

## What's Near the Hotel

### ❖ **Marriott Hotel Overview**

The San Francisco Marriott is located at 55 Fourth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103, right in the heart of the SOMA (South of Market district) in San Francisco. There is a broad variety of shops, restaurants and museums nearby.

The Marriott has a few restaurants of their own: The Garden Terrace with classic American food, The Fourth Street Bar & Deli, a sports bar, the View Lounge and a Starbucks (yay!). As for recreation, working out or relaxation, you'll find a fitness center, a swimming pool, whirlpool, health club, massage center/sauna and steam rooms.

### ❖ **Things to See & Do Within Walking Distance**

San Francisco is an amazing city to see. What's within walking distance of the hotel, in restaurants, entertainment and shopping, bookstores and things to see.

For shoppers, the most exciting place near the hotel is the WESTFIELD SHOPPING CENTRE (<http://www.westfield.com/sanfrancisco/>). Almost every store imaginable, including Bloomingdale's, is almost right underfoot. The Virgin Megastore is close by at Market and Stockton Streets. Tour the shopping center and then exit on Market Street near the Powell Street turnaround to catch a cable car up to Fisherman's Wharf.

The SFMOMA, the incredible SF Museum of Modern Art (<http://www.sfmoma.org/>) is only two blocks away from the hotel. They offer docent-led tours, the Koret Visitor Education Center and a cafe, as well. Click here: [http://www.sfmoma.org/calendar/calendar\\_choosedate.asp?func=3&start=20080726&end=20080801](http://www.sfmoma.org/calendar/calendar_choosedate.asp?func=3&start=20080726&end=20080801) to see a listing of the shows and exhibitions that will be on view the week of the conference.

On the way to the museum, stop by YERBA BUENA GARDENS (<http://www.yerbabuenagardens.com/>). a lovely urban park that houses the Martin Luther King Memorial fountain. This is located at Mission & 3rd Street. It also houses a children's garden, public art, museums, ice-skating and bowling. . Also, the ZEUM CAROUSEL that was built in 1906 and had a bit of travels back and forth before settling in San Francisco. Definitely worth a look.

Walk through the park to enter the back of the METREON, located at 101 4th Street, for movies and more shops and restaurants. <http://westfield.com/metreon/>. It has 15 movie theaters, an IMAX theater, interactive attractions, nine restaurants and more.

Also temporarily located in the area is the CA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES and STEINHART AQUARIUM. (<http://www.calacademy.org/>, <http://www.calacademy.org/aquarium/>)

The CARTOON ART MUSEUM is located at 655 Mission Street, the only museum in the county dedicated to this artform and its preservation. <http://www.cartoonart.org/aboutus.html>

The CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY is at 678 Mission Street. <http://www.californiahistoricalsociety.org/about/index.html>

## ❖ Approximate Distances

Powell Street BART station - 0.5 block  
Powell Street cable car - 1 block  
Yerba Buena Center for the Arts - across the street  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art - 1 block  
Market Street (shopping) - 1 block  
Moscone Convention Center - 1 block  
California Academy of Sciences - 1 block  
Financial District - 3 blocks  
Union Square - 4 blocks  
TransAmerica Pyramid Building - 0.5 mile  
Chinatown - 0.75 mile  
Ferry Building Marketplace - 1 mile  
Nob Hill - 1 mile  
Opera House - 1 mile  
North Beach (dining) - 1.5 miles  
Alamo Square - 2 miles  
Lombard Street - 2 miles  
Ghirardelli Square - 2.5 miles  
Fisherman's Wharf - 2.5 miles  
Presidio Golf Course (public) - 4 miles  
The Embarcadero - 1 mile

### **Traveler Advisory:**

If on foot, avoid traveling west of the hotel past Fifth Street. This area becomes the Tenderloin and is famous for its down-and-out residents. Stick to walking East or North across Market Street and up Powell or Stockton to the famous Union Square shopping and hotel district.