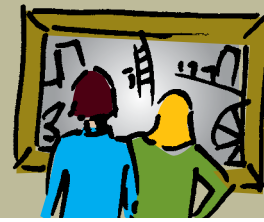


Culture



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This area's culture is steeped deep in the history of the 60's as well as being an intellectual mecca. It also lends itself to the diversity of cultures that have migrated to the San Francisco Bay Area and set up home. Whether you are interested in the gourmet revolution or the art revolution, you'll find it here.

BERKELEY ART MUSEUM

The scope of BAM's exhibitions is mind-boggling: old master prints, surrealist blockbusters, Buddhist mandalas, pop-art icons, contemporary African works and more. Located directly across from the U.C. campus, the sleek modernist structure of poured concrete opened in 1970. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, Ca. 510.642.0808 • bampfa.berkeley.edu

BERKELEY'S GOURMET GHETTO

If there is one thing Berkeley-ites love it's their gourmet food! This small section of Shattuck Ave was inspired by the famed Alice Waters and her restaurant Chez Panisse, still located here. The area boasts several other food revolutionaries over the years from Barney's Gourmet Burgers to the Cheese Board. European styled shops and restaurants, outdoor dining and tree-lined streets give this area a quaint, small town feel and the perfect way to experience the historical, culinary side of Berkeley, Ca. Shattuck Ave between Rose St. and Hearst St., Berkeley, Ca. • gourmetghetto.org

CHINATOWN

Experience Asian culture and character by exploring the restaurants, specialty shops, markets, and bakeries in this vibrant neighborhood. Be sure to visit the elegant Chinese Presbyterian Church (265 Eighth St.) and Pacific Renaissance Plaza (388 Ninth St.), which houses shops, restaurants, and the Oakland Asian Cultural Center. Broadway, Alice, 13th, and Seventh Sts. • oaklandchinatownchamber.org

FRUITVALE DISTRICT, OAKLAND

The flavor of this expanding neighborhood is defined by its many Latino residents, as well as by several large, colorful murals. Browse ethnic specialty stores, food shops, and clothing boutiques. Stop in at one of the areas many restaurants and taquerias, where you're likely to find the perfect enchilada. • fruitvalemerchants.com

OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA

Surrounded by 51/2 acres of landscaped greenery, this museum is devoted to the arts, environment, and history of California. 1000 Oak Street, Oakland, Ca. 888.625.6873 • museumca.org

TELEGRAPH AVE

New York has Greenwich Village, London has Soho, San Francisco has Haight-Ashbury, and Berkeley has Telegraph Avenue. Telegraph is always bustling with eccentric and eclectic Berkeley activities and peoples. It is still so reminiscent of the 60's that you will feel as if you have traveled back in time. It's filled with some of the best music stores in the country, some great used clothing stores, excellent new and used bookstores and countless restaurants and cafes, some of which double as popular music venues. You'll also find lively street performers and vendors selling tie die clothing, jewelry, pottery, and various other arts and crafts. Telegraph's north end leads directly into University of California's at Berkeley's Sproul Plaza. Telegraph is a must-see neighborhood. Telegraph Ave, Berkeley • telegraphshop.com

