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**cool bars**

**live music**

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**THE SAN FRANCISCO  
MINI NIGHT GUIDE**

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**Mission Cliffs – Indoor  
Climbing Gym – (Mission)**

2295 Harrison St. @ 19th St.,

415.550.0515

[www.touchstoneclimbing.com/  
tours\\_mc.html](http://www.touchstoneclimbing.com/tours_mc.html)

Mon-Fri: 6:30am-10pm

Sat & Sun: 10am-6pm

50 ft. High Lead Wall, 14,000  
sq. ft. of Climbing Terrain.

Start climbing after first lesson.

\$28 beginner-lesson and day  
pass.

**Critical Mass – Bike with a  
big group – (Embarcadero)**

Justin Herman Plaza, between  
Embarcadero BART and the  
Ferry Building.

[www.scorcher.org/cmhistory](http://www.scorcher.org/cmhistory)

Meet at 5:30pm, leave at 6pm.

Last Friday of every month.

**Presidio Bowling Center  
(Presidio)**

In the Presidio

Moraga St. @ Montgomery St.,

415.561.2695

Fri & Sat: 9am-2am

Sun-Thu: 9am-12am

**Midnight Rollers Friday Night  
Skate (Embarcadero)**

Ferry Building on the  
Embarcadero at the foot of  
Market St.

415.752.1967

<http://web.cora.org/friday.phtml>

Sat. meet at 8pm depart at 9pm

Skaters arrive at about 8pm.

They skate and dance in the  
plaza to music from a stereo.

At 8:55pm there is a skaters'  
meeting. At 9pm, David Miles  
sends the skaters off. Skating  
takes place at night for about 3  
hours through the streets of  
San Francisco.



# Best Night Life Street Intersections

- 16th St. & Valencia (The Mission District)  
Bars and Restaurants
- Columbus & Green (North Beach)  
Bars, Restaurants and Clubs
- 11th St. & Folsom (South of Market)  
Bars and Clubs
- Fillmore & Greenwich (Cow Hollow)  
Bars, Bars and more Bars
- 18th & Castro (Castro)  
Bars, Bars and more Bars



**Osha Thai Noodle Café  
(Downtown)**

696 Geary Blvd.

@ Leavenworth St.,

415.673.2368

Fri &amp; Sat 11am-3am

Sun-Thu 11am-1am

Best Thai place in the City. It has all the elements of one of the best places on Earth. The food is great (spicy if you want it to be), Value is unmatched, service is surreal fast (no place in town gives faster service), Servers are young, cool and cute.

**Ryoko's – Sushi  
(Union Square Area)**

619 Taylor St. @ Post St.,

415.775.1028

Fri &amp; Sat: open until 2am

Mon-Thu: open until 1am

Dark and fun atmosphere in a walk- down the steps place that has a feeling of being in Tokyo. Good sake and a great selection of sushi. Friendly wait staff. You will walk out of here happy.

**Mels Drive In Diner****-Four locations-**

Mels 801 Mission St. @ 4th St.,

415.227.4477

Fri &amp; Sat: 6am-3am

Sun-Thu: 6am-12am

Mels 1050 Van Ness Ave.

@ Geary Blvd.

415.292.6357

Fri &amp; Sat: 6am-3am

Sun-Thu: 6am-12am

Mels 2165 Lombard St.

@ Fillmore St.

415.921.3039

Fri &amp; Sat: 24 hours

Sun-Thu: 6am-12am

Mels 3355 Geary Blvd

@ Stanyan St.

415.387.2244

Fri &amp; Sat: 24 hours

Sun-Thu 6am-12am

**Bagdad Cafe American Diner  
(Upper Market)**

2295 Market St @ 16th St.,

415.621.4434

Open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

They serve breakfast 24/7.

**Café Du Nord  
(Upper Market)**

2170 Market St. @16th St.,  
415.861.5016

[www.cafedunord.com](http://www.cafedunord.com)

Open Everyday: Music starts  
around 9pm.

A former speakeasy in the  
1930's. This fun underground  
lounge offers various music  
from swing, jazz and experi-  
mental. They have cool shows  
with performers from around  
the world. The cover charge var-  
ies from \$5-\$15.

**Boom Boom Room (Fillmore)**

1601 Fillmore St.

@ Geary Blvd.,  
415.673.8000

[www.boombooblues.com](http://www.boombooblues.com)

Live music every night. Music  
starts around 930pm.

Open Everyday: 4pm-2am  
Boogie Blues, Jam Groove,  
New Orleans Roots Funk, High  
Energy Soul.

Free cover on Mondays.

Tue-Thu, \$4-\$8 cover.

Fri-Sat, \$10-\$15 .



**111 Minna (Soma)**

(Alley near 2nd St. and Mission St.),  
415.974.1719  
www.111minnagallery.com  
Wed: 5pm-9:45pm  
Progressive house and techno happy hour dancing in an art gallery.

**EndUp (Soma)**

401 Sixth St. @ Harrison St.,  
415.357.0287  
www.theendup.com  
The after hour club in San Francisco  
Thu: 10:30pm-4:30am  
straight crowd  
Fri: 10pm-12 noon (Sat)  
gay crowd. (Fag Fridays)  
Sat: 10pm-4am mixed crowd.

