

Pacific Heights:

In 2013 the Pacific Heights neighborhood was deemed the most expensive residential neighborhood in the United States with a median home price of \$10,250,000. The views and architecture may well be worth it.

Pacific Heights was first populated in the 1870's by the nouveau riche after the California Gold Rush. After being destroyed by the 1906 earthquake, the neighborhood was rebuilt and now contains some of the most prestigious mansions and estates in the city. Positioned along an east-west ridge that slopes sharply down to its northern neighbors Cow Hollow and the Marina, Pacific Heights also has among the most spectacular views of the city, San Francisco Bay, Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz. Its unique microclimate keeps the neighborhood clearer, if not warmer, than other areas of the city.

The neighborhood is bounded by Green Street to the north, California Street to the south, Van Ness Avenue to the east, and Presidio Avenue to the west. Broadway Street between Divisadero and Lyon streets is often referred to as the Gold Coast, and is known for its large period mansions. Architecture in the neighborhood varies, but best evokes the [Victorian](#), [Mission Revival](#), [Edwardian](#) and [Chateaux](#) styles.

Shopping, restaurants and nightlife can primarily be found along the Fillmore Street shopping area, as well as Divisadero, Sacramento and California streets. Here you will find designer boutiques, elegant restaurants and cafes. There are two parks: the recently renovated Lafayette Park and Alta Plaza, which contains two tennis courts, a basketball court, and children's play area. Because of its affluence, many of the most elite private schools are located within Pacific Heights' borders.

Pacific Heights has a [Walk Score](#) of 95, "a walker's paradise," and a Transit Score of 85.

Lower Pacific Heights:

Lower Pacific Heights, sometimes called Upper Fillmore, connects the Pacific Heights neighborhood to the Fillmore District. Long a working class neighborhood, it cleaned itself up a bit during the real estate booms in the 1990's and 2000's. Now, in terms of architecture, recreation and ambience, Lower Pacific Heights combines the best of its refined Pacific Heights neighbor to the north and the edgier, grittier Fillmore district to the south.

Lower Pacific Heights has a very high [Walk Score](#) of 97, as well as excellent access to public transportation.

For statistics on recent home sales in Pacific Heights and Lower Pacific Heights click [Here](#).