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Newsletter

Welcome To The St. Regis San Francisco

It's 2023! Many a glass is raised as we eagerly welcome in the new year. We hold our newest resolutions close, determined this time to see them to fruition and aiming with eyes wide, toward goals that are as attainable as we believe them to be.

As we look ever forward, let's not forget the events and personalities that have shaped, in their own way, much of our shared experiences. In the next few months, we will recognize the birth of such figures as George Washington, Elvis Presley, Albert Einstein, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Events that have been celebrated through the years are no less relevant in 2023. Did you know that San Francisco has one of the largest populations of Cantonese in the country? On January 22nd, we recognize the year of the rabbit as Lunar New Year officially begins.

In the coming months we will look to Punxsutawney Phil to decide our weather, honor past presidents on President's Day and celebrate the luck of the Irish on St. Patrick's Day. The Concierge team is a wealth of knowledge for finding the perfect gift for Valentine's Day. There is indeed much to look forward to.

Yet, the New Year is also a time of reflection. When past and present merge in what has been, what has yet to be and most importantly, what is yet possible.

We at the St. Regis wish each of you a wonderful new year as we present the St. Regis San Francisco Newsletter, Winter Edition.

Daniel Rey - Chief Concierge
The St. Regis San Francisco

What's Happening? – *The House of Astor*

Lunar New Year Afternoon Tea 1/19 – 1/22 | 1/26 – 1/29

A timeless St. Regis tradition inspired by Caroline Astor. Discover this signature ritual while celebrating the Lunar New Year with a special menu edition of sweet delicacies and savory bites created by our pastry chef and crafted selections of TEALEAVES. Hosted in January from Thursday 19 to Sunday 22 and Thursday 26 to Sunday 29 from 2 to 4 PM.

Open Table

Festival Napa Valley at The St Regis San Francisco 2/14

Celebrate Valentine's Day with tenor Pasquale Esposito in concert at The St Regis San Francisco. Pasquale and his virtuosic band will take the audience on a musical journey through Italy, Spain, and the Americas, showcasing romantic songs, opera arias, and Broadway tunes, all coupled with stories of love.

Reception 5:30 PM | Concert 6:15 PM

www.festivalnapavalley.org

An Exquisite Valentine's Day Dinner at Astra 2/14

Celebrate Valentine's Day by experiencing an exceptional prix fixe menu at Astra. Join us for culinary excellence, including specialties with locally sourced ingredients.

Open Table

What's Happening? – Theatre

Dear San Francisco Thru 02/05

Club Fugazi reemerges with an acrobatic love letter to our dear San Francisco. Created by Bay Area natives and modern circus collective The 7 Fingers co-founders Shana Carroll and Gypsy Snider, the intimate and immersive resident production will pay homage to the stunning beauty, storied characters, and astounding resilience of the city by the bay.

www.clubfugazisf.com

The Simon & Garfunkel Story – One Night Only 01/18

An immersive concert-style theater show that chronicles the amazing journey shared by the folk-rock duo, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. It tells the story from their humble beginnings as Tom & Jerry, to their incredible success as one of the best-selling music groups of the '60s, and to their dramatic split in 1970.

www.broadwaysf.com

Bluey's Big Play – The Stage Show 01/21 - 01/22

Bluey's Big Play is a brand-new theatrical adaptation of the Emmy® award-winning children's television series, with an original story by Bluey creator Joe Brumm, and new music by Bluey composer, Joff Bush.

www.broadwaysf.com

Dear Evan Hansen 01/24 – 02/19

A letter that was never meant to be seen, a lie that was never meant to be told, a life he never dreamed he could have. Evan Hansen is about to get the one thing he's always wanted: a chance to finally fit in.

www.broadwaysf.com

Mean Girls 01/31 – 02/26

Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. Soon, this naïve newbie falls prey to a trio of lionized frenemies led by the charming but ruthless Regina George.

www.broadwaysf.com

The Headlands 02/09 – 03/05

The Headlands is a complicated love letter to our city. Obie Award-winning playwright Christopher Chen dives deep into his San Francisco roots to tell the story of true crime fan Henry Wong. For Henry, his father's unexplained death is the ultimate cold case. But as he digs into the SFPD evidence, he's haunted by the myths and odd directions of his own family history.

