

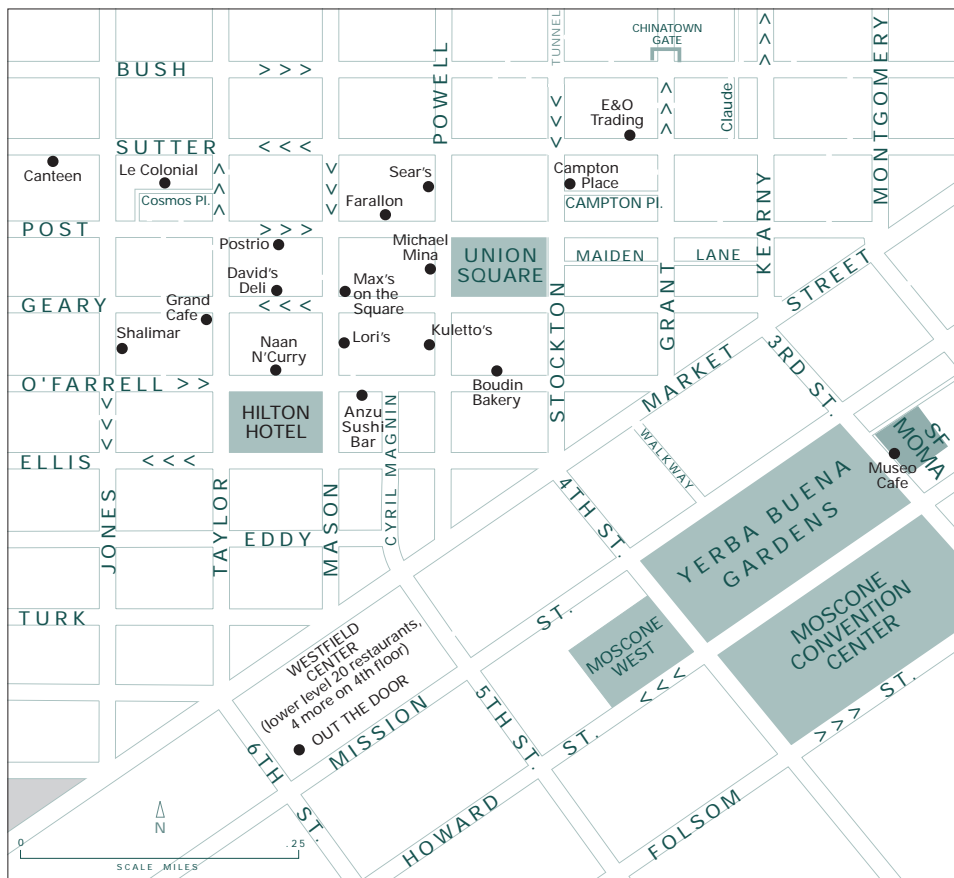
# San Francisco Restaurants

## Union Square Area

San Francisco has a lot of great restaurants- inexpensive, expensive, Thai, Japanese, Californian, casual, formal. We also have our fair share of average and awful eating spots. With a little bit of planning, you can ensure you have a few memorable meals while you are visiting our city.

San Franciscans usually make reservations, especially for dinner. This requires some advance planning. Many restaurants are now listed on OpenTable.com. Restaurants are listed on the site by type of food or by neighborhood. (AAG conference is in the Union Square area.) Phone numbers (+ 415 area code) are also listed here. You can't phone too early for a reservation.

This review covers only a few interesting restaurants within walking distance of the Hilton Hotel (plus a map showing their location). They aren't listed in any kind of preferential order. At the end, there is a short list of six restaurants out of the area, but worth special consideration.



### Relatively inexpensive breakfast (or lunch) spots:

**LORI'S** - 336 Mason St.

**SEARS** - 439 Powell St. Try the 18 Swedish pancakes.

**BOUDIN BAKERY** – 170 O'Farrell outside Macy's, SF sourdough bread. etc.

**KULETTO'S** – 221 Powell St. Café next to the restaurant

**Other great choices near the Hilton:**

**NAAN N'CURRY**

478 O'Farrell Street- right across from the Hilton  
Inexpensive Indian food (great Tandoori lamb chops, shrimp vindaloo) Bring your own beer (really)  
This is San Francisco's idea of fast food.

