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**18 SAN FRANCISCO NEIGHBORHOODS REVEALED BY
SAN FRANCISCO CITY GUIDES IN SERIES OF MAY WALKING TOURS**

April 28, 2006 San Francisco, CA. An intimate look at the history and lore behind seventeen of San Francisco's most colorful neighborhoods will be offered for the month of May as walking tours led by San Francisco City Guides. These special walks, offered only in May and October, are in addition to the 40 year round tours schedule.

Throughout 2006 there are three 1906 Earthquake Centennial-themed tours offered. The fourth in the series – "Earthquake & Fire Walk – Civic Center to the Old Mint" debuts in May. The popular Stairway Walks series will see the addition of Russian Hill and Golden Gate Heights. For those who enjoy more walking and less talking there is a new series of Discovery Walks – one for the Embarcadero Skyway and one for Mission Creek. The "Sutro Forest Hike" explores the legacy of Adolf Sutro's Arbor Day celebrations.

Art history buffs will enjoy seeing the last and largest of murals done by Diego Rivera painted for the Golden Gate International Exposition of 1940, located at City College of San Francisco's Diego Rivera Theatre. Churches, temples, a cathedral and a synagogue representative of San Francisco's diversity are explored in "Sacred Places of San Francisco."

Neighborhoods explored this month include: Excelsior, Fairmount, Financial District, Glen Park, Inner Richmond, Nob Hill, Tenderloin, Visitacion Valley and West Portal. These new tours, like the year round options, last 1 ½ to 2 hours, and are conducted rain or shine. Starting locations and times can be found on the City Guides web site www.sfcityguides.org.

San Francisco City Guides, a 28 year old non-profit organization that conducts free walking tours spotlighting San Francisco history, architecture, legend and lore, is a program of the San Francisco Public Library and a project of the Tides Center. The organization is a member of the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau (www.sfvisitor.org). There are more than 200 trained City Guides conducting 40 different tours to Bay Area residents and tourists 52 weeks a year. The organization's purpose is to preserve and perpetuate the history and folklore of San Francisco and to celebrate its rich cultural diversity. And in the spirit of the San Francisco Public Library, this service is provided free of charge. For more information, contact Laura Schroeder, Director at 415-557-4266, via email at tours@sfcityguides.org, or visit our website at www.sfcityguides.org. Laura can be reached at the City Guides office at the Main Library, 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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