

A photograph of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California, taken during sunset or sunrise. The bridge's iconic orange-red towers and suspension cables are silhouetted against a sky transitioning from blue to orange. The bridge spans across the water, with the city of San Francisco visible in the distance. The overall mood is serene and scenic.

WELCOME TO SAN FRANCISCO

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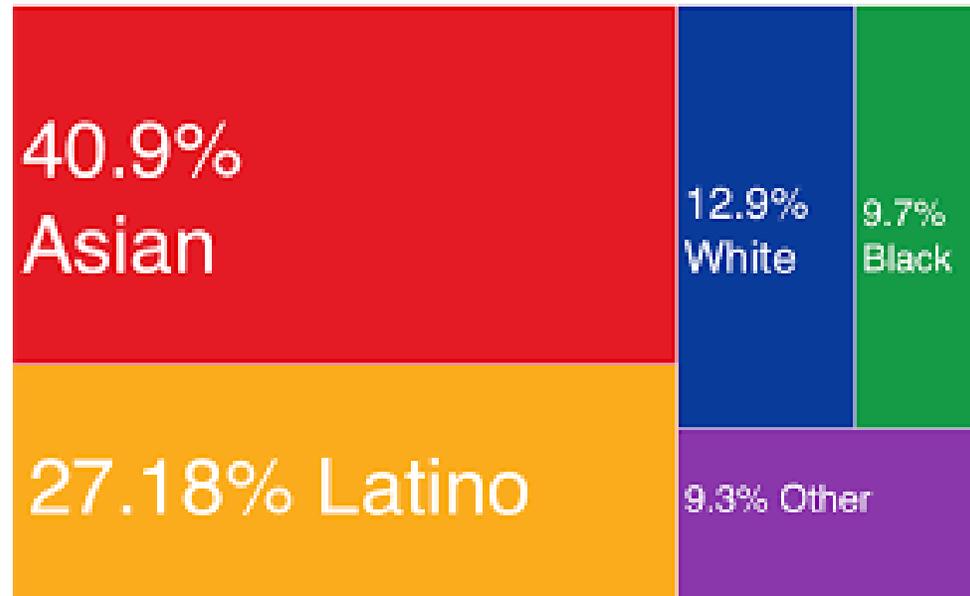
SAN FRANCISCO : WHERE IS IT ?



San Francisco is located on the West Coast of the United States in the North part of the San Francisco Peninsula and includes significant stretches of the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay within its boundaries.

SAN FRANCISCO' S DEMOGRAPHY & LANGUAGES

San Francisco had a population of 805,235 (2010).
With a POPULATION DENSITY of 17,160 per square mile
(6,632/km2), San Francisco is the **SECOND MOST
DENSELY POPULATED** major American city behind only
New York (among cities greater than 200,000
population).



SAN FRANCISCO'S CLIMATE

San Francisco's climate is characterized by the warm-summer Mediterranean climate of California's coast, with moist mild winters and dry summers. San Francisco's weather is strongly influenced by the cool currents of the Pacific Ocean on the west side of the city, and the water of San Francisco Bay to the north and east. This moderates temperature swings and produces a remarkably mild year-round climate with little seasonal temperature variation.

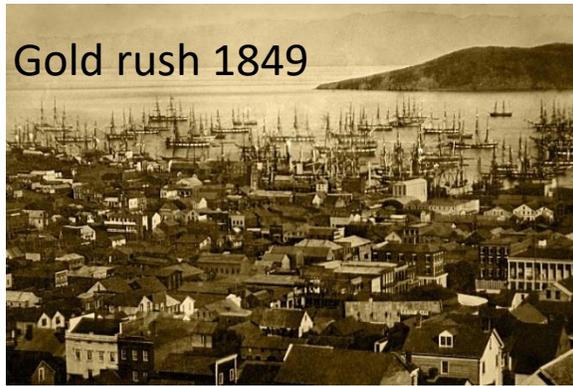
Fog is a regular feature of San Francisco summers.



