

Event Rentals

Pier 15
San Francisco



Immerse your guests in a vibrant landscape of sights, sounds, and curiosities.

The Exploratorium is now open at our new Pier 15 location on San Francisco's Embarcadero. The museum is divided into galleries filled with more than 600 hands-on exhibits, ranging from a giant mirror that reveals an upside down world to exhibits that highlight the process of observation and overlook spectacular views of the Bay.

Our Galleries and Forum are available to rent individually or in combination. Please contact us for the most current information on pricing and availability.



FISHER BAY OBSERVATORY GALLERY & TERRACE • EAST GALLERY • BECHTEL CENTRAL GALLERY • OSHER WEST GALLERY • KANBAR FORUM






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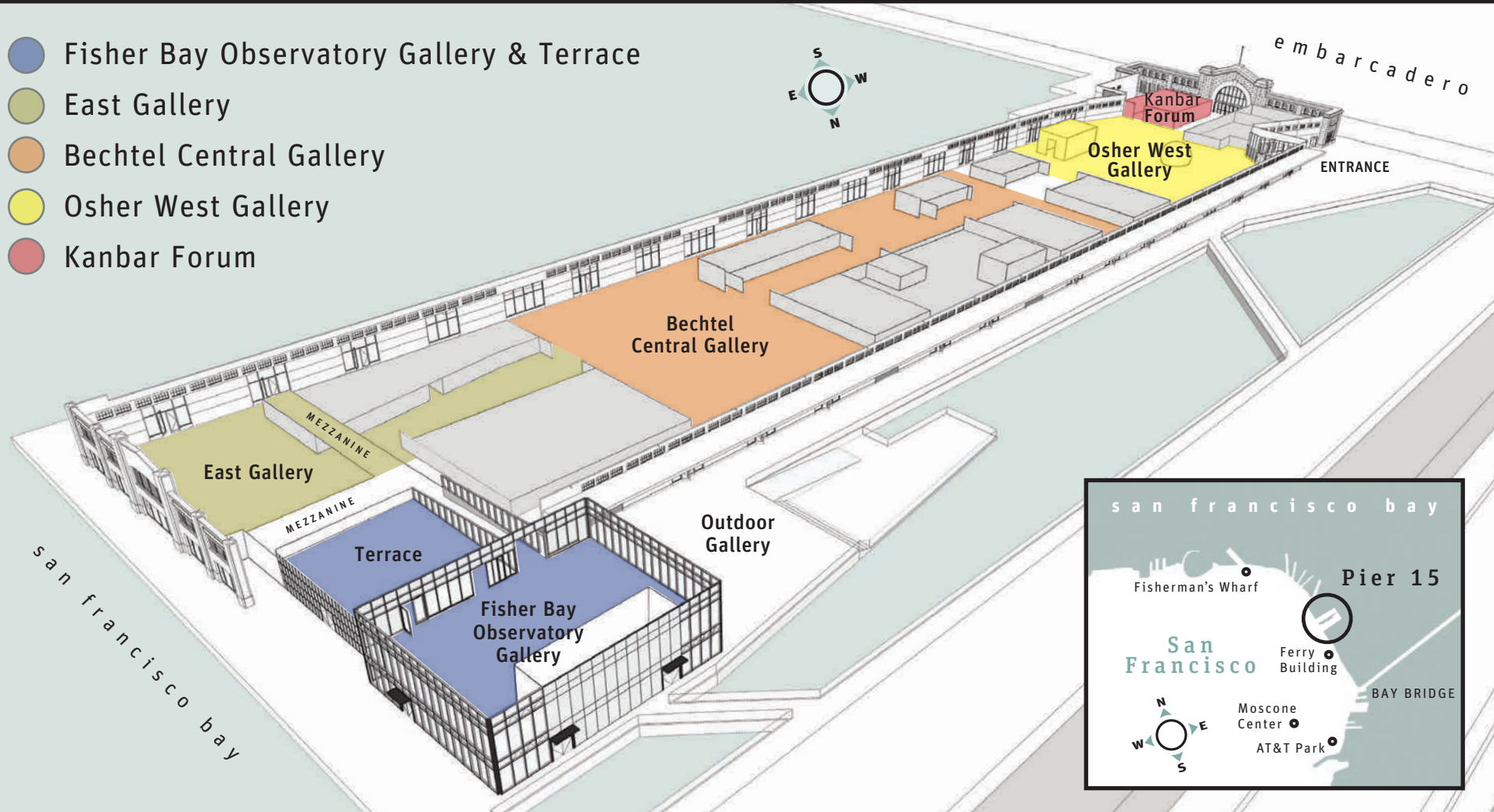


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Fisher Bay Observatory Gallery & Terrace

Explore the History, Geography, and Ecology of the Bay Area
Breathtaking views of the city and Bay, from the second floor Bay Observatory Gallery and adjacent Terrace, make this an ideal setting for elegant seated dinners, cocktail receptions, or just about anything you can dream.

East Gallery

Explore Life from DNA and Cells to Organisms and Ecosystems
With large windows overlooking the Bay, the East Gallery brings the outside world in, offering experiences and exhibits that let guests explore life at different scales. It's perfect for intimate seated dinners, dancing, and receptions.

Bechtel Central Gallery

Experiment with Light and Vision, Sound, and Hearing
Designed for exploring sights, sounds, and perception itself, the Central Gallery is the setting for physics and perception installations. The expansive gallery is well suited to strolling receptions or dining and dancing among hands-on exhibits.

Osher West Gallery

Experiment with Thoughts, Feelings, and Social Behavior
The West Gallery, which integrates exhibits on psychology and art, houses the museum's iconic Tactile Dome and Black Box—a space for immersive installations. Closest to the Embarcadero and adjacent to the Forum, the West Gallery is great for seated dinners and evening receptions, including product launches, alumni gatherings, and more.

Kanbar Forum

Experience Our State-of-the-Art Venue for Screenings, Meetings, Music, and More
State-of-the-art sound and projection make the Forum ideal for seminars, lectures, presentations, and film screenings. Adaptable to theater- or cabaret-style seating arrangements, this flexible space can be customized to meet your needs.

Event Rental Spaces

Space	Square Footage	Seated Dining Capacity	Standing Reception Capacity
Full Facility	100,000*	1,100	3,500
Fisher Bay Observatory Gallery & Terrace	3,500 2,500	150 100	200 125
East Gallery	7,000	90–200	450
Bechtel Central Gallery	20,000	280–350	1,200
Osher West Gallery	16,000	70–200	600
Kanbar Forum	3,600	160–200	250

* Includes 25,000 square feet of outdoor gallery space.
Please note that capacity estimates are subject to change.

Rentals are available Friday–Wednesday evenings and select Monday days.

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The new Exploratorium is designed to be self-sustaining, with a net-zero energy goal.



- LEED® Platinum certified
- Solar panels provide nearly all of our electrical needs
- Bay water provides heating and cooling via radiant floors
- Roof runoff water is filtered for use as gray water
- Museum components include certified wood, low-emitting materials, and recycled elements

Contact our events team about meeting room packages.

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