**SHALIMAR**

532 Jones St.- A bit into the Tenderloin, but worth it. Cash only.  
Inexpensive Pakistani food. Order at the counter of the open kitchen. Again, bring your own beer.

**ANZU SUSHI BAR**

222 Mason St. in the Hotel Nikko (394-1100)  
Moderate. High quality seasonal fish.

**GRAND CAFÉ**

501 Geary in the Hotel Monaco (292-0101)  
Moderate. French cooking in a belle époque room.

**CANTEEN**

817 Sutter St. (928-8870) 20 seat restaurant, only works for small groups, reservations mandatory for dinner  
Moderate. Inventive chef Dennis Leary produces a limited (but wonderful) menu every day. Highly recommended.  
Breakfast daily, lunch Wed- Fri, dinner Wed- Sat (3 seatings)

**LE COLONIAL**

20 Cosmos Place (in an alley off Taylor) (834-9820)  
Mod-Exp. French Colonial Vietnamese. Not the best Vietnamese food in town, but good atmosphere & big portions.

**OWL TREE BAR**

601 Post at Taylor  
If you want a martini and love owl paraphernalia, this is your marginally seedy destination.

**DAVID'S DELI**

474 Geary across the street from the theaters  
Moderate. Jewish deli with the usual sandwiches, salads, and desserts

**MAX'S ON THE SQUARE**

398 Geary (646-8600)  
Moderate. Max's is a local chain with an extensive menu, huge portions, good food.

**E & O TRADING**

314 Sutter St. (693-0303)  
Moderate. Singaporean food, nice umbrella drinks, good for groups.

**MUSEO CAFÉ**

3<sup>rd</sup> St. in the Museum of Modern Art  
Moderate. Very nice café with very good food. Inside & outside seating.

**WESTFIELD CENTER.** One of the best restaurant bets in the area!

845 Market Street between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Streets.  
The **Food Court** below Bloomingdale's sounds awful, but it isn't. Most of these spots are open until 9 pm.  
**OUT THE DOOR**- excellent, inventive Vietnamese food (same owner as Slanted Door)  
**ASQEW GRILL, CORIANDER GOURMET THAI, PASTA MOTO, TEAZ ME FUSION CAFÉ.**  
**SORABOL KOREAN BBQ, ANDALE MEXICAN, BISTRO BURGER**  
Restaurants on 4th floor  
**LARK CREEK STEAK, STRAITS, ZAZIL**

**For a special evening, here are a few expensive well-known restaurants in the Union Square area. All require reservations made well in advance, and lots of money:**

**POSTRIO**

545 Post Street (776-7825)  
Expensive. Famous chefs, great reputation.

**MICHAEL MINA**

335 Powell St in the St. Francis Hotel (397-9222)  
Expensive. Probably already booked as you read this. Again, famous chef Mina, set menus.

**FARALLON**

490 Post Street (956-6969)  
Expensive. Incredible underwater décor, lots of seafood.

**CAMPTON PLACE**

340 Stockton St. (955-5555)  
Expensive. Formal dining room, inventive cuisine.

**Finally here are six out-of-the-Union-Square area restaurants that are wonderful eating experiences. All, except Hog Island, usually require advance reservations.**

**SLANTED DOOR**

Ferry Building (Embarcadero at Market) (861-8032)  
Unbelievable bay views, beautiful décor, plus great small Vietnamese plates. Inventive cooking, can't be beat.

**HOG ISLAND OYSTER BAR**

Ferry Building (391-7117)  
Not inexpensive, but a bottle of white wine and a plate of small oysters on the half shell outside by the Bay, heaven.

**ZUNI CAFÉ**

1658 Market St. (552-2522)  
A European restaurant with one of the best reputations for interesting cooking in the City.

**THANH LONG**

4101 Judah St. (665-1146) Go to Market St, go underground to the MUNI streetcars, take the N Judah outbound. Then stay on the streetcar almost all the way to the beach- get off at Judah & 46<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Try the house specialties roast Dungeness crab and garlic noodles. This Vietnamese spot has a rabid following. Plus you can walk 2 blocks and see the Pacific Ocean.

**RANGE**

842 Valencia St., near 20<sup>th</sup> St. (282-8283)  
Very trendy, very delicious. If you can get a reservation here, you won't regret it. Contemporary Calif. cuisine.