



TOURS are scheduled MAY through OCTOBER on WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS. All tours start at 10 a.m. and last approximately 90 minutes. See tour schedule for dates.

Reservations are recommended but not required.

Call the **OAKLAND TOURS HOTLINE** at **(510) 238-3234** to make reservations or visit www.oaklandnet.com/walkingtours.

All tours are accessible by BART, AC TRANSIT and the free Broadway Shuttle. Transit info at www.511.org and www.Bshuttle.com.

SPECIAL TOURS are available for a fee. Combine features of various tours on a day and time that is convenient for your group.

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS— Our “Know Your City” tours — are offered year round. Chaperons must be provided by the school at a 1 to 5 adult-to-child ratio.

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Tour schedule to change. Check website for updates

TOUR 1

Old Oakland

This tour explores the 1870s business district where elegantly restored, brick commercial buildings now house offices, galleries and eateries. The historic district is a visible reminder of Oakland’s designation in 1869 as the Western Terminus of the Transcontinental Railroad.

Meet in front of Ratto’s Market & Deli, 821 Washington Street.

Parking is available at the Oakland Convention Center. Enter at 11th and Clay streets.

TOUR 2

City Center

Turn-of-the-century landmarks alongside modern high-rises are the focus of this tour. Explore the upbeat style of the modern City Center Square and discover a “there” there. Examine symbols of Oakland’s arrival as a modern 20th century metropolis—the Beau-Arts-style City Hall and Rotunda Building, the Tribune Tower and the art deco Financial Center Building.

Meet in front of Oakland City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza.

Parking is available at the Clay Street Garage (free on Saturdays). Enter on Clay Street between 14th and 15th streets.

TOUR 3

Uptown to the Lake

Surrounded by many new restaurants and clubs, Oakland’s vibrant art deco-era landmarks, including the Fox Oakland Theater, the Paramount Theatre and the jazzy blue and silver terra cotta Floral Depot Building, are the focus of this tour. The tour also features the Kaiser Center’s “secret” rooftop garden overlooking Lake Merritt.

Meet in front of the Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway.

Parking is available at Telegraph Plaza Garage, Telegraph Avenue between 21st and 22nd streets.

TOUR 4

Preservation Park

On this tour, view fine details of the Victorian style architecture of several 19th century houses that have been relocated and restored as a nonprofit office and meeting complex in a tranquil garden setting. Other tour highlights include the landmark First Unitarian Church, the Pardee Home Museum and the African American Museum and Library at Oakland, housed in a former Carnegie library which served as Oakland’s Main Library for nearly 50 years.

Meet at the entrance to Preservation Park, 13th and Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

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TOUR

5

Oakland Chinatown

Explore this pan-Asian downtown district packed with shops, restaurants and cultural institutions and learn about the contributions made by Chinese and other Asian immigrants to the history of the Bay Area and California. Stroll along sidewalk markets filled with fresh fish, exotic fruits and vegetables.

Meet at Pacific Renaissance Plaza fountain, entrance at 388 Ninth Street.

Parking is available at Pacific Renaissance Garage. Enter on Webster or Franklin Street between 9th and 11th streets.



TOUR

6

Jack London Waterfront

Follow the footsteps of Oakland's famous literary son Jack London and see some of his favorite haunts. Visit a wholesale produce market that has been in operation since the early 1900s, alongside newly built residential loft developments. Also featured, a look at the USS POTOMAC, the restored yacht of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Meet by the Jack London Square entry arch, at the foot of Broadway.

Parking is available at various garages and surface lots in the area.



TOUR

7

Churches and Temples

Visit historic places of worship and learn about their architecture and influence on the development of Oakland. Among those highlighted are First Presbyterian Church, First Congregational Church, Temple Sinai, the Oakland Catholic Diocese and the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

Meet in front of the First Presbyterian Church, 2619 Broadway.

Parking is available at curbside meters.



TOUR

8

New Era/New Politics

This tour highlights African-American leaders who helped shape present-day Oakland. Learn how Lionel Wilson, Delilah Beasley, Robert Maynard, Byron Rumford and others changed the city and the Bay Area.

Meet in front of the African American Museum and Library at Oakland, 659 14th Street.

Parking is available at the Clay Street Garage (free on Saturdays). Enter on Clay Street between 14th and 15th streets.



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Downtown Oakland

90-Minute Guided WALKING TOURS

