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want to catch a performance of *Beach Blanket Babylon* at **Club Fugazi** around the corner – this is San Francisco, after all!) hotelboheme.com

415.433.9111

While in North Beach, no environmentally aware visitor should miss a meal at **The Stinking Rose**, the restaurant which shares a fifties-bohemian ambience with nearby Hotel Boheme and City Lights but which seasons that ambience – and virtually every dish on the menu—with fresh, pungent GARLIC – lots and lots and lots of it. Try the crabs, chicken, pasta and veggie-garlic offerings. Deliciously aromatic, overwhelmingly tasty and so healthful for you and your dining companion, especially if washed down with a fine Italian wine. Attentive wait staff and private curtained booths make for a most romantic dinner. thestinkingrose.com 415.781.7673



A short walk up Columbus Avenue took us to another excellent European-style North Beach boutique hotel, **The Washington Square Inn**. Very friendly, informative staff, complementary breakfast, eco-sensitive policies and building improvements and, most of all, the utterly romantic bay window sitting area in our room and the view of San Francisco's vibrant Washington Square Park filled with joggers, tai-chi practitioners and painters. The Coit Tower and Fisherman's Wharf and many other attractions are walking distance, as is **La Trappe**, the finest Belgian beer pub restaurant in North Beach. wsisf.com 800.388.0220

Although the rates at the two fine inns mentioned above are quite reasonable, we decided to try the even more economical, but no less colorful and eco-aware **San Remo Hotel**, a long established hostel located still closer to Fisherman's Wharf. Built in 1906 and fully renovated, the San Remo retains its Victorian pension character, with tile floors, brass fixtures, beveled lead glass windows and charmingly cozy rooms. A full restaurant is in the same building, with an historic bar that was shipped around Cape Horn more than a century ago! sanremohotel.com 800.352.7366

We had a fine stay at San Remo, and it was a quick stroll to **Pier 39, Dock J**, where we took part in a most exciting **Adventure Cat** catamaran-sailboat expedition out into the Bay, under and past the **Golden Gate Bridge**. With sea lions and dolphins frolicking in the choppy waves all around us, and wind surfers sailing past, this was a definite high point of our entire green road travels – and it took us out onto the truly green sea waters where the Bay's precious living ecology is so very apparent. The skilled and friendly crew



explained that **Adventure Car's** fleet of two very large sail vessels takes tourists and special parties out daily and evenings, and yet uses less fuel in a year than all the other gasoline-powered tour boats use in a typical day. Now that is energy conservation via wind-power! And what a rush! adventurecat.com 800.498.4228

We never burned any gas at all traveling within San Francisco, though we enjoyed riding the fabled cable cars up and down those steep hills. **CityPass** citypass.com provided us with unlimited public transportation and access to many fine museums and other attractions throughout our stay, as CityPass does in many large American cities – a true bargain and an environmentally sound one at that! One morning we had another very fun mobile adventure, cruising the city's hills and streets on battery-powered **SegWays** operated and expertly guided by

The San Francisco Electric Tour Company. electrictourcompany.com 415.474.3130

Another very eco-aware hotel we stayed at in San Fran was **The Orchard Garden Hotel**, which deservedly bills itself as "San Francisco's purely green boutique hotel". Nestled close to Chinatown Gate in heart of the city's shopping area near Union Square, the Orchard Garden is built to the national standards for 'green' buildings developed by the US Green Building Council.

Newly built, this hotel's guest rooms are decorated in soothing colors, with natural wood tones, and feature a key card energy control system and organic bath products, among other amenities. Courteous staff and convenient location add to the charm. theorchardgardenhotel.com 888.717.2881

With help from some local friends, we made a dinner-time excursion across the Golden Gate Bridge to suburban **Mill Valley**, where we enjoyed a fine new-style and very tasty Mexican meal at one of the four **MariaMaria**

Restaurants established by famed musician Carlos Santana, and wonderfully decorated with his posters and guitars. A special treat for us visiting Southwesterners was a concert here by **Keith Sanchez**, the Belen, New Mexico

environmentally-active poet-songwriter and guitar hero who leads the legendary rock band **Stoic Frame**. Keith is now working closely with the Santana organization while sharply honing his very considerable solo guitar chops and song writing and working on his eagerly-anticipated solo album. mariamariarestaurants.com 925.946.1010

While in San Francisco, we also joined in an old time poetry reading circle in **The**

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