

27 SAN FRANCISCO COFFEE SHOPS YOU'LL INSTANTLY FALL IN LOVE WITH

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There's nothing like San Francisco's crazy-cool coffee scene. On our super-exclusive peninsula, the hyper-local Blue Bottle reigns supreme, while the rest of the country is still *running on Dunkin'*.

And sure, we don't discredit the yumminess of a Dunkin' iced coffee, but in SF, the bar is set pretty high when it comes to even the simplest cup of joe. So whether you need a nice space to settle in and get some work done, or are just on the hunt for the best latte, we've got you covered.

JACKSON PLACE CAFE



If you find yourself in the Financial District and turning your nose up at Starbucks (because who could blame you really), give this place a try. Hidden in the center of a building off Battery St., [Jackson Place Cafe](https://www.facebook.com/Jackson-Place-Cafe-124441597583981/) (<https://www.facebook.com/Jackson-Place-Cafe-124441597583981/>) is as dependable a spot as any. Especially perfect on warm afternoons, this little cafe feels more like a tropical oasis than the place that just made you a perfect cappuccino. So grab your drink of choice (even just a drip coffee is solid) and contemplate life under the palm fronds for a bit.

COFFEE CULTURES



Take a luxury coffee break at one of Coffee Cultures' (<http://www.coffee-cultures.com/>) two locations: FiDi or SoMa. Featuring upscale interiors, artfully-poured lattes, and locally-made spicy chai, add this one to your list of places to take the boss just before your next performance eval.

BLUE BOTTLE



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The coffee king of San Francisco (https://bluebottlecoffee.com/cafes#bay_area) (they've got 15 locations around the Bay Area) still makes our list for their consistency in deliciousness. Head to their Ferry Building shop for the perfect end to a walk on the Embarcadero, or stop by the one in Mint Plaza for a low-key brew. Looking to buy some beans? Good news — this is the place to get 'em. Bella Donovan or Three Africans are always solid choices. And if you're just in need of a coffee to-go — try the New Orleans: a perfectly sweetened and punchy iced coffee that will make any day in SF a little zingier.

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EQUATOR COFFEE & TEAS



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Coffee, tea, and homemade granola — yes, please. Perfectly positioned mid-Market St., [this local chain](https://www.equatorcoffees.com/) (<https://www.equatorcoffees.com/>) serves up amazing Scratch Caramel Lattes (with caramel made from scratch, of course) and other coffee-sweet pairings. Make a stop after your next meeting or errand and watch the comings and goings of SF's busiest street. If you can't make it to this location, but love their coffee, there are tons of others around the city (and outside!). Our favorite? On your way to a hike in Mill Valley.

RÉVEILLE COFFEE CO.



image via Olivia V. - Yelp

As the French say, “Wake up!”, or as the San Franciscans say, “go here for some strong coffee”. With four full-time locations (including one nearby tourist fave, City Lights Bookstore) and a wandering truck, Réveille’s delicious coffee (<https://www.reveillecoffee.com/>) can be found in all corners of the city. So there’s really no excuse not to try it. Fitt Tip: they are also one of the few coffee locations in SF that offer Wi-Fi and a full-service menu, so settle here when you need a work spot.

CAFE DU SOLEIL



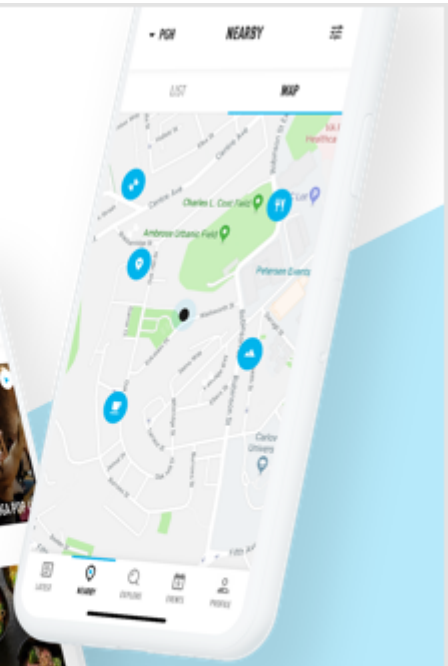
image via Cafe du Soleil Facebook

If you've been around a while, then you're probably mourning the closing of La Boulange like the rest of us. But wipe away those tears because this SoMa coffee stop (<http://www.cafedusoleilsoma.com/>) has all the baguettes, macarons, and bowl-lattes you've been missing. Try any one of their awesome snacks or bring some pastries home to your roommate. Oh, and sit in the outdoor space for unlimited access to cute dogs, and to overhear the local French clans that flock here for reliable Parisian-fare.

