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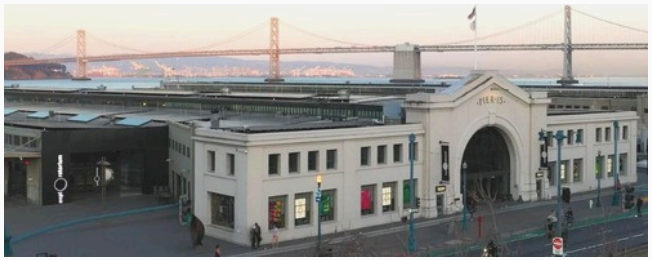


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AT THE HISTORIC SAN FRANCISCO PIER 15, ALONG THE EMBARCADERO

A non-profit public learning laboratory exploring the world through science, art, and human perception.







INFORMATION

GETTING HERE / ACCOMMODATIONS

Located on the Embarcadero at the foot of Telegraph Hill, the Exploratorium has Muni stops in front of our building and a BART Station .7 miles away. Detailed public transit information can be found on our website here.

Fisherman's Wharf, Union Square, and the downtown Financial District are all within walking distance and have numerous hotel options for your guests.

PARKING

There are many parking lots and garages near Pier 15, including one across the street with 180 spots.

LOADING ZONE / RIDE SHARE

There is a taxi zone in front of Pier 15. There is also a white loading zone in front of Pier 17 that can accomodate four 55-passenger busses.





YOUR EXPLORATORIUM WEDDING INCLUDES:

- Classroom for belongings and finishing touches for the couple + wedding party*
- One hour photo shoot throughout the museum (with your own photographer)
- Dual Explorers Membership Level for one year
- Engaging, interactive exhibits in the gallery rented*
- "Explainer" staff to conduct live demos and explore exhibits*
- LED in-house lighting and/or sound systems
- Guest Service Fees waived*



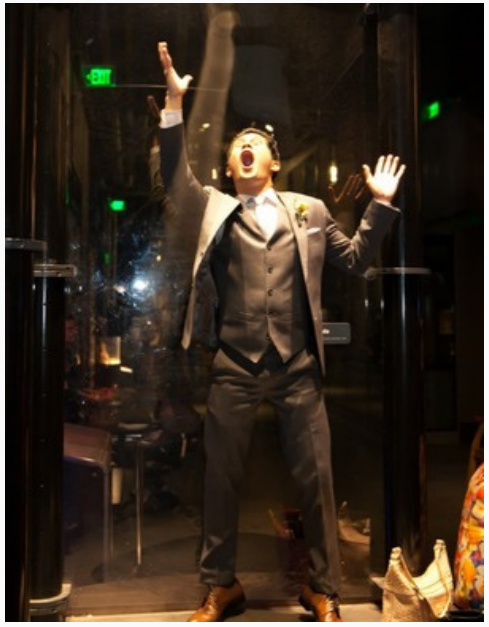
EXPLAINERS, EXHIBITS & MORE!

- Included in all museum rentals
- "Explainers" ensure your guests experience the Exploratorium to the fullest
- Guests will have an evening filled with entertainment













FISHER BAY OBSERVATORY & TERRACE

This waterfront gallery with an adjoining terrace includes views of the Bay Bridge and the city skyline. This gallery has floor to ceiling windows with exhibits about climate, geology, and the surrounding landscape.





DETAILS:

CAPACITY

Ceremony Only: 200
Reception Only: 200 Standing, 150 Banquet
Ceremony + Reception: 100

PRICING & TIMELINE

$11,900

Guest Service Fees included up to 200 guests
3:00 PM - 1:00 AM Includes load in, event time, & load out Ceremony can begin at 5:00 PM

OBSERVATORY & EAST BUNDLE

$23,800

5:30 PM - 1:00 AM in East Gallery
Includes load in, event time, & load out
Ceremony can begin at 6:30 PM



EAST GALLERY

With large windows overlooking the bay, the East Gallery brings the outside world in. It offers experiences and exhibits using authentic scientific methods and tools to examine biology at many scales: plants, organisms, cells. The included Mezzanine level explores the beauty in weather and geography.