www.act-sf.org

Six 02/21 – 03/19

From Tudor Queens to Pop Icons, the SIX wives of Henry VIII take the microphone to remix five hundred years of historical heartbreak into a Euphoric Celebration of 21st-century girl power! This new original musical is the global sensation that everyone is losing their head over!

www.broadwaysf.com

Fiddler on the Roof

03/22 – 03/26

Tony®-winning director Bartlett Sher and the team behind South Pacific and The King and I bring a fresh and authentic vision to this beloved theatrical masterpiece from Tony-winner Joseph Stein and Pulitzer Prize winners Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick.

www.broadwaysf.com

What's Happening? – *The Arts*

SF Opera Performances Resume in June

San Francisco Ballet Thru 03/31

Our superb ballet continues the 2023 season with enthralling premieres such as Garland/Roberts/Roew, Caniparola/Breiner/Oishi, and unforgettable classics such as Giselle and Cinderella.

www.sfsymphony.org

San Francisco Symphony Thru 03/31

San Francisco is proud to present the San Francisco Symphony. The symphonic season continues with such notable performances as Elim Chan Conducts Tchaikovsky, Salonen Conducts Bruckner & Adams, the Symphony Film Series and Yuja Wang Plays Rachmaninoff.

www.sfsymphony.org

Speaking of Art...

SF Museum of Modern Art

Thru 05/29
2022 SECA Art Award Exhibition

www.sfmoma.org

Museum of African Diaspora

Thru 03/05/23
The New Black Vanguard:
Photography Between Art
and Fashion

www.moadsf.org

The Contemporary Jewish Museum

Thru 04/09/23
Gillian Laub: Family Matters

www.thecjm.org

Asian Art Museum

Ongoing
Bearing Witness:
Selected Works by Chiura Obata

www.asianart.org

The Walt Disney Family Museum

Ongoing
Walt Disney - The man. His story.
His work. His innovations.

www.waltdisney.org

California Historical Society

Ongoing

www.californiahistoricalsociety.org

de Young Museum

Thru 02/12/23
Ramses the Great and the Gold
of the Pharaohs

www.famsf.org

Legion of Honor Museum

Thru 04/02
Michelle Erickson: Wild Porcelain

www.famsf.org

And be sure to visit the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

Located across from the St. Regis in our Yerba Buena Gardens, YBCA spans the realms of contemporary art, performances and film with a focus on civic engagement and public life.

www.ybca.org

Guess Who's Coming to Town?

SF Jazz Highlights

Complete Calendar Available Online

Chris Botti - 01/03 - 01/08

Stanley Clarke - 01/13 & 14

Jason Marsalis - 01/26 - 01/29

Bria Skonberg - 02/09 - 02/12

www.sjjazz.org

Chase Center

Complete Calendar Available Online

Golden State Warriors - The Season
officially ends on 04/04

Harlem Globetrotters - 01/15

AEW Revolution - 03/05

Marc Anthony - 03/10

www.chasecenter.com

Golden Gate Theatre Highlights

Complete Calendar Available Online

**Xiaoguo Stand-Up Comedy City
Roaming** - 2023 World Tour -
01/28

Our Planet - Live in Concert -
03/04

Bill Maher - 03/12

Tyler Henry - The Hollywood
Medium - 03/16

John Mellencamp - 03/17 & 18

www.broadwaysf.com

SF Masonic Auditorium Highlights

Complete Calendar Available Online

Nimesh Patel - 01/21

The Roots - 02/23

NAV - Never Sleep Tour - 03/16

Sarah Milican - 03/24

www.livenation.com

Special Events of Note

Martin Luther King March/Parade

01/16

Join thousands in honoring the historic Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama march at the MLK2023 commemorative 1.5-mile march/parade from San Francisco's Caltrain Station to Yerba Buena Gardens. Here, the celebration of Dr. King and his legacy continues with an interfaith commemoration and festival.