**Hush Hush Lounge (Mission)**

496 14th St. @ Guerrero St.,  
415.241.9944  
A cool, hip and unpretentious bar with dancing.

**Ruby Skye (Union Square Area)**

420 Mason St. @ Geary Blvd.,  
415.693.0777  
www.rubyskye.com  
Thu-Sat: 9pm-4am  
They feature top of the line DJs from around the World. A Turn of the Century Victorian Playhouse restored with all the high tech accoutrements. Music: Techno and Electronica.

**Harry Denton's Starlight Room (Union Square)**

Sir Francis Drake Hotel  
450 Powell St. @ Sutter St.,  
415.979.3031  
www.harrydenton.com  
Wed: 9pm-2am  
DJs are spinning disco, funk and house. Best party in the city on Wednesday Nights.

**1015 Folsom**

1015 Folsom St. @ 6th St.,  
415.431.1200  
www.1015.com  
20,000 square feet which includes six different dance floors on multiple levels. \$10 and up.



## While You Eat

**Kan Zaman – Middle Eastern Cuisine and Belly Dancing (Haight)**

1793 Haight St. @ Shrader St.,  
415.751.9656

Fri: 5pm-2am, Sat: 12pm-2am,

Mon-Thu: 5pm-12am

Sun: 12pm-12am

Middle Eastern food while sitting on pillows in a cool candle lit ambient environment. Smoke fruit tobacco from a hookah, and watch the belly dancers perform Wed-Sun shows at 9pm. Fri & Sat shows at 9pm and

**Asia SF – Transvestites sing and serve – (Soma)**

201 Ninth St. @ Howard St.,  
415.255.2742

Daily: 5-10pm

[www.asiasf.com](http://www.asiasf.com)

A popular spot for parties (groups). Eat small portions of California/Asian Cuisine while Transvestites waitresses take your order and then jump on the bar to sing a song.

**Max's Opera Cafe – Waiters sing opera (Civic Center)**

601 Van Ness @ Golden Gate Ave.,  
415.771.7300.

Mon: 11:30am-10pm

Tue-Wed: 11:30am-11pm,

Thu-Sat: 11:30am-11:30pm,

Sun: 11:30am-11pm.

[www.maxsworld.com](http://www.maxsworld.com)

American Diner

**Brainwash Café – Thursday Stand Up Comedy Open Mike – (Soma)**

1122 Folsom St. @ 7th St.,  
415.861.366

Thu: 8pm-10pm

[www.brainwash.com](http://www.brainwash.com)

Have a Cheeseburger, fries, and a beer while doing your laundry and laughing at some jokes by the most talented Bay Area Comics.



## Coolest bars in San Francisco

### **Specs' Twelve Adler Museum Café (North Beach)**

12 Adler St. (near the corner of  
Columbus & Broadway),  
415.421.4112

Sat & Sun: 5:30pm-2am,  
Mon-Fri: 4:30pm-2am.

### **The Tonga Room & Hurricane Bar (Nob Hill)**

950 Mason St. @ California St.  
(In the Fairmont Hotel),  
415.772.5278

The Tonga Room offers Pacific  
Rim Asian Cuisine in a tropical  
setting that includes thunder  
and rain storms. Great Mai Tais.  
Aloha.

### **Voda (Financial District)**

56 Belden Place @ Bush St.  
(near corner of Kearny and  
Bush St.)

415.677.9242

Tue-Fri: 4:30pm-2am,  
Sat: 7pm-2am,  
Sun & Mon: Closed

Opened in 2004, this cool new  
European Vodka Bar offers 65  
different types of Vodka on  
Belden Place Alley which also  
hosts great outside seating res-  
taurants.



**Pancho Villa – Best Burrito in S.F. (Mission)**

3071 16th St. @ Valencia St.,  
415.864.8840

Daily: 10am-Midnight

Located in the heart of the Mission District. You are close to a vibrant night life scene with lots of bars, theatres and cafes. Award winning salsa, multiple choices of meat, including prawns.

**Suppenkuche (Hayes Valley)**

525 Laguna St. @ Hayes St.,  
415.252.9289

[www.suppenkuche.com](http://www.suppenkuche.com)

Dinner everyday from 5-10pm

The beer selection is fantastic and unique only to this restaurant and the food is great. They serve German food and beer from different regions of Germany, with an emphasis on Bavarian cooking. Located in the hip Hayes Valley district, the place has low lighting and serves meals on unfinished pinewood tables.

**Cha Cha Cha (Haight)**

1805 Haight St. @ Shrader St.,  
415.386.7670

Lunch served everyday

11:30am-4pm

Dinner served

Fri & Sat: 5pm-11:30pm,

Sun-Thurs: 5pm-11pm

Sangria (Spanish drink made from sweet red wine and pieces of fresh fruit). Better value to order a small or regular pitcher rather than by the glass. Tasty Spanish/Caribbean tapas in a place that is always crazy busy. It's best to get there early for dinner (opens at 5pm)

**Rosamunde Sausage Grill (Lower Haight)**

545 Haight St. @ Fillmore St.,  
415.437.6851

Daily: 11:30am-10pm

Great selection of sausage sandwiches. Tuesday they serve burgers for lunch.

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