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CENTO



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If you're in SoMa and happen to have cash (always a good idea in this city) then head to Cento (<https://www.facebook.com/centocoffeesf/>). Filled with quirky band relics, this cafe is decorated like your cool older sister's closet, plus a few coffee geniuses making you the perfect drip behind a bar. Stop in for a serious caffeine dose before conquering the rest of your agenda. Cento is also opening a new spot in North Beach (taking over the old Fora Think Space coffee shop!) in the coming months. So, if you love their coffee but avoid SoMa at all costs — keep an eye out!

RITUAL COFFEE ROASTERS



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Ever wonder what that red hammer and sickle symbol is on some cafes in the city? Don't worry — it's not a call for Russian Communists. It's just Ritual Coffee (<https://www.ritualroasters.com/>) being their ultra-hip selves. With five locations in the city, there's no excuse not to try this strong, delicious, and locally-brewed coffee at least once. So skip the beer garden in Hayes and enjoy a coffee from one of the cafes that's as cool as they come. Fitt Tip: since there's no seating at this location, grab your coffee and enjoy it at Patricia's Green before heading on your way.

VERVE COFFEE ROASTERS

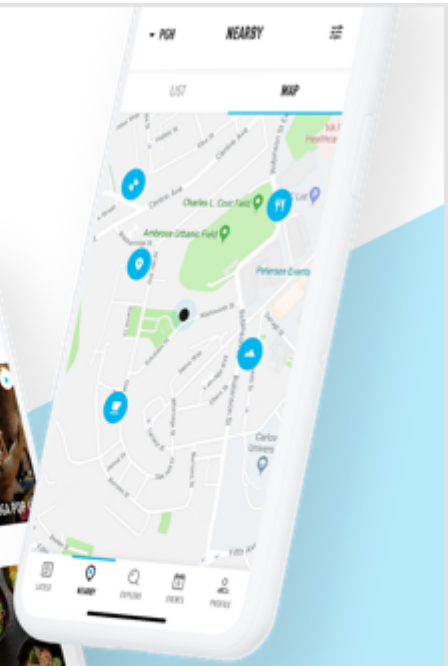


Santa Cruz-based [Verve Coffee's](https://www.vervecoffee.com/pages/locations/) (<https://www.vervecoffee.com/pages/locations/>) outpost in The Castro is your go-to for coffee delicious and all the modern, cool vibes. Seriously, the interior is stunning — it's a nod to the breezy style of Northern California in the 1960s. Don't let their eye for design and attention to detail turn you away — the staff is all super-welcoming.

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SIGHTGLASS



One word: Atmosphere. [This cafe \(https://sightglasscoffee.com/\)](https://sightglasscoffee.com/) (there are two locations actually, but the Mission one is our preferred spot) is about as charming as it gets. From their copper ceilings to their delectable (and overpriced) pastry, this is one of the places to go for an expertly-crafted latte. Word to the wise: you may've caught on that many SF cafes (like this one) are sans Wi-Fi — just something to keep in mind if your date is a laptop. P.S. you'll also find that many of your favorite restaurants and shops brew Sightglass coffee, too — so you can get your fix no matter where you are!

SAMOVAR TEA BAR



Who doesn't like taking in the scent of cinnamon and cardamom while sipping the perfect homemade Masala Chai? No one. And that's exactly what you can expect at [this little tea bar](https://www.samovartea.com/) (<https://www.samovartea.com/>) outfitted with a super-modern feel and a tea menu that's perfect for that friend "who doesn't drink coffee" (we've all got one). Grab a mochi pastry for a yummy twist on this Japanese dessert, then choose from a variety of chai and herbal teas on their menu. They also recently opened a brand new location on Fillmore in Lower Pac Heights, which has the perfect minimalist style.

