

## San Francisco Don'ts

So much has been written about San Francisco. Most articles focus about things to do in this great and popular city - for instance: ride a cable car, walk across the Pacific on the Golden Gate Bridge, sip jasmine tea in the Japanese Tea Garden, take a bay cruise, etc.

Here, for something completely different, are 12 of some important San Francisco "don'ts":

- Don't pack a tropical wardrobe; the mercury hovers around 60 degrees even in summer!!
- Don't wear a bathing suit to North Beach; it's the cafe-studded Italian quarter.
- Don't plan to diet, this place is the weight-watchers' Waterloo.
- Don't call cable cars trolleys; they're powered by the moving steel cable you hear humming in the slot beneath your feet.
- Don't pop for an imported vintage; you're in the capital of the California wine country.
- Don't plan to go swimming in San Francisco Bay unless you're a member in good standing of the Polar Bear Club.
- Don't pronounce Ghirardelli was a soft G; the Square's named for a chocolate manufacturer whose old-time trademark was a pedagogical parrot prompting: "Say GEAR'-ar-delly."
- Don't be caught without an umbrella; the coastal mists are capricious.
- Don't color the bridge over the Golden Gate gold; it's International Orange.
- Above all, don't call it "Frisco" or "San Fran"
- It's "'the city by the bay" not "the city on the bay"
- Don't board a public conveyance without exact fare; the drivers don't make change.
- And most important: Don't forget to register for this year's DCUC Conference in San Francisco! Look for your Preliminary Programs in the mail this month!

