

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco may be the most classically gay place in America. What we know as the cornerstones of contemporary gay culture can be traced back here. LGBT culture has become a distinct part of the San Francisco's identity as a whole and there is hardly a street in the city where a rainbow flag isn't flying. This city has a homogenous tolerance for the gay community, but there are also many places that resonate particularly deeply with the gay community. San Francisco is the heart and soul of "Gay America" and no neighbourhood embodies this more than The Castro, district home to many of the city's gay-owned business and households.



GAY & LESBIAN BARS

Trigger

Stylish two-level nightclub with dancers, entertainment and frequent special events. Tuesday women's night, Friday night Radar with hosts and early admission drink specials. Very popular with a mixed young crowd on weekends, when there is usually a cover charge.

2344 Market St. 551-CLUB (Area: Castro)

Cafe Flore

A landmark all-ages cafe known for our distinctive brunch and dinner menu, sunny outdoor brunch, full bar with great drink specials & community events, we proudly offer the most central meet up spot in the Castro, with a full (heated) outdoor patio.

Area: Castro

Blackbird

New bar with creative drinks and cool ambiance, rustic chic decor (formerly The Expansion).; very popular. Private parking.

Area: Castro

2124 Market St. at Church. 503-0630. www.blackbirdbar.com

Lush Lounge

With a new spacious two-floor location and a fireplace, the bar specializing in delicious martinis and flirtatious patrons is a new/old Polk favorite. Daily 3pm-2am, Sat-Sun open at 12pm.

1221 Polk St. 771-2022 (area: Polk Street)

www.lushloungesf.com

Asia SF

Restaurant and lounge with drag queen servers; popular with a mixed crowd. Special events are frequently hosted here.

201 9th st. at Howard. 255-2742. (area: South of Market)

www.asiasf.com

The Stud

Historic popular bar with near-nightly live events (bands, performances, comedy, drag), cheap drinks and good atmosphere.

399 9th St. at Harrison (area: South of Market)

(415) 863-6623.

www.studsf.com

Hole in the Wall

Funky bar with wild decor, moved from its original location, but still great for an easygoing or slightly crazed gay time. Every Thursday's Shirtless night. Take off your shirt and get \$1 off any drink, 8pm-closing.

1369 Folsom St. 431-4695 (Area: South of Market)

www.holeinthewallsaloon.com

Esta Noche

Intimate gay bar with frequent drag Latin shows and gogo boys; cheap drinks, \$10-\$15 cover charge many nights.

3079 16th St. (area: Polk Street)

861-5757

www.estanocheclub.com

The Cinch

Old-school bar with a charmingly retro Western theme; outdoor patio, cheap drinks and local fun.
1723 Polk St. at Clay (are: Polk Street)

776-4162

www.bartabsf.com

The Café:

Located in the heart of the Castro, The Café represents the best of the 21+ Castro bar scene, demonstrating the next generation of San Francisco entertainment.

2369 Market Street San Francisco, CA www.cafesf.com

Harvey's:

Harvey's is a bar/restaurant that is a perfect place to meet your friends and enjoy a burger. Harvey's hosts drag shows every second and fourth Saturdays and a variety of other performances, including comedy and jazz on some week nights.

500 Castro Street San Francisco, CA www.harveysf.com



GAY & LESBIAN RESTAURANTS

440 Castro

A neighborhood gay bar that's home to locals and tourists alike. If you're visiting for San Francisco Gay Pride, Up Your Alley Dore Alley Fair, or the Folsom Street Fair, you'll have a great time.

440 Castro Street San Francisco, CA www.daddysbar.com

Blue

Comfort food in the heart of the Castro

The Castro - 2337 Market Street , San Francisco, CA

(415) 863-BLUE

<http://blue.velvetcantina.com/>

Squat and Gobble

Squat and Gobble serves basic salads, breakfasts and casual fair. What is exceptional about the Castro location is the Parisian-style sidewalk seating that overflows every time the sun shines

3600 16th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114, The Castro

Delfina

Popular Italian trattoria

The Mission - 3621 18th St. , San Francisco, CA

(415) 552-4055

<http://www.delfinasf.com>

5:30-10pm

Thai House Express Castro

Delicious Thai Dishes

The Castro - 597 Castro Street , San Francisco, CA

(415) 864-5000

Luna Park

Chic Ambiance, Superb Cuisine

The Mission - 694 Valencia St. , San Francisco, CA

415) 553-8584

<http://www.lunaparksf.com/>

Boogaloos

Legendary breakfasts

The Mission - 3296 22nd Street , San Francisco, CA

(415) 824-4008

<http://boogaloosf.com>

8am-3pm

Harvey's

Large portions at this bar/restaurant

The Castro - 18th and Castro St. , San Francisco, CA

<http://www.harveysf.com>

Firewood

A hearty, casual, welcoming appeal focusing on dishes from the wood-burning oven.