LINEA CAFFE



image via @brittanpittman

Not much of a place to sit. But definitely a place to stop by. What at first looks like a garage is actually a local roaster making some of the best espresso beans around. Brewing out of a shared space, Linea (<https://lineacaffe.com/>) delivers amazing Americanos and lattes at their Mission location. So get a drink to-go and buy your bag of beans for the week. Fitt Tip: Linea beans make a great present for your East Coast coffee-snob crew.

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FOUR BARREL



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Some will call this the best coffee in the city (<https://www.fourbarrelcoffee.com/>). And there's no doubt that they're pretty damn good. Nestled between chic vintage clothing stores on Valencia St., this cafe is about as San Francisco as it gets. Case in point: they have a separate drip coffee bar. And when you go in, be sure to admire the boar heads and antler chandeliers before choosing the espresso line or the drip bar. If you're craving something sweet, try the donuts. They also have an awesome outdoor seating set up, so you can get some fresh air while you sip your brew.

PHILZ



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Feeling brave? Then head to [Philz](https://www.philzcoffee.com/) (https://www.philzcoffee.com/) (find one — they're everywhere) and get an Iced Mint Mojito. Don't ask what's in it. Just get one. Unless (spoiler) you're not into mint. Then try any of their delicious flavored brews — and be sure to order sweet and creamy. They'll ask you if you want cream and sugar, and the answer to that question should always be yes. If you're counting cals, sub the cream for milk for a similarly perfect flavor. Fitt Tip: all Philz have Wi-Fi.

THE COFFEE BAR



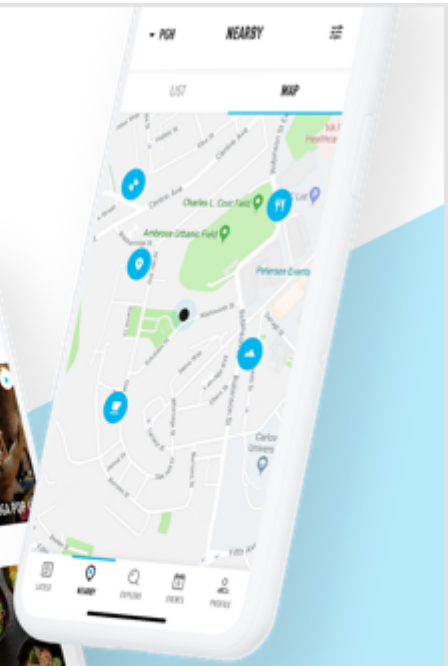
Coffee Bar image via Coffee Bar | Facebook

You need [The Coffee Bar \(https://coffeebarsociety.com/\)](https://coffeebarsociety.com/) when you want to hang for a few hours and get some work done. For their plentiful outdoor seating, reliable Wi-Fi, and healthy eats, this place makes the list. Catch some rays on the patio, lunch on a salad or made-to-go quinoa bowl, and enjoy the rare beast that is free internet in a SF cafe (you already know). Also, take a peek at their extensive iced coffee list; horchata cold brew is definitely one to try. They also have two semi-new locations in the Financial District if you need a coffee break there, too.

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SAINT FRANK



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You may think you've entered a modern minimalist furniture gallery, but in fact, you're just in Russian Hill's Saint Frank (<https://www.saintfrankcoffee.com/>). Take a break from your Polk St. shopping for a coffee, latte, or cold brew that's guaranteed to be amazing. And for a true show of java passion, order a drip, and watch as these baristas make something so simple seem more complex than a middle school science project. We laugh, but it's damn good coffee.

BEACON COFFEE & PANTRY



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If you need to get some work done AND brighten up your Instagram feed, Beacon Coffee & Pantry (<http://www.beacon-sf.com/>) in North Beach is a good option to hole up for the afternoon. They serve beans from Anytown, homemade salads and sandwiches, and pastries from Jane. It doesn't get much better.