DETAILS:

CAPACITY

Ceremony Only: 200
Reception Only: 450 Standing, 150 Banquet
Ceremony + Reception: 150

PRICING & TIMELINE

$15,300

Guest Service Fees included up to 200 guests
5:30 PM - 1:00 AM Includes load in, event time, & load out Ceremony can begin at 6:30 PM

OBSERVATORY & EAST BUNDLE

$23,800

3:00 PM - 1:00 AM in Observatory Gallery
Includes load in, event time, & load out
Ceremony can begin at 5:00 PM in Observatory

BECHTEL CENTRAL GALLERY + OUTDOOR GALLERY

The large Outdoor Gallery has stunning views of Coit Tower and the downtown skyline. It connects to the Central Gallery which explores light, color, vision, sound, and hearing and is designed for exploring perception itself.





DETAILS:

CAPACITY

Ceremony Only: 500

Reception Only: 1,200 Standing, 500 Banquet

Ceremony + Reception: 500

PRICING & TIMELINE

$20,400

Guest Service Fees included up to 500 guests Outdoor Gallery 4:00 PM - 1:00 AM Central Gallery 5:30 PM - 1:00 AM Includes load in, event time, & load out Ceremony can begin at 6:00 PM

MORE TO EXPLORE

$30,600 + East Gallery from 5:30 PM - 1:00 AM

$27,200 + West Gallery from 5:30 PM - 1:00 AM



OSHER WEST GALLERY

The West Gallery integrates social science with exhibits about psychology, art, human perception, math and music. This gallery houses the museum's iconic Tactile Dome, an immersive sensory experience that you can add onto your events.







DETAILS:

CAPACITY

Ceremony Only: 450
Reception Only: 450 Standing, 200 Banquet
Ceremony + Reception: 200

PRICING

$11,900

Guest Service Fees included up to 200 guests
5:30 PM - 1:00 AM Includes load in, event time, & load out Ceremony can begin at 6:30 PM









GIVE YOUR GUESTS A ONE-OF-A-KIND SAN FRANCISCO EXPERIENCE THEY WILL TELL ALL OF THEIR FRIENDS ABOUT!

FAQ

WHAT TIME CAN MY CEREMONY START? The earliest ceremony start times are 5:00 PM or later and this depends on the space rented. Ceremonies in the Fisher Bay Observatory & Terrace can begin earlier with added time for additional fees.

DO YOU PROVIDE TABLES OR CHAIRS? We do not include tables, chairs or any other rentals. These would need to be contracted either through your catering team or another outside vendor.

IS THERE A ROOM TO GET READY? Yes! A bridal classroom is included in your rental during your event hours. This is best used to stage belongings and for finishing touches before the ceremony.

WHEN CAN THE CEREMONY REHEARSAL TAKE PLACE? The ceremony rehearsal can be scheduled to take place during closed hours, pending availability, 9:00 - 10:00 AM or 5:00 - 6:00 PM. Outside these hours would need internal approval.

DO YOU REQUIRE A WEDDING PLANNER? Yes, this can be a day-of planner or full service event/wedding planner.

ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES? No, unless you pay by credit card and then there is a 3% charge. All other venue fees are inclusive of any tax and service charges.

ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON ALCOHOL? All alcohol must be served be a licensed liquor provider from our Approved Catering List. All caterers must buy out the liquor license for the day from our in- house Concessions, Seaglass Management. They will include this in their fees.

WHAT IS THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE? Anon-refundable 50% deposit is due at the time of booking to confirm your event. The remaining 50% is due three months prior to your event.

HOW LATE CAN MY EVENT GO? Current packages have guests departing at 11:30 PM, however additional hours can be purchased. Alcohol service must end by 1:45 AM.

ARE THERE ANY NOISE RESTRICTIONS? No. Amplified music can play as late as 3:00 AM if additional hours are purchased.

CAN MY GUESTS INTERACT WITH ALL OF THE EXHIBITS? Yes! All of the exhibits in the galleries rented for your event are included. We encourage guests to interact and engage with this included event entertainment!


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