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Become a Savvy Local With New S.F.-Based Apps



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Is there a dog-eared San Francisco guidebook on your bookshelf? Travel guides aren't reserved for tourists alone, and the same goes for apps. With something for nearly everyone, San Francisco-focused apps offer the obvious as well as the offbeat. Get a deeper look into the city with these apps for iPhone, iPod touch and iPad.

San Fran Waterfront: Some of San Francisco's prime attractions are along the waterfront and are favorites of locals and tourists alike. The [San Fran Waterfront](#) app has entertaining writing, maps, offline content and in-app calling. Think you know everything from bridge to ballpark? Check the Hidden Gems section and see if you really do.

\$2.99



San Francisco Stairways: Do you have a favorite city staircase? The [San Francisco Stairways](#) app lists 49 sets of public stairs, which is enough for an enhanced workout or just a quiet place to get away. The list is categorized by neighborhood, length, staircase materials and special features (like spectacular views or public artwork).

\$0.99

San Francisco Wine Lover's Guide: Find destination wine bars and restaurants (as well as stores with on-site bars) where you can enjoy a great glass of wine. The [San Francisco Wine Lover's Guide](#) helps you determine where to go based on the type of wine you're looking for and gives tips on happy hour specials, value bottles and getting into the city's wine culture.

\$1.99

San Francisco Families: Enhance your family-friendly haunts with the [San Francisco Families](#) app. Complete with top attractions, playgrounds, rainy-day ideas, restaurants and day trips, the app also includes important basics such as a list of bathrooms with changing tables.

\$1.99

San Francisco Travel Photo Guide: It's not just tourists who have a love for photographing San Francisco. Learn how to duplicate some of the best shots of the city, what time of day and year are best, where to aim your camera and the best techniques and lenses to use. Clearly, the [San Francisco Travel Photo Guide](#) isn't only for travelers.

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