THE INTERVAL AT LONG NOW



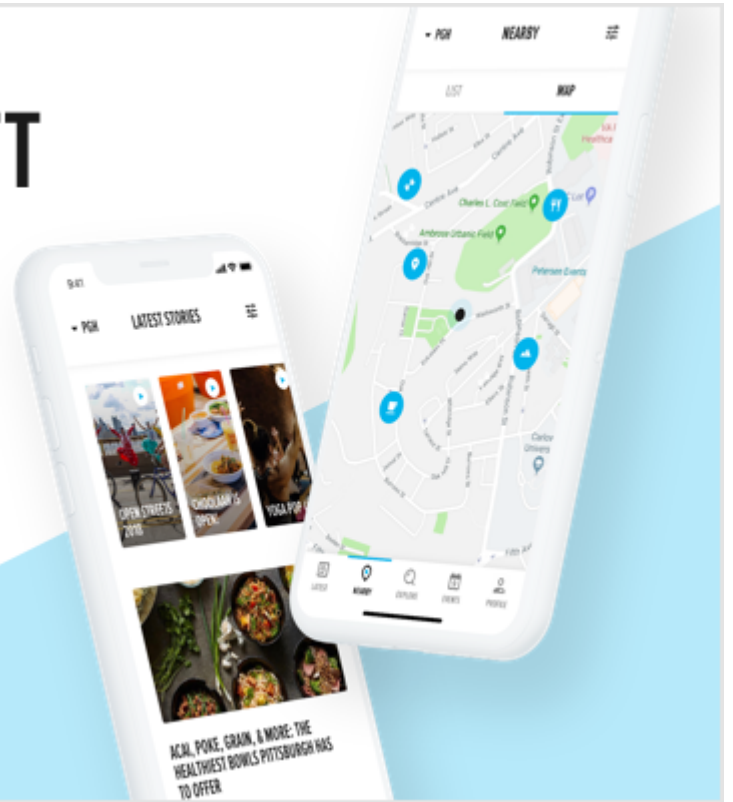
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Start your Sunday morning with a coffee from [The Interval at Long Now](https://theinterval.org/) (<https://theinterval.org/>) before hitting up the [Fort Mason Farmers Market](https://fitt.co/san-francisco/best-farmers-market-san-francisco/) (<https://fitt.co/san-francisco/best-farmers-market-san-francisco/>) in the Marina. They're also a great option for an intimate coffee date spot if that's your thing.

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WRECKING BALL COFFEE ROASTERS



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Hidden in Cow Hollow on the less-trafficked side of Union St. is some of [the city's best house-roasted coffee](https://www.wreckingballcoffee.com/) (<https://www.wreckingballcoffee.com/>). They pride themselves on scientifically perfect pour overs and espresso drinks. So kick back, relax, and taste the science.

JANE



image via @minseo.kwon | Instagram

We'd be remiss not to mention Jane (<https://www.itsjane.com/>) on Fillmore and on Larkin as one of the best coffee shops in the city. Not only do they serve Stumptown Coffee, they make their own chai concentrate for chai tea lattes (if you're not a coffee drinker), and have a bevy of sandwiches, salads, quiche, and, of course, pastries to snack on. Oh, and they also have a bakery on Geary Blvd.

