

San Francisco Hotels

Bright Minds Institute: Hotel Listings	Yelp Rating (Out of 5 stars)	Price range	Avg pricing for TWO people, 7/2011, excl. T&F (Orbitz)	Avg pricing for FOUR people, 7/2011, excl. T&F (Orbitz)	Phone +1 (415)	Distance from BMI office (miles)	Area	Pro	Con	Website	Coupon (valid July 2011)
Columbus Motor Inn	4.5	\$	\$155/night (King bed or two double beds)	\$210/night (two bedroom, 1 bath suite)	885-1492	1.2	North Beach/ Telegraph Hill, Nob Hill	Cheap (for SF) yet not SRO, clean if dated, free wifi in room but some may have spotty reception, free parking!	Long walk back uphill to hotel from BMI. (up Columbus Ave) Not centrally located to BART/ downtown but close to Little Italy/ Chinatown/ Embarcadero/ wharf; on MUNI bus line. Noise at night if on street side. Beds may/may not be comfy, sheets with holes (but clean). Building security not comprehensive; windows open all the way (watch your kids!).	http://www.ye	Unknown
Hayes Valley Inn	4.5	\$	\$92/night	\$125/night	431-9131	1.9	Hayes Valley	Great food nearby (Patxi's, La Boulange...), fun shopping, two BART stops from Montgomery station, cozy B&B. Quaint, clean, nice. Free wifi.	NO ELEVATORS. Hostel/B&B with shared bathrooms in the hall.		Unknown
Balmoral Hotel 2	4	\$?? \$160/week (singles only)	?? \$160/week (singles only)	395-9757	0.3	Financial	Safe, quiet, clean, cheap, close by	Small rooms. *SRO; single room occupancy. (no families)	http://www.ye	Doubtful
Marine's Memorial Hotel	4.5	\$\$	\$179/night	\$358/night (2 rooms)	673-6672	1.0	Union Square	Amenities, views, free breakfast, military/ Federal discounts; parking ~\$20/day	Some noise at night	http://www.ye	Military discounts (active/ ret) = 50% off
Orchard Garden Hotel (not same as sister "Orchard Hotel" up the street)	4.5	\$\$	\$189/night (1 room, king bed)	\$256/night (2 double beds)	399-9807	0.4	Union Square	"Green", friendly staff, clean, spacious, fairly quiet. Free wifi, bathrobes, organic toiletries. Location. Comfy beds! Ipod alarm clock.	Boring, tiny gym, cheap décor. No fridge. \$40 valet-only OR use cheap city garage 1 block up for \$18. No tub. Sliding bathtub door. No view. Thin walls. No free bkfast. TV on wall doesn't swivel, not HD.	http://www.ye	Check their FB page (see yelp page)

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Hotel Triton	4	\$\$	\$203/night	\$285/night	394-0500	0.5	Union Square	Good deal	Trash trucks at 4am like other spots, small rooms, parking priced reasonably	http://www.ye	Code "YLP" 20% off
SF Marriott Union Square	4	\$\$	\$229-269/night	\$269-294/night	398-8900	0.7	Union Square	Decent location	Cost.		
Hotel Bijou	3.5	\$\$	\$169/night (two twin beds or one Queen bed)	\$179/night (two double beds – good deal)	771-1200	1.1	Civic Center / Tenderloin	Cheap	Small rooms. Noisy at night (earplugs), \$29 car parking across street, bums/hobos. PERSONALLY I would NOT recommend staying here if I were an out-of-towner and not street smart. -Ken	http://www.ye	
Le Meridien	4	\$\$\$	\$256/night	\$310/night (*for three people)	296-2900	0.1	Financial	Near BMI clinic.	Cost. However, very nice and conveniently located.		
Hilton Financial District	3.5	\$\$\$	\$175-275/night	\$275-315/night	433-6600	0.3	Financial	Near BMI clinic.	Same as Le Meridien		
Mandarin Oriental	4.5	\$\$\$\$	\$395/night (base rate room... up to \$3,500/night for 2000 square feet + 1000 square feet terrace)	\$3,500/night	276-9888	0.1	Financial	Excellent views, terricloth robes, tea and cookies, separate shower and tub. Supreme service. Quiet. Fast friendly polite service. One block from BMI's clinic!	Cost. Some rooms small, elevators slower.	http://www.ye	Doubtful

***Sorted by price range then by star rating.**
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**Note: cities by definition are noisy at night... bring earplugs + eye mask for sensitive individuals.

expedia.com for last minute deals.

- Other options:**
- * Hotels near SFO airport
 - * Vacation Rental Homes in SF
 - * Bed & Breakfast locations in Marin County, Napa, Sonoma
 - * Hotels in the East Bay

Local Attractions

Attraction	Type	Cost	Website	Difficulty in booking
Exploratorium	Kids' museum – science	Adults \$15, Youth \$12, Children 4-12 (\$10), Children (<3) FREE	http://www.exploratorium.edu/	None!
California Academy of Sciences	Nature museum, green roof, aquarium	Adult \$30, Child (4-11) \$20, Youth (12-17) \$25	http://www.calacademy.org/	None!
Golden Gate Park	Public park! Multiple attractions within, see website.	Free, except Japanese Tea Garden (\$4), Botanical Garden	http://sfrecpark.org/ggp.aspx	None!
Alcatraz day/eve tours by ferry	SF Bay ferry ride + island hop tour	Adults \$38, Children \$27. More for evenings.	http://www.alcatrazcruises.com	Book two weeks ahead!

Freebies!		
Academy of Sciences	Every 3rd Wednesday	Parking is a challenge in most of SF. Be prepared to pay for parking or use cabs/trains.
Asian Art Museum	Every 1st Sunday	
Cable Car Museum	Daily	
Exploratorium	Every 1st Wednesday	
Legion of Honor	Every 1st Tuesday	
Museum of Modern Art	Every 1st Tuesday	
Yerba Buena Ctr. Galleries	Every 1st Tuesday	