



**Annual Meetings 2011  
Tour Registration  
San Francisco, CA • November 19–22**



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Tour	Date	Time	Cost Per Person	# Attending
San Francisco City Tour	11/18/2011	1:00-5:00PM	\$46	
Muir Woods	11/19/2011	8:00-11:00AM	\$60	
San Francisco Cathedrals and Stained Glass	11/19/2011	8:00-12:00	\$85	
The Historic Castro District	11/19/2011	9:00-11:30AM	\$30	
Bay Area Cemeteries	11/20/2011	8:00-12:00	\$66	
<i>Girls in Trouble</i> and Contemporary Jewish Museum	11/20/2011	1:00-3:30PM	\$10	
Vedanta Society of Northern California Tour	11/21/2011	8:00-11:00AM	\$30	
Edible Cityscapes-Religion, Justice, Sustainable Food Culture	11/21/2011	9:00-1:00PM	\$30	
Sacred and Religious Sites of San Francisco	11/21/2011	1:00-5:00PM	\$25	

**Please fill out all that apply:**

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### **SAN FRANCISCO CITY TOUR**

The perfect introduction to the city of San Francisco... a fun-filled bus journey through vibrant neighborhoods such as North Beach, Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf, Ghirardelli Square, Union Square, the Embarcadero and historic areas of the City by the Bay. Some of the famous sights you will see on the tour may include Coit Tower, Grace Cathedral on Nob Hill, the Chinatown Gate, Transamerica Tower, Alamo Square, home to the famed Painted Ladies, the Ferry Building, and the iconic Golden Gate Bridge, where the tour will stop for a photo op. You will travel to Twin Peaks for panoramic views of the City and a chance to take group photos (weather dependent). Finally, if time permits, you will have a chance to explore Ghirardelli Square or Pier 39/Fisherman's Wharf on your own.

### **MUIR WOODS**

After a short ride from San Francisco over the Golden Gate Bridge, you will be awed by one of the most magnificent Redwood forests in the world – Muir Woods. Early winter is one of the best times to visit Muir Woods--the weather is cool and rainy, and Redwood Creek is full and melodious. You will travel by bus and have an opportunity to walk through the forest and explore this magnificent National Monument. Bring rain gear!

### **SAN FRANCISCO CATHEDRAL ARCHITECTURE AND STAINED GLASS TOUR**

No other American city can claim to have such a diverse religious life as San Francisco. Fortune-seekers from all over the world turned this once-sleepy village into a thriving metropolis and the gateway to 49er gold country. These new arrivals brought with them a wide array of cultural and spiritual traditions, and they built places to enshrine their beliefs. A bus tour of religious sites will reveal such architectural styles as Richardson Romanesque, Gothic, Hispanic-Mexican, Baroque, Neoclassical and American Gothic Revival. With more than 70 sacred places scattered throughout San Francisco, it's not hard to find a specific church, temple, or synagogue of any faith with architecture to rival that of Europe and Asia. Sites visited on this tour may include Calvary Presbyterian Church, Grace Cathedral, Old St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Mary's Cathedral, Glide Memorial Methodist Church, Holy Virgin Cathedral, and Swedenborgian Church of the New Jerusalem.

### **BAY AREA CEMETERIES TOUR**

The history of San Francisco's cemeteries is one of relocation. After 1900, the expanding city evicted most of the cemeteries, citing health issues. The cemeteries remaining in San Francisco are Mission Dolores Cemetery and the San Francisco National Cemetery in the Presidio, which is also home to a famous pet cemetery. Many of San Francisco's graves were re-located to Colma, south of San Francisco. The tour will visit a few of the major cemeteries and may include: San Francisco National Cemetery (San Francisco); Presidio Pet Cemetery (San Francisco); Mission Dolores Cemetery (San Francisco); Mountain View Cemetery (Oakland); Cypress Lawn Memorial (Colma); Holy Cross Catholic Cemeteries (Colma); and Hills of Eternity Memorial Park (Colma).

### **GIRLS IN TROUBLE AND CONTEMPORARY JEWISH MUSEUM TOUR**

Leave the confines of the conference scene and take a short stroll over to the Contemporary Jewish Museum for an invigorating Sunday afternoon break of music, discussion, and contemporary Jewish culture. A concert by indie-folk-rock band Girls in Trouble blazes the way with their poetic interpretations of the inner worlds of biblical women. Lead singer, songwriter, poet, and fiddler Alicia Jo Rabins gives plangent voice to the stories of Judith, Tamar, Sotah, Chana, Bat Yiftach and Miriam. Afterwards, SBL members Carol Bakhos (UCLA) and Alan Cooper (JTS) engage the artist in a discussion on midrash, biblical women, poetry, and music. Audience questions and comments encouraged. After the discussion, registrants may tour the museum for free.

### **VEDANTA SOCIETY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TOUR**

The Vedanta Society of Northern California was founded in 1900 by Swami Vivekananda. It is spiritually affiliated with the Ramakrishna Order, which today is considered to be one of the foremost important religious institutions in India. The tour will visit the New Temple, located at the corner of Fillmore and Vallejo Streets in San Francisco, the Society's headquarters. Dedicated in 1959, the New Temple houses a variety of activities. The Altar of the New Temple has been designed to represent, as fully as possible, the Vedantic concept of God. On the upper part is the Sanskrit word OM, which is looked upon as the word symbol of Divinity in all its aspects. Beneath OM are enshrined Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ, and Sri Ramakrishna. Also enshrined on the altar are Sri Sarada Devi, Ramakrishna's first disciple, and Swami Vivekananda, Sri Ramakrishna's foremost apostle.

### **THE HISTORIC CASTRO NEIGHBORHOOD**

Explore a diverse neighborhood that you only thought you knew. You will walk through the area taking in the sights and sounds of the lively and ever-changing Castro/Eureka Valley neighborhood. What was once dairy farms and dirt roads is now one of the city's most vibrant and cohesive communities, saturated with popular and stylish shops, restaurants and bars. Some of the highlights of the Castro/Eureka Valley tour will include Harvey Milk Plaza, Pink Triangle Memorial Park, and the famous Castro Theatre. At the conclusion of the tour, you may choose to visit the new GLBT History Museum nearby (on your own). The cost of admission is \$5. You will ride public transportation as a group to the Castro neighborhood.

### **EDIBLE CITYSCAPES – RELIGION, JUSTICE, AND THE BAY AREA SUSTAINABLE FOOD CULTURE**

The Edible Cityscapes bus tour will feature leaders and community organizations working to bring fresh food to urban food deserts, to address global hunger and ecological degradation, and to educate children about gardening, cooking, and health. During site visits in Oakland and Berkeley, we will learn how committed community activists nourish a progressive, sustainable food culture in the East Bay Area, as well as contribute to international NGOs dealing with food security. The tour will include talks from and visits with local religious and secular leaders within these movements, who will share the specific religious and/or spiritual values and ethics that drive their sustainable food and policy activism. Check back soon for further details and a complete list of speakers and site visits! As the bus returns to the conference, participants will have the option to stop for a sustainable lunch (fitting both student budgets and professorial incomes), with instructions on transit options for an easy return trip.

### **SACRED AND RELIGIOUS SITES OF SAN FRANCISCO**

The Sacred and Religious Sites Tour will explore a handful of sites exemplifying the rich diversity of San Francisco's religious communities. You will travel to diverse neighborhoods to visit some of the most architecturally, historically, and artistically distinct places of worship spanning the various cultures that have settled in the area. The exact sites will be announced at a later date. Please check back for updates.