SF Giant's Fan Fest 02/04

It's not quite baseball season yet, but Giants fans are ready to kick into action with the annual Fan Fest event. This is your chance to meet players, get their autographs, take photos with the World Series trophies, play catch on the field, and purchase new merchandise.
www.mlb.com/giants/fans/fanfest

Bay Area Brew Fest

01/28

Beer aficionados from around the world will meet at Fort Mason to enjoy the talents of over 50 breweries, along with food trucks, DJs, and much more!
www.bayareabrewfestival.com

Noise Pop Festival 2023 02/04

This huge celebration of independent music, film, and art is a must-attend! Over 150 bands will play at different venues around the city, such as The Bottom of the Hill, Bimbo's, and the Great American Music Hall. This festival is well known for featuring emerging independent groups that have gone on to become big names
www.dickensfair.com

The 2023 Chinese New Year Parade

02/04

Named one of the top ten Parades in the world by International Festivals & Events Association, the Alaska Airlines Chinese New Year Parade in San Francisco is one of the few remaining night-illuminated Parades in North America and the biggest parade celebrating the Lunar New Year outside of Asia. A wonderful family event as we welcome in the Year of the Rabbit!
www.chineseparade.com

St. Patrick's Day Parade 03/11

Beginning at 11:30 AM, Market Street will come alive as one of the biggest events in March returns to San Francisco. See the Concierge desk for parade routes as well as other activities and celebrations.

Did You Know?...

New Year's Eve is one holiday celebrated in all corners of the world. Each city has unique ways of saying goodbye to the previous year and welcoming the next. San Francisco is no exception. Beginning in the 1940's until the latter part of the 20th century, San Franciscans, particularly in our Financial District, celebrated by throwing paper calendar pages out the windows of buildings in the surrounding area. Prior to the newer edifices that have since been built, older structures had windows that would open out to the streets below. San Francisco's best-known journalist Herb Caen once wrote, "On New Year's Eve, I strolled downtown Powell Street, looking at the old calendar leaves strewn about in what is said to be a custom observed nowhere else." Years later, Mr. Caen would follow up with, "The annual rain of desk calendars from offices in the financial district continues. Just the pages. Throwing the entire calendar out the window is considered bad form, and somebody could get hurt." It wasn't until the '90's that the city began to discourage the practice. The clean-up costs became just too expensive and a burden on the city's coffers. Our San Francisco Chronicle estimated that in 1978 alone, 30,000 pounds of paper were tossed out of office building windows. Though the annual practice is long gone, fond memories linger for many who witnessed this truly unique and local means of celebrating the New Year.

When in San Francisco...

Alcatraz

No prison has been made more popular in books and movies than the one on Alcatraz. This small island on the San Francisco Bay however, has a story that extends far beyond the famed penitentiary. Originally named Isla de los Alcatrazes (Isle of the Pelicans), Alcatraz Island became a part of the U.S. in 1849. During the 1850's, a fortress was built and cannons installed as, along with much of the nearby Pacific coastline, Alcatraz aided in protecting the entry into the bay, dubbed the Golden Gate. The first inclinations of what was to come appeared as the U.S. Army began holding military prisoners in the late 1850's.

Alcatraz is best known however, for the famed gangsters and notorious criminals that were sent to "The Rock" after a maximum-security federal prison was built, which began operations in 1934. No one escaped and those who managed to free themselves and dive into the chilly bay waters were never heard from again. Still, it's thought that a few may have made it across.

Now owned by the National Park Service, a limited number of tickets are sold each day. It's best plan ahead to ensure a day and time that works for you.

www.cityexperiences.com

Coit Tower and the Filbert Steps

A wealthy eccentric and patron of San Francisco's firefighters, Lillie Hitchcock Coit left a large amount of money after her passing for the sole purpose of erecting a monument to her beloved firefighters, including those who fought the fires that engulfed much of San Francisco after the 1906 earthquake. Contrary to popular belief however, the tower was not designed to resemble the end of a fire hose. Purchase tickets for an elevator ride to the top for a spectacular 360-degree view of The City. Within its walls are murals painted by muralists who were influenced by such famed artists of the time as Diego Rivera and Raoul Dufy.

If you are keen to a workout and beautiful views of the bay, why not take the Filbert Steps beginning from the Embarcadero (waterfront) up Telegraph Hill, with Coit Tower as your reward. Or make it easier on yourself and take the steps heading down. The views will still be there.

