



CIGRE SC B3 Meeting San Francisco (California) 9-10 May 2016

1. Welcome

On behalf of [PG&E](#) we wish to welcome you to San Francisco and hope you have an enjoyable stay!

Please contact John Randolph at jdr9@pge.com if you have any questions. John's cell phone is +1 415.244.9360.

2. Meeting Program & Time Table

Date	Program
8 th May (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Arrival in San Francisco (California), or sooner ☺ ➤ Informal greeting drinks 6:30pm at the Hotel Griffon Bar
9 th May (Monday) 9.00am – 5.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SAG Meeting (Hotel Griffon – Board Room on 5th floor)
9 th May (Monday) 6.30pm onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcome Reception and Dinner – Sponsored by PG&E – Location TBA
10 th May (Tuesday) 9.00am-12.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CAG / TAG Meeting – (Hotel Griffon – Board Room on 5th floor)
10 th May (Tuesday) 1.30pm-5.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Technical Tour – urban substation recently converted with 115 kV GIS BAAH building
10 th May (Tuesday) 6.30pm onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Informal dinner – Sponsored by ABB – Location TBA
11 th May (Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No formal events -- Departures, or stay in SF longer ☺

Please confirm your attendance and the participation of your partner to hosted dinners here ([event link](#)):

Meeting Venue:

Board Room at the [Hotel Griffon](#) (local [map here](#))

3. Hotel Accommodation

- [Hotel Griffon](#) (our small, boutique conference hotel):

\$226 (Queen) or \$246 (King) per room (tax is 16.45%)

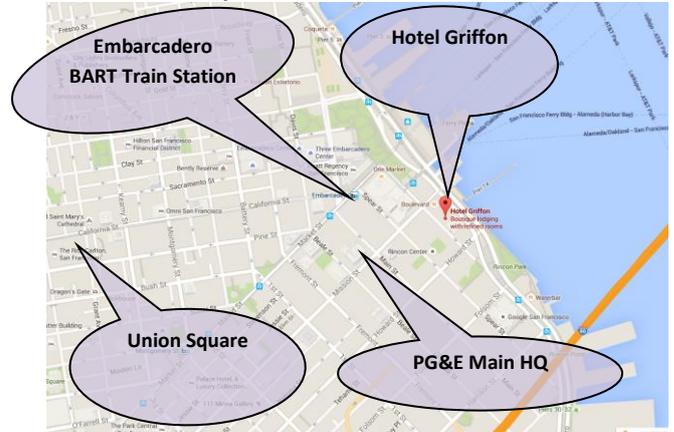
Special pricing contract has been arranged, and we strongly request you book as early as possible to secure your room, as there is a large, city-wide conference in SF this week in May!

- 2 blocks walk from BART Embarcadero station (take the Market & Spear Exit B1 escalator at the SE corner)
- Check-in is 3pm; Check-out is 12noon
- Parking is \$51.30 per day !

4. Technical Tour Requirements

Please ensure that you wear closed footwear and long-sleeve shirt for the technical tour on Tuesday afternoon. Other safety equipment (safety helmet) will be supplied if necessary.

5. Location Map



6. Arriving

The two best ways to arrive in San Francisco are:

