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BY THE SEA

Go beyond the scoop shops and tourist traps to find Sausalito's true essence: an artistically minded community filled with great food, unique shops and sublime natural beauty. Here, an ideal day.

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1 STAY AWHILE Since opening two decades ago, **The Inn Above Tide** has had a variety of updates, including three brand-new suites reimagined by San Francisco-based designer Antonio Martins and Sausalito-based art consultant Julie Coyle. The resulting spaces—clean, modern and inspired by the beauty of the sea—all have expansive waterfront patios, sweeping views of the bay and San Francisco skyline, fireplaces and soaking tubs. The family-run hotel is located steps from the ferry terminal, making trips to and from San Francisco a breeze. *New suite rates from \$1,555 per night, 800.893.8433, innabovetide.com*

2 COFFEE TALK Take a picturesque 10-minute stroll past the ferry and the colorful boats dotting the marina before fueling up at **Cibo**, a popular local coffee shop and cafe known for founder Tera Ancona's mouthwatering pastries; fresh-from-the-farmers-market breakfast and lunch options (the avocado toast with ricotta, poppy seeds, citrus oil and poblano chili powder is to die for) and good, strong coffee. The sunny cafe has indoor and outdoor seating, and plenty of adorable dogs to make goo-goo eyes at. *cibosausalito.com*

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3 SHOP AROUND After breakfast, walk over to Caledonia Street, a charming boulevard past the touristy shops on Bridgeway. Besides tasty casual cafes like Fast Food Français and ThaiTanic Street Food, there are a number of wonderful shops. **Sarah Swell** is a must-stop for understated handmade jewelry: think conflict-free diamonds, perfectly distressed gold and oxidized silver in wearable, organic shapes. The Golden Tail Fishbone necklace (\$660) and La Lune stud earrings (from \$355) are standouts that can be worn every day. *sarahswell.com*

4 TAKE A HIKE One of Sausalito's most obvious draws is its exceptional natural beauty. Soak it all in with a hike along the coastal trail and Rodeo Beach at **Fort Cronkhite**, a former military base located 2 miles north

of the Golden Gate Bridge, complete with bunkers and a 16-inch caliber gun that oversaw the end of World War II at Battery Townsley. Make sure to bring binoculars. You may see whales, raptors and other wildlife. *nps.gov*

5 DINNER TIME Also located on Caledonia Street, **Sushi Ran** has long been considered one of the Bay Area's best sushi restaurants, and serves uberfresh fish caught locally or flown in from Japan. The menu, a creative mix of traditional Japanese sushi and innovative Pacific cuisine, features everything from miso wagyu beef with watercress, green apple and Point Reyes blue cheese to spicy tuna with miso aioli, ginger, shiso, cucumber and Japanese spices. *415.332.3620, sushiran.com*



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