

## San Francisco



### Where?

# Facts and figures

# Things to do



### California, USA Pacific Ocean

- one of the most famous cities in the USA
- city built on hills
- landmark: Golden Gate Bridge across San Francisco Bay:
- 2,7 km long, finished in 1937, often in thick fog
- nickname: Frisco
- centre of the US Hippie movement in 1960s
- view over city and bay: Telegraph Hill, Transamerica Pyramid or Nob Hill
- Fisherman's Wharf: harbour district with marinas, cafés, restaurants, starting point for bay cruises, ferries to Alcatraz
- Painted Ladies: old, wooden, multicoloured houses in San Francisco, used as gambling halls and <u>brothels</u> in the late 1800s

#### Chinatown

- largest Chinese community outside Asia
- founded by Chinese immigrants
- self-contained town: post offices, shops, restaurants, markets, major tourist attraction

#### Cable cars

- built in 1873
- tourist attractions, linking the most important sights
- pulled by underground cables

#### Alcatraz

- island in San Francisco Bay
- high-security prison from 1933 1962, most famous prisoner: Al Capone
- no known successful escapes (prisoners were shot or drowned in the bay)
- today: museum

#### Highway No. 1

- scenic coastal road between San Francisco and LA, along beautiful bays and beaches
- among the most attractive roads in the USA

Problems: earthquakes

For more information see:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San\_Francisco

http://www.sanfrancisco.travel/todo/Top-Attractions-in-San-

Francisco.html?cmp=todo\_TopAttractions

http://wikitravel.org/en/San\_Francisco

brothel - Bordell; self-contained - eigenständig