



LOCATION: San Mateo County/Silicon Valley is part of the San Francisco Bay Area with **60-miles** (96.5-km) of unique coastline immediately south of San Francisco. It is bordered on the east by San Francisco Bay, on the west by the Pacific Ocean and on the south through Palo Alto and Stanford University, encompassing **447** square miles (719 sq. km).

With over **170** hotels offering a combined total of approximately **17,000** guest rooms, and easy access by air, land and sea, San Mateo County has it all!

Easy access via **San Francisco International Airport** (SFO is located in San Mateo County)

Complimentary roundtrip shuttle service to/from SFO from most airport hotels

A safe, scenic setting **just minutes away** from downtown San Francisco, San Jose, Oakland, and the Pacific Coast!

Convenient **commuter rail service** to downtown San Francisco & San Jose (approx. 20 minute ride: under \$5 fare)

Spectacular attractions from great shopping and dining to unique museums, historical attractions, and coastal towns!

CLIMATE: Sunshine and mild temperatures. Average annual temperature is a pleasant 68F/20C degrees (summer highs rarely over 78F/25C degrees and winter lows in the mid 50F/10C). Average rainfall is approximately 20in/50.8cm per year, occurring primarily from December to March.

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS: Año Nuevo State Reserve, Filoli Center, Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, Sanchez Adobe, Pigeon Point and Montara Lighthouses, San Mateo County History Museum, Hiller Aviation Museum, Stanford University and more!

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: PIER 39, Blue & Gold Fleet, Red & White Fleet, Golden Gate Fields Racetrack, USS Potomac, Winchester Mystery House, San Francisco & Oakland Zoos, Teatro ZinZanni, San Francisco Wax Museum, California's Great America, the Exploratorium, the Golden Gate Bridge and Fisherman's Wharf.



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Silicon Valley
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The Best of the San Francisco Bay Area

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UNIQUE GROUP TOUR EXPERIENCES

A trip to the San Mateo County/Silicon Valley area will make your future visit to the San Francisco Bay Area a memorable one! The San Mateo County/Silicon Valley CVB can assist you with group tour activities such as the themes listed below:

FARMS, BREWERY & FOOD TOURS

- ★ **Farmer John's Pumpkins** ~ Visit a pumpkin patch & learn about farming
- ★ **Half Moon Bay Brewing Company** ~ Take a brew tour, learn about the brewery process, enjoy beer tastings and eat in the full-service restaurant.
- ★ **Harley Farms** ~ A behind the scenes look at the workings of an award winning goat dairy farm. Groups will meet friendly goats, milk a goat and end the tour with goat cheese sampling and tastings.

MUSEUMS & GARDENS

- ★ **Filoli Estate** ~ Visit this National Trust Historic Site that dates back to 1917. This 36,000 square foot Georgian Revival mansion is surrounded by 16 acres of formal gardens, reflecting pool, and beautiful flowers, fruit trees and more! Groups may enjoy docent led tours, a gift shop, visitor center and café!
- ★ **Hiller Aviation Museum** ~ A look back at aviation history vintage and futuristic air craft, prototypes, photographic displays, and models on display.
- ★ **San Mateo County History Museum** ~ Explore local history from the original Native American residents to today. The museum boasts the largest stained glass dome west of the Mississippi!

TRANSPORTATION BY AIR, LAND & SEA

- ★ **Bay Cruise Adventures** ~ Tour the San Francisco Bay waterfront via several ferries or route options with highlights that may include: San Francisco history, skyscrapers, historic landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge, cruises past Alcatraz & Angel Island, and much more!
- ★ **The Urban Safari** ~ Take a custom Land Rover and trek to famous movie sites, distinctive Victorians and adventure into San Francisco's celebrated past.

REQUEST A TOUR & TRAVEL SALES KIT TODAY! To request your copy complete with the official San Mateo County/Silicon Valley Visitors Guide, group tour activities, map and custom materials tailored to your client's needs, simply email us at nramos@smccvb.com!

FAIRS, FESTIVALS & SPECIAL EVENTS

- Vertical Challenge Air Show**
(Mid June)
- Connoisseurs' Marketplace**
(Mid July)
- San Mateo County Fair**
(Mid August)
- Fog Fest**
(Late September)
- Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival**
(Mid October - Sat & Sun following Columbus Day)
- Mavericks Surf Competition**
(Date depends on surfing conditions usually between December & March)

DISTANCE TO/ FROM SAN MATEO COUNTY	APPROXIMATE MILEAGE mi/km	APPROXIMATE DRIVING TIME
San Francisco	20 mi/32 km	15- 25 Min. North
San Jose	30 mi/48 km	30-40 Min. South
Oakland	30 mi/48 km	30-40 Min. East
Santa Cruz	55 mi/88 km	60 Min. South
Napa Wine Country	65 mi/104 km	1 ½ Hrs. North
Monterey / Carmel	95 mi/153 km	2 Hrs. South
Sacramento	105 mi/169 km	1 ¾ Hrs. Northeast
Yosemite	185 mi/297 km	3 Hrs. East
South Lake Tahoe	200 mi/322 km	4 Hrs. North
Los Angeles	400 mi/643 km	6 Hrs. South
San Diego	500 mi/804 km	8 Hrs. South

GROUP FRIENDLY DINING

- Half Moon Bay Brewing Co.**
Oceanfront dining & brew pub. Brewery Tours & Tastings
- Moss Beach Distillery**
Try to catch a glimpse of the "Blue Lady's ghost."

- Porterhouse**
A new restaurant featuring Steaks, chops and seafood
- Hong Kong Flower Lounge**
Dim Sum lunches & authentic Chinese dishes.

- Roti Indian Bistro**
Local and organic ingredients & 4-star service.
- Cameron's Restaurant & Pub**
British inspired family dining in a fun & eclectic setting.

- Fior d'Italia (est. 1886)**
America's oldest Italian Restaurant.
- Red Lantern**
Home Style South East Asian Cuisine



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