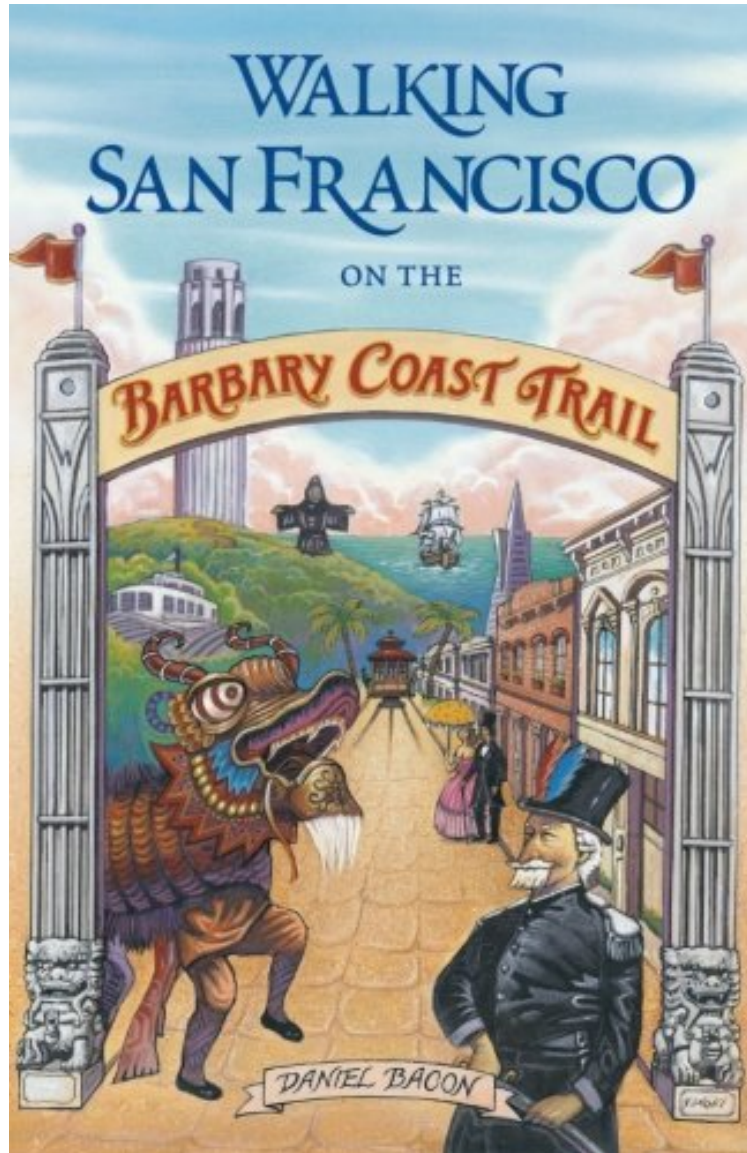


## Walking San Francisco on the Barbary Coast Trail

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Portsmouth Square, the "Old" Barbary Coast, North Beach, and the Northern Waterfront (the Embarcadero, Fisherman's Wharf, Aquatic Park), plus a section on the Powell-Hyde Cable Car Line, which lets you get from the end of the Trail back to the beginning, and Nob Hill. After providing a brief historical introduction, he breaks the tour up into five segments so that you can do them in great, leisurely detail if you prefer, or cover the whole thing in one day if time is short. He focuses chiefly on older buildings, from "Before the Fire" (pre-1906), as the local language has it, and along the way introduces numerous "characters" (the Bonanza Kings, "Honet" Harry Meiggs, A. P. Giannini, the Emperor Norton, Lillie Coit, Dr. Li Po-Tai) and icons (Levi's jeans, Pisco Punch, sourdough bread, Ghirardelli chocolate). Each section includes a good clear map of the locations involved. And, as a bonus, if you've read *This Is San Francisco: A Classic Portrait of the City* and wondered about the "steam beer" mentioned therein, here's the book that tells you what it is (in the sidebar on pp 133-4).

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Lace up your walking shoes or settle into your favorite reading chair for an unforgettable adventure through San Francisco's past and present. The Barbary Coast Trail connects twenty of San Francisco's most important historic sites. This comprehensive guide takes you to all of them and reveals a world populated by Gold Rushers, shanghaiers, Bonanza Kings, railroad barons, visionaries, and the pioneer women who tamed them. The Barbary Coast Trail is San Francisco's official historical walking trail. A series of bronze medallions set in the sidewalk mark the trail as it winds its way through vibrant neighborhoods. You'll walk down Gold Rush-era streets and Chinatown alleys, past Barbary Coast melodeons and Bonanza King mansions on a journey of discovery. It's great fun for the whole family! Whether you're a life-long resident or a brief visitor, you'll quickly become immersed in the heart and soul of San Francisco. You'll explore areas devastated in 1906, then reclaimed from the ashes. You'll visit the birthplace of the Gold Rush. You'll walk through a graveyard of Gold Rush ships buried beneath the streets. You'll experience the vibrant culture of North Beach, where Beat writers and artists once congregated and where Italian immigrants established a presence. You'll visit the first Asian temple in North America and the first Catholic cathedral west of the Rockies. You'll walk the on the decks of historic ships. You'll find several local history museums, as well as many fine restaurants when you're ready to take a break. It's all waiting for you on the Barbary Coast Trail.

About the Author Daniel Bacon is the creator of the Barbary Coast Trail, San Francisco's official historical walk. He is a graduate of San Francisco State University and has written extensively on San Francisco history for *Hemispheres Magazine*, *Where Magazine*, *North Beach Now*, *Grand Times*, and *Library Journal*. He has been featured on KRON TV's *Bay Area Back Roads* and KQED's program *Sin, Fire, Gold: the days of San Francisco's Barbary Coast*. Mr. Bacon has authored two publications: *Walking San Francisco on the Barbary Coast Trail*, a combined guide to the trail and history of early San Francisco and *Barbary Coast Trail Official Guide*, a 32-page pocket guide.