

Escape from New York

Because even the most loyal New Yorker needs to flee the greatest city on earth sometimes.



Berkeley, CA



Take a look

BAMPFA combines the Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive into one spiffy new building. The archive, which has the largest collection of Japanese cinema outside of Japan, screens noteworthy films and hosts lectures with luminaries. Visit Babette for movie-themed dinners, and check out the exhibit “Way Bay”, which features only Bay Area artists, at the museum through June 3. → 2155 Center St (510-642-0808, bampfa.org). \$13.

Become a conehead

The homemade ice cream at **Ici Ice Cream** is always amazing, but the carefully crafted cones spur the long lines. Hand-wrapped around a wooden dowel until cooled, these mini masterpieces have chocolate piped inside, making them drip-proof. Try one of the creative, ever-changing flavors, such as honey-lavender and rosemary-pine-nut-praline. → 2948 College Ave (510-665-6054, iciicecream.com)

Stage a great evening

The esteemed **Berkeley Rep** sits in the middle of the city’s art district. Beloved by locals for its inspired productions, the theater has seen 12 of its shows reach Off Broadway and 10 land on the Great White Way. Catch *Angels in America* starting on April 17. → 2025 Addison St (510-647-2918, berkeleyrep.org)

Howl at the moon

Top Dog has been thriving at the edge of the

INSIDER SECRETS

Locals give it to you straight.



“Go to the back patio at **Jupiter** for craft beer and lunch outside.”
—Cory

“For views of the Golden Gate Bridge, walk through Cesar Chavez Park.”
—Nikole

“Get kasha varnishkes for breakfast at **Saul’s Restaurant & Deli**.”
—Barbara

“The Berkeley campus has several mature stands of redwoods.”
—John



Ici Ice Cream

FUN FACT

Berkeley’s **Julia Morgan** was California’s first licensed female architect, eventually designing 700 buildings, including Hearst Gym.

UC Berkeley campus since 1966, and its delicious salty-bun hot dogs can’t be beat. Try the original frankfurter, plus kielbasa, lemon chicken and a veggie wiener made of wheat, bell peppers and eggplant. Berkeley sports three locations, but this original hole-in-the-brick-wall has real retro appeal. → 2534 Durant Ave (510-843-5967, topdoghotdogs.com)

Get growing

The **UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley** has 34 acres of greenhouses, specimen trees, vibrant flowers and pretty ponds. The garden arranges the plants by global climate zone and boasts the world’s largest collection of native California flora. → 200 Centennial Dr (510-643-2755, botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu)
■ **Leslie Long**

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