

DESTINATION OAKLAND

Oakland and the greater San Francisco Bay area offer plenty of attractions for COSAs who want to come a few days before or stay a few days after the Annual Convention which will be held May 25-28.

The Marriott City Center, immediately across the street from The Washington Inn, lists nearby attractions with [website links](#) on its website.

You'll find information about Chinatown, Lake Merritt, Fairyland, historic buildings and museums, the Oakland Zoo, the Paramount and Fox theaters, area neighborhoods, and other popular locations.

Other resources and attractions in the Oakland and greater San Francisco area include:

Jack London Square: Just a half-mile from The Washington Inn, this vibrant waterfront area features restaurants, shops, entertainment, special events, a movie theater, boat tours, kayak rentals, and more. Of note: Yoshi's sushi restaurant here features live jazz; advance tickets required.

<http://www.jacklondonsquare.com>

Lake Merritt: Walking, jogging, kayaking, tennis, gardens, nature, Fairyland for children, and more can be enjoyed at and around the Jewel of Oakland.

<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/government/o/opr/s/Parks/OAK032396>

Bay Bridge: Walk, bike, or rollerblade a path on the new Bay Bridge to Treasure Island, the midway point to San Francisco. It is about 6 miles round trip. You can also walk one way and get an Uber ride back.

<http://baybridgeinfo.org/>

Tilden Park: In the hills of Oakland and Berkeley, this is a wonderful place for walking and hiking. <http://www.ebparks.org/parks/tilden.htm>

University of California-Berkeley: Walk about the campus or check out restaurants and boutique shopping along College Avenue (accessible via BART getting off at the Rockridge Station). <http://www.berkeley.edu/>

Visit Oakland: 100 things to do in Oakland including an event listing, arts and culture, nightlife, sports, recreation, tours, etc. www.visitoakland.com

San Francisco Travel: Find information on a variety of Bay Area attractions like the Golden Gate Bridge, Cable Cars, Alcatraz Island, Golden Gate Park, Pier 39, Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown, Coit Tower, Union Square, the Embarcadero, and more! <http://www.sftravel.com/>

Independent music listings: <http://thebaybridged.com/> **SF 511:** Trip planning, including public transportation and traffic

information: <https://511.org> **BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit):**
<https://www.bart.gov/>

San Francisco Bay Ferry: Jack London Square is one of its ports.
<https://sanfranciscobayferry.com>