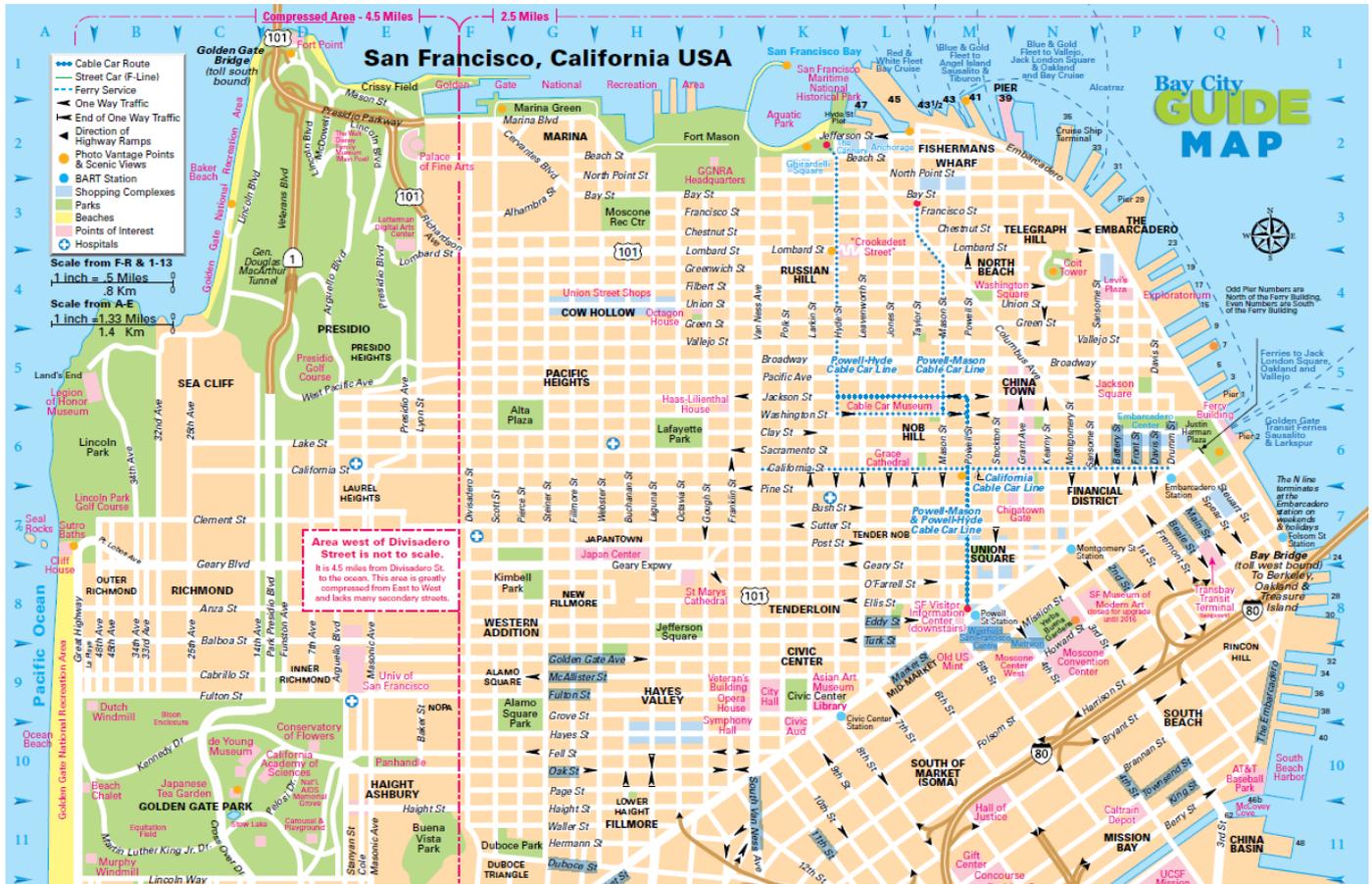
- Fly into [SFO International Airport](#) and then take a [taxi](#) or BART train (see below) to downtown San Francisco. There are many international flight options into SFO. The CO₂ emission saved by taking BART instead of a taxi is 10.1 pounds.
- Fly into [Oakland International Airport](#) and then take a BART train (see below) to downtown San Francisco. There are limited international airlines, yet Norwegian Air for example, has a direct flight on certain days from Gatwick, London. There are many [options](#) if you stop first in other US cities like Atlanta (Delta), JFK (Jet Blue), Los Angeles (Southwest), or Seattle (Alaskan Air).
- BART information -- tickets are purchased with US cash or credit, and you can download a BART App:

Train from [SFO Airport to Embarcadero BART Station](#): takes 33 minutes, and costs \$8.95 one-way. The train frequency is every 20 minutes. You can purchase your ticket as you transition from SFO baggage claim into the connected BART platform (follow signs inside airport). Once on the BART platform, you'll typically board the track to your left, and take the next San Francisco train (line is called [Pittsburg/Baypoint](#)). This is the main route, and do NOT take the alternate Millbrae track. The **Embarcadero station** is the 12th stop from the SFO station.

Train from [Oakland Airport to Embarcadero BART Station](#): takes about 20 minutes, and costs \$10.05 one-way. You can purchase your ticket after exiting the tram from Oakland Airport (8 minute free ride), and as you enter the BART station platform (named Coliseum). Once on the BART platform, you'll use the track to your right (northbound) and take the next San Francisco train (line is sometimes called [Daly City](#)). The **Embarcadero station** is the 1st stop in downtown San Francisco (after going under the Bay in the "Tube"), and is the 4th stop from the Coliseum station.



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7. General Information

Our meeting venue is located right next to the SF Bay, along the Embarcadero and the perimeter of downtown [San Francisco](#).

San Francisco, in northern California, is a city on the tip of a peninsula surrounded by the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay. It's known for its hilly landscape, year-round fog, iconic Golden Gate Bridge, cable cars and colorful Victorian houses. The Financial District's Transamerica Pyramid is its most distinctive skyscraper. In the bay sits Alcatraz Island, site of the notorious former prison.

Although *huge* in terms of offerings, San Francisco is physically quite compact. It is located on a seven-by-seven mile (11 x 11km) square of land and has a population of 812,000, which represents a small fraction of the entire Bay Area population of 7.1 million.

San Francisco has a mild climate, and May is typically dry with average temperature range from 51 (11°C) at night to 64 (18°C) in the day. However, these mild temperature readings belie a unique climate not shared by other major cities in the state or country. The marine air influence or fog can be chilling, so usually people carry around a light jacket.

San Francisco's reputation as a rollicking city where almost anything goes dates back to the boom-or-bust days of the California gold rush. It's always been this way. This city is so beautiful, so exciting and diverse, and so cosmopolitan that you can always find something new to see and do, no matter if it's your 1st or 50th visit.

8. Partners

Some specific program is being planned; also partners will have plenty of tourist opportunities to discover in [San Francisco](#) near our hotel or its surroundings:

- San Francisco Ferry Building (food/shopping) - Steps away
- Cable Car access – 2 blocks
- Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) - .7 mile
- Union Square Shopping - .9 mile
- North Beach / Chinatown - 1 mile
- Coit Tower - 1 mile
- AT&T Park (Giants Baseball) - 1.4 miles
- Fisherman's Wharf/Pier 39 - 1.9 miles
- Ghirardelli Square - 2.2 miles
- Lombard Street ("Crookedest Street") - 2.5 miles
- Alamo Square / "The Painted Ladies" - 2.9 miles
- Golden Gate Park - 5.2 miles
- Golden Gate Bridge - 5.5 miles
- Napa Valley – 60 miles

Contact Melanie Randolph for more information at:
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