golden Gate Bridge, for their annual arts festival. For over 60 years, the community has held this three-day event featuring a wonderful selection of art, music, food and drink. Enjoy live performances by both well-known and local bands as you peruse the booths of over 270 artists selling everything from sculptures and paintings to glass, fiber, and wood works.

The hours for the 2018 Sausalito Art Festival are:

- Saturday, September 1: 10am to 7pm
- Sunday, September 2: 10am to 7pm
- Monday, September 3: 10am to 5pm

### [Tickets](#)

You can purchase your tickets in advance or at the door. Tickets include admission to the festival and live music for one day. They do not include food or beverages.

The prices are as follows:

- Adults: \$25
- Seniors (62 and over): \$20
- Children (6 - 12): Free
- Children (5 and under): Free

[Head here to buy your tickets online today.](#)

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## Golden Gate Bridge Free Walking Tour

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**Dates:** Every Thursday and Sunday at 11am

One of the best San Francisco events in September is the free walking tour of the Golden Gate Bridge. This massive structure connects the city with its northern neighbor, Marin County. On the tour, you will find out more about this iconic orange bridge, including its construction and history, and get the chance to walk across it. [Read More](#)



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## Ghirardelli Chocolate Festival

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**Dates:** 9/8 & 9/9

San Francisco's famous Ghirardelli chocolate is the star of this annual event, where guests can sample delectable chocolate treats, sip premium wines, and watch chefs show off their culinary skills. You can even participate in an ice cream eating contest! For sweet-tooth's and wine lovers, this festival is a must. Plus, you'll be helping a great cause, as profits are donated to Project Open Hand. It's one of the top San Francisco events in September every year. [More Info](#)

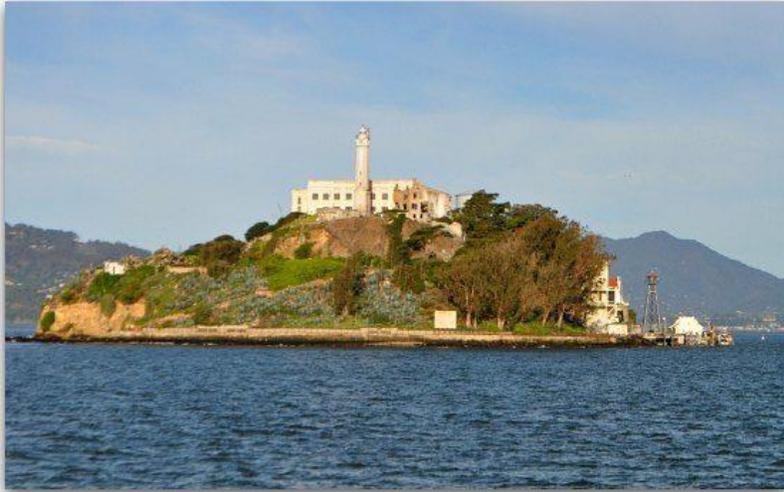


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## Visit & Tour Alcatraz Island

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A visit to the island includes a self-guided audio walking tour along with time to explore the island on your own. Your trip starts with a ferry ride over and walk up a hill that is equal to about 13 stories. From there, you will enjoy your audio tour which lasts around an hour. After you are done exploring on your own, you can catch any ferry back to San Francisco. [Click here to learn more about booking your tour to Alcatraz.](#)



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## Schedule for Ferries

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You will find several ferries to Alcatraz leaving every day. They leave from Pier 33 near San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf District.

The best way to get here is to either walk from Fisherman's Wharf or take the F Streetcar. The F drops off about a block from Pier 33. Most of the streetcar drivers call out the stop, but you can also ask them to let you know when you arrive at your destination.

### *Mid-March - Early November*

This is the schedule for most of the year.

- **Early Bird:** 8:45am
- **Day Tours**
  - 9:10 AM
  - 9:30 AM
  - 10:00 AM
  - 10:30 AM
  - 11:00 AM
  - 11:30 AM
  - 12:00 PM
  - 12:30 PM
  - 1:00 PM

- 1:30 PM
- 2:10 PM
- 2:40 PM
- 3:20 PM
- 3:50 PM
- **Behind the Scenes Tours**
  - 4:20 PM
  - 4:50 PM
- **Night Tours** (running a few nights a week)
  - 5:55 PM
  - 6:30 PM

### [Alcatraz Tickets Only](#)

If you know you want to visit Alcatraz, but haven't finalized your other plans, then you can buy them directly through Alcatraz Cruises. This is the official ticketing site and the company that manages the ferries.

You will purchase your ticket for a specific time. This is the time that your ferry leaves Pier 33. You will want to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your departure time. The ferries will not wait for anyone that is running late. Once the gates are closed, even if the ferry is still at the dock, they will not allow you to board.

[Click here to visit the Alcatraz Cruises site to buy your tickets.](#)

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## Fisherman's Wharf

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Fisherman's Wharf San Francisco is a popular neighborhood on the northern side of the city. This neighborhood is home to some of SF's most

famous attractions such as Pier 39, the ferries to Alcatraz Island and dozens of interesting and original shops and restaurants. In addition, you will find several museums such as the Maritime Museum, the Aquarium of the Bay and the Hyde Street Pier. You will also find the popular Wax Museum, Ghirardelli Square and the Cannery.

