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Welcome to San Francisco!

The Brown Club of San Francisco has crowdsourced recommendations from recent Brown grads in the area for favorite places to eat, play and explore around town. Get the most out of this vibrant city by sampling some of these tried-and-true destinations and experiences. Enjoy!

Your fellow Brown alumni



HOUSING

These neighborhoods are young alumni favorites.

Mission

“Diverse, lots of good food, lots of bars/clubs, good character (though rapidly gentrifying).”

Daniel B. '17

“Mission: Dolores Park. A lot of nightlife. Easy access to BART.”

Chris C. '13

Marina

“Full of great bars and restaurants for new grads.”

Stephanie V. '13

“A lot of bars and restaurants on Chestnut Street. Has a fratty vibe.”

Chris C. '13

Polk Gulch

“Close to downtown. Nightlife and restaurants. Polk Street feels a bit like Thayer.”

Chris C. '13

It's a tie!

“Duboce Triangle, Noe Valley, Bernal Hill, Downtown Oakland”

Vihang M. '12

“Lower Haight and Hayes Valley (both still central but a little more laid back).”

Matt N. '13



DINING & NIGHTLIFE

The best spots to kick up your heels and enjoy an evening with friends.

Exploratorium After Dark

“If you can, go to the Exploratorium After Dark. It’s a totally different vibe to the museum from the daytime, and you don’t have to compete with children to play with the exhibits.”

AJ W. '17

Pakwan

“BYOB, tasty, good for groups, close to nightlife.”

Matt N. '13

Panchita’s Restaurant #2

“Delicious Salvadorian pupusas are the perfect end-of-night food in the Mission. Filling, cheesy, and relatively cheap, too.”

Chris C. '13

Black Hammer

“Good vibes, great tap list.”

Matt N. '13

Kozy Kar

“Imagine if a ’70s van adorned with vintage centerfolds and equipped with a jacuzzi and waterbed was a bar. It’s an over-the-top, campy experience.”

Chris C. '13

“Kitchen Story, Nopa [and] Sweet Maple because brunch is like a religion in SF.”

Stephanie V. '13



MAKING NEW MEMORIES

Not-to-miss local experiences.

Bay to Breakers

“I haven’t been yet (it’s in May) but apparently a crazy / super fun ~7mi road race from the Bay to the Pacific Ocean and everyone dresses up in costumes and just generally celebrates and has a good time.”

Daniel B. '17

Lindy in the Park

“There’s free swing dancing every Sunday in Golden Gate Park, 11-2, with a lesson at noon. It’s called Lindy in the Park and it’s a lot of fun, and a welcoming community.”

AJ W. '17

Musée Mécanique

“Arcade and coin-op machines dating back to the 19th century. Machines cost ~ \$0.25 to \$0.50 so it’s very affordable. Great first date stop.”

Chris C. '13

Dolores Park

“Saturday afternoon: Feels like the Main Green in the spring. You’ll understand once you’re there.”

Chris C. '13

“It’s like a beach, but in the middle of the Mission.”

Matt N. '13

Stern Grove Festival

“Free concerts all summer.”

Stephanie V. '13



WORDS OF WISDOM

The SF alumni have a consensus on the one tip: no cars required!

Getting Around

“Don’t bother getting a car! Parking will eat all of your money and generally will be a nuisance. On-demand car rental services are pretty good.”

Daniel B. '17

“If you’re going to live in Berkeley, get a bike. Parking in SF is atrocious, I do not recommend it.”

AJ W. '17

“Get a clipper card. Use google maps to figure out how to use public transit.”

Chris C. '13

“SF is a great walking city: most parts are pretty safe, and you can experience very different neighborhoods without covering too much distance. Get to know the city on foot, and you’ll develop a much more intimate connection with its eccentricities.”

Matt N. '13

“Ocean Beach, worth the trek on a sunny day; build a bonfire and stay into the evening.”

Matt N. '13

Your membership in the lifelong Brown alumni community starts **NOW**.

Here are 5 easy ways to keep Brown in your life.

1. **Keep your Brunonia profile up to date** to stay in the loop on all things Brunonian and ensure classmates can find you.
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2. **Attend Brown Club of San Francisco events.** Rewarding activities. Fascinating people.
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3. **Traveling?**
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