

# Rainy Day



*The San Francisco Bay Area is known for its mild weather. However, the rainy season begins towards the end of the year and goes through spring. Luckily, there is plenty to do when it's wet outside—explore the universe at the Chabot planetarium, tour a fortune cookie factory or taste local wines. We've selected some of our favorites for you to choose from below.*

## BERKELEY ART MUSEUM

The scope of Berkeley Art Museum's exhibitions is mind boggling: old master prints, surrealist blockbusters, Buddhist mandalas, pop-art icons, contemporary African works and more. Located directly across from the U.C. campus, the sleek modernist structure of poured concrete opened in 1970. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, Ca. 510.642.0808 • [bampfa.berkeley.edu](http://bampfa.berkeley.edu)

## CHABOT SPACE CENTER

At Chabot Space & Science Center, the universe is yours to experience. Set amid 13 trail-laced acres of East Bay parkland, with glorious views of San Francisco Bay and the Oakland foothills