The Presidio & Crissy Field

Once belonging to the native Ohlone people, the Presidio and the surrounding area that is now San Francisco became the northernmost outpost for the Spanish empire in western North America. After being acquired by Mexico and eventually the U.S., the United States Army established a military post on the Presidion grounds in 1847. The Presidion served as a military post through to the Vietnam War. A memorial bears the names of the 413 members of the armed forces who were lost or buried at sea in U.S. Pacific waters over World War II. Now the Presidio is a place of peace and reflection, offering hiking trails amongst the woods throughout. Many of the classic barracks have been refurbished or reimagined with restaurants or campuses such as Industrial Light and Magic.

An extension of the Presidio, it was recommended by a board of Army officers after the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition that the vacant bayfront now called Crissy Field should become a site for an Air Coast Defense Station, supplementing the artillery defenses around San Francisco Bay. Named in honor of Major Dana Crissy, this airfield helped develop the air power that proved essential in winning World War II. Now a beautiful open area with reclaimed marshes, Crissy Field is ideal for a stroll, jog or a run.

UPDATE - A bold and ambitious project known as the Presidio Tunnel Tops now connects the two! Make your way from one to the other over grass and manicured greens situated atop two new tunnels, taking motorists from the Golden Gate Bridge into the city proper. Enjoy a picnic or just take in the views atop this innovative landscape.

Twin Peaks

One of San Francisco's highest points, Twin Peaks offers a spectacular vista of San Francisco and the surrounding areas. Many of our iconic landmarks can be seen from this vantage point. If you are up for a good hike, there are paths that will take you to the viewing area. The payoff will be well worth it!

Golden Gate Park

It's hard to believe that a swath of land that is longer than New York's Central Park was once nothing more than wind-swept sand dunes. Construction began in 1870 and would eventually encompass 1,017 Acres. Over the years, lakes and unique gardens were added, among them the Japanese Tea Gardens, the Botanical Gardens as well as the AIDS Memorial Grove. Enjoy a paddle boat on Stow Lake or rent a bike. You might even come across a corral of bison!

Golden Gate Bridge

Guests often think that the bridge was named after its golden appearance in the distance. Actually, the color of the bridge is International Orange. The bridge was built across an important entry into the U. S., often referred to as the golden gateway. With a span of 1.7 miles, The Golden Gate Bridge opened to the public in 1937. No one could've predicted just how iconic the structure would be to our city.

When visiting the bridge, be sure to stop by Fort Point, located underneath. During the bridge's planning stages, the thought was to demolish this Civil War era fort. After a massive outcry from residents, plans were altered for the bridge, with an updated design that would have the bridge built over the fort, thus saving this historic sight for future generations to come.

...And While in the Park

Conservatory of Flowers

Calling it a greenhouse doesn't do justice to the Conservatory of Flowers. Opened in 1879, this unique structure is the oldest wood-and-glass conservatory in North America. Take the audio-tour as you see first-hand an incredible array of unique and exotic plants from many regions.

www.conservatoryofflowers.org

California Academy of Sciences

Much has changed since the California Academy of Sciences opened its doors in 1853. Once drawing thousands of visitors to gawk at the taxidermied grizzly bears or the giant woolly mammoth, much of the collection was lost during the 1906 earthquake. The Academy persevered and now showcases incredible exhibits such as the Steinhart Aquarium, a cool Planetarium and a Living Roof. They've even recreated a Rain Forest! There is so much more to see, learn and enjoy.

www.calacademy.org

The DeYoung Museum

A must-visit when in the park, the DeYoung Museum originated as the Fine Arts Museum with construction beginning in 1894, in time for the California Midwinter International Exposition. Named for the chair of the exposition organizing committee, Michael H. de Young, the museum has grown from an attraction originally designed to temporarily house an eclectic collection of exotic oddities to becoming the foremost museum in the western U.S. concentrating on American art, International textile arts and costumes, as well as art of the ancient Americas, Oceania and Africa.

www.famsf.org

Play Ball!

San Francisco Giants
Returning in March '23

Tickets

San Francisco 49ers
Regular Season thru 01/01/23

Tickets

Golden State Warriors
Regular Season thru 04/09/23

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The concierge team is available to assist and answer any questions that you might have. Enjoy the stay!

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