SAN FRANCISCO : WHERE WERE YOUR FIRST INHABITANTS FROM?



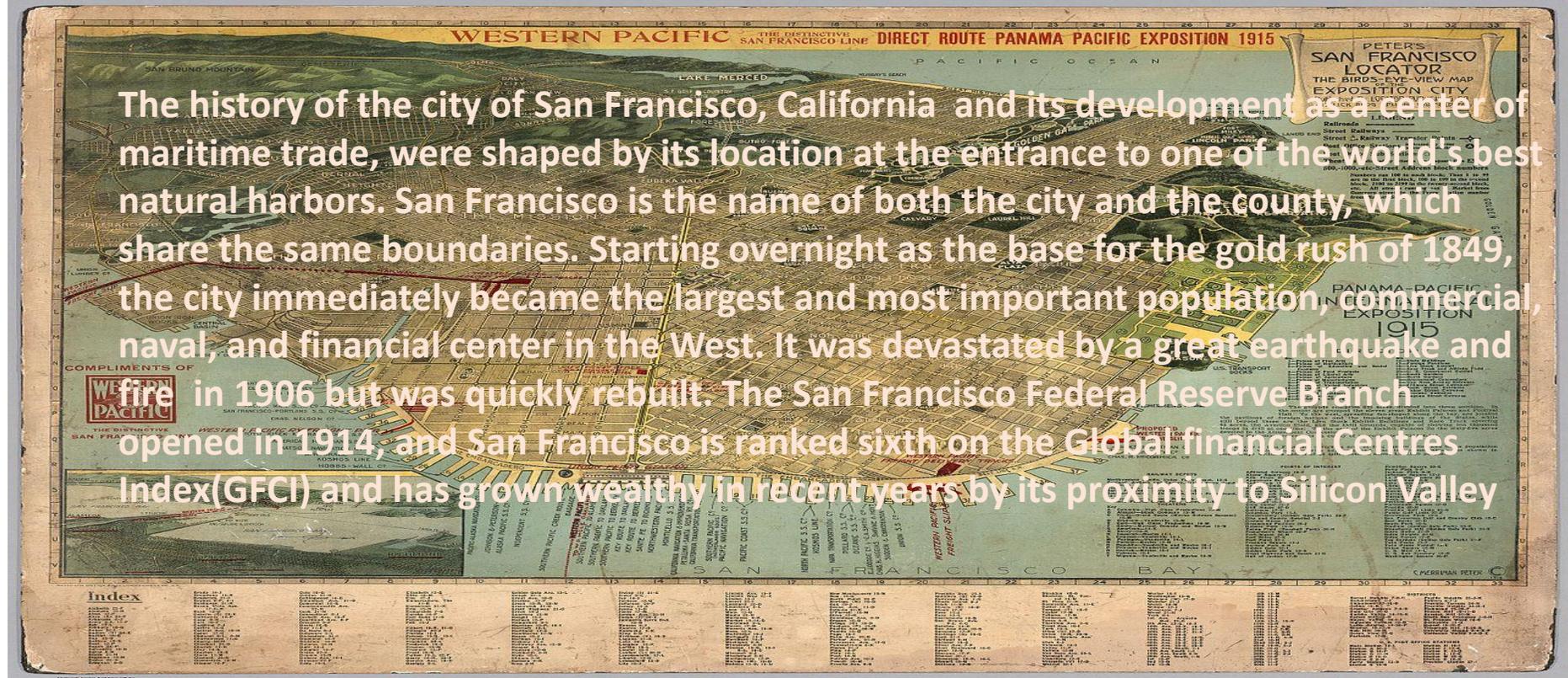
Spanish invasion 1776



Gold rush 1849



Earthquake 1906



The history of the city of San Francisco, California and its development as a center of maritime trade, were shaped by its location at the entrance to one of the world's best natural harbors. San Francisco is the name of both the city and the county, which share the same boundaries. Starting overnight as the base for the gold rush of 1849, the city immediately became the largest and most important population, commercial, naval, and financial center in the West. It was devastated by a great earthquake and fire in 1906 but was quickly rebuilt. The San Francisco Federal Reserve Branch opened in 1914, and San Francisco is ranked sixth on the Global financial Centres Index(GFCI) and has grown wealthy in recent years by its proximity to Silicon Valley



Project of Lillie Coit for the restoration of S.Franisco

SAN FRANCISCO's most important attractions

San Francisco has iconic landmarks : the Golden Gate bridge, Fisherman's Wharf, Alcatraz ...



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PIER 39: the most visited destination in San Francisco—offers two levels of dining, entertainment, shopping and attractions, all surrounded by unbeatable views of the city and the bay. Located along the historic San Francisco waterfront, PIER 39's location provides the picture perfect backdrop for postcard views of the Golden Gate and Bay Bridges, Alcatraz, Angel Island and the famous city skyline.



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Golden Gate Bridge: Once called "the bridge that couldn't be built," today it is one the seven wonders of the modern world. This magnificent bridge, perhaps San Francisco's most famous landmark, opened in 1937 after a four-year struggle against relentless winds, fog, rocks and treacherous tides.

Golden Gate Park: One of the largest urban parks in the world, Golden Gate Park stretches for three miles on the western edge of San Francisco. There's not a single "Keep Off the Grass" sign and its 1,017 acres are a tonic for mind and body.



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Lombard St / Crookedest Street : “The Crookedest Street in the World”, a moniker stemming from the fact that, in 1922, city engineers crammed eight cobblestone switchbacks into a single steep block of Lombard.



Alcatraz Island : Alcatraz was the site of the first lighthouse in the Western United States but became a federal penitentiary from 1934-1963, housing famous convicts such as Al Capone and George "Machine Gun" Kelly.

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The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art puts itself back on the map in January 1995, the day it moved downtown into Mario Botta's fab postmodern jewel with the brick facade and striped oculus skylight.



Palace Of Fine Arts – A remnant of San Francisco's glorious past, this exquisite arts and science complex pulses in the heart of the Marina District.



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Fishermen's Wharf – Get up early and greet the sunrise and brisk bay air with a hearty walk on the piers and along Jefferson Street, making sure to take a turn into Fish Alley. Known for its historic waterfront, delicious seafood, spectacular sights and unique shopping, Fisherman's Wharf offers a wide array of things to do for everyone.



Cable Cars – Hanging off the side as you whiz down hills and around corners is a quintessential San Francisco experience. If you're in San Francisco, you've got to ride the cable cars at least once.



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Coit Tower, also known as the **Lillian Coit Memorial Tower**, is a 210-foot (64 m) tower in the Telegraph Hill neighborhood of San Francisco, California. The tower, in the city's Pioneer Park, was built in 1933 using Lillie Hitchcock Coit's bequest to beautify the city of San Francisco; at her death in 1929 Coit left one-third of her estate to the city for civic beautification. The tower was proposed in 1931 as an appropriate use of Coit's gift. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places on January 29, 2008.



The tower, which stands atop Telegraph Hill in San Francisco's Pioneer Park, offers panoramic views of San Francisco including "crooked" Lombard Street, Nob Hill, Russian Hill, Twin Peaks, Aquatic Park, Pier 39, the Financial District, the Ferry Building, as well as San Francisco Bay itself including Angel Island, Alcatraz, Treasure Island, and the Golden Gate and Bay Bridges.



...and WHAT ABOUT FOOD IN SAN FRANCISCO?

Most agree that San Francisco is one of the country's best food cities, with a pleasing mix of both historic and nouvelle attractions, ethnic eats and home-grown specialties



..and WHAT ABOUT SPORT IN SAN FRANCISCO?

The San Francisco Bay Area, which includes the major cities of San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, hosts seven major league sports franchises, as well as several other professional and college sports teams, and hosts other sports events.