The Castro - 4248 18th Street , San Francisco, CA

(415) 252-0999

<http://www.firewoodcafe.com/castro.html>

Sun-Thurs 11:00am-10:00pm Fri-Sat 11:00am-11:00pm

Asia SF

Go for the show & cocktail

SOMA - 201 9th St , San Francisco, CA

(415) 255-2742

<http://www.asiasf.com>

Chow

Healthy comfort food

The Castro - 215 Church St , San Francisco, CA

(415) 552-2469

<http://www.chowfoodbar.com/>

2223

The BEST! Brunch in the Castro

The Castro - 2223 Market St. , San Francisco, CA

(415) 431-0692

<http://www.2223restaurant.com/>

Citizen Cake

Trendy, well located and actually very good

Hayes Valley - 2125 Fillmore Street , San Francisco, CA

(415) 861-2228

<http://www.citizencake.com/>

Bisou

Over the Top Adorable

The Castro - 2367 Market Street , San Francisco, CA

(415) 556-6200

<http://www.bisoubistro.com>



GAY & LESBIAN NIGHT CLUBS

Badlands

Fun dance/video bar hopping most nights

The Castro - 4121 18th St. , San Francisco, CA

<http://www.badlands-sf.com/>

(415) 626-9320

Daily 2pm-2am, dancing nightly

Midnight Sun

Popular neighborhood video bar

The Castro - 4067 18th St. , San Francisco, CA -

(415) 861-4186

<http://www.midnightsunsf.com/>

Mix

A nice spot to gather with friends.

The Castro - 4086 18th St. , San Francisco, CA

(415) 431-8616

<http://www.sfmixbar.com/>

Daily 6am-2am

The EndUp

A favorite weekend late night dance club

SOMA - 401 6th St. , San Francisco, CA

(415) 263-4850

<http://www.theendup.com/>

Thurs-Sun Late Night

Club Eight

Club Dragon Fridays with an Asian flare and other special events for all

SOMA - 1151 Folsom St. , San Francisco, CA

(415) 431-1151

<http://www.eightsf.com/>

Fri 9pm-2am, Sun. 6pm-12

El Rio

A mixed crowd pleases all tastes

The Mission - 3158-A Mission St. , San Francisco, CA

(415) 282-3325

<http://www.elriosf.com/>

Fresh @ Ruby Skye 'Pour Homme'

Monthly dance party draws SF's sexiest party boys

Tenderloin - 420 Mason St. , San Francisco, CA

<http://www.freshsf.com/>

Esta Noche

Latinos, entertainment and dancing nightly

The Mission - 3079 16th St. , San Francisco, CA

(415) 861-5757

<http://www.estanocheclub.com>

Daily til 2am

Space 550

Industrial space hosts Sundance Saloon and other big parties

Dogpatch - 550 Barneveld Ave. , San Francisco, CA

(415)820-1403

<http://www.space550.com>



GAY & LESBIAN EVENTS

San Francisco Pride Parade:

The San Francisco Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Pride Celebration Committee is a non-profit membership organization founded to produce the San Francisco Pride Celebration & Parade. SF Pride is dedicated to education, to the commemoration of LGBT heritage and to the celebration of LGBT culture and liberation.

A world leader in the Pride movement, SF Pride is also a grant-giving organization through our [Community Partners Program](#). Since 1997, SF Pride has granted nearly \$2 million dollars from proceeds of the Pride Celebration and Parade to local non-profit LGBT organizations and those organizations working on issues related to HIV/AIDS, cancer, homelessness, and animal welfare.

www.sfpride.org

Lovefest San Francisco:

LovEvolution exists to produce a celebration of the highest forms of electronic music culture and technology, in the belief that dance promotes peace, love, unity and respect. The purpose of this organization is to serve the electronic dance music community by organizing public events, presenting electronic art forms, generating funds to support artistic development, advancing music education & production, as well as the right to dance and educating the public regarding the rights and contributions of our community.

www.sflorevolution.org

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