

San Francisco Visit

March 27 to April 2, 2011



While visiting San Francisco, we went to Golden Gate Park. There, we toured the de Young Museum (above). From a distance, it looks like a rusty whale has washed up from the nearby Pacific Ocean. Up close though, the exterior is a perforated bronze metal surface that is suspended over an interior window system. The bronze surface is slowly turning a patina color that will eventually be a turquoise appearance. It is definitely a place you need to visit if you get to San Francisco.



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Above and Right:
Roof of the
de Young.
Note how the
building 'splits'
apart and opens up
for interior light
wells and atriums

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Above and below Right: Interior views of the de Young. There are interior atriums and interesting open spaces. We were able to see the 'Balenciaga' fashion design exhibit, which was phenomenal.

Below Left: The de Young has a nine-story tower, which contains administrative offices, and on the top floor, there is an observation deck. While there is a fee to tour the museum, this observation deck is free. Definitely a MUST SEE !!



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our visit to the
de Young Museum



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Also in Golden Gate park is the California Museum of Science, which has recently been transformed into a high tech wonderful place to take kids, etc.

We did not visit it but may on our next visit.