THE MILL



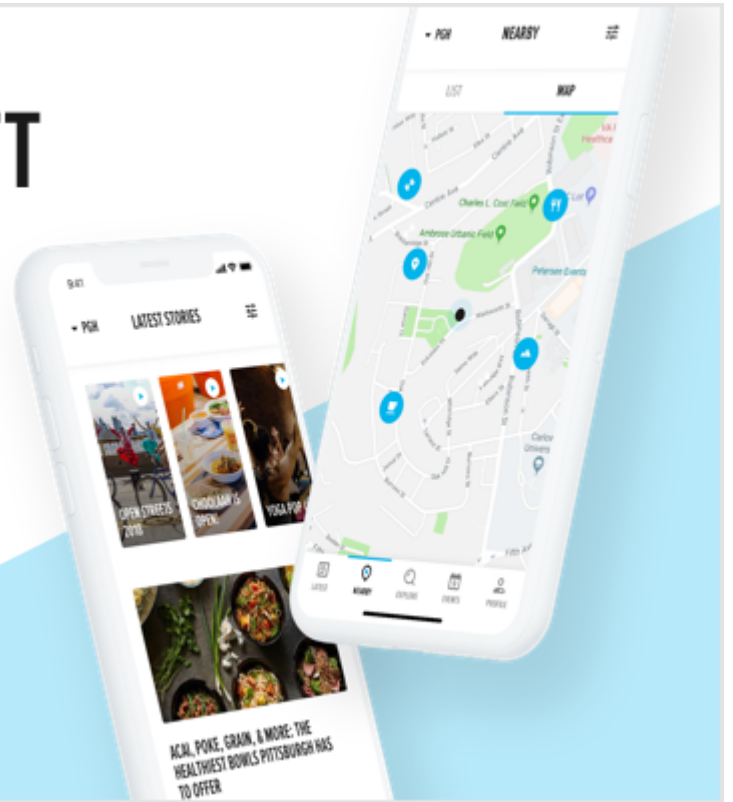
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A joint venture between Four Barrel coffee and a top bakery? Say no more. If you want that upscale drip you've come to rely on but also some mouth-watering carbs, skip the normal Four Barrel locations and head to this spot on Divisadero (<http://www.themillsf.com/>). Still as chic inside, plus a better menu of snacks for your every craving.

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FARLEY'S



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Opened in 1988, [this cafe \(http://www.farleyscoffee.com/\)](http://www.farleyscoffee.com/) has been a staple of the Potrero Hill neighborhood ever since. And they offer up more than just fancy brews. With a full menu of breakfast and lunch eats, they're a solid choice for a mid-day getaway or your next breakfast date.

PROVENDER



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Provender's (<http://www.provendercoffee.com/>) Maplewood iced coffee—a cold brew coffee that is poured over milk, maple syrup, and a dash of pure maple extract—is worth the trek out to the Potrero Hill. You can also grab breakfast or lunch to go from their selection of pastries, sandwiches, and grain salads. Consider yourself satisfied.

SNOWBIRD COFFEE



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Cold brew, matcha, cortados — sign us up! [Snowbird](http://snowbirdcoffee.com/) (<http://snowbirdcoffee.com/>) is a cozy local fave that packs a big punch with their artisanal offerings. Stop in for a meal or grab a coffee to accompany your morning jaunt through Golden Gate Park. Either way, we told you so.

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HOME CAFE



Latte art is next-level at [Home Cafe](https://www.facebook.com/Home-Cafe-958783184145555/) (<https://www.facebook.com/Home-Cafe-958783184145555/>) in The Sunset. Try the Birthday Latte (and prepare to get all the Instagram likes) and pair it with one of their creative and innovative [toast options](https://fitt.co/san-francisco/9-places-for-healthy-and-delicious-toast-in-san-francisco/) (<https://fitt.co/san-francisco/9-places-for-healthy-and-delicious-toast-in-san-francisco/>). You can thank us later.

ANDYTOWN COFFEE ROASTERS



It might be cold in the Outer Sunset but go for the Snowy Plover, named after the bird that can be found all along Ocean Beach. Andytown's (<http://www.andytownsf.com/>) Snowy Plover is a cold drink composed of Pellegrino, espresso, house-made brown sugar syrup, and—best of all—topped with homemade whipped cream. You can also get this creative concoction at their cafe on Taraval St. Fitt Tip: if their corn muffins are fresh out of the oven, be sure to grab one of those, too.

THE RICHFIELD



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[The Richfield \(https://www.instagram.com/therichfield/?hl=en\)](https://www.instagram.com/therichfield/?hl=en) is a bit of a hidden gem in The Richmond. If you want a quiet place to sit with a book while you enjoy an almond milk latte, you'll love this place. They also have a modest offering of breakfast and brunch options, like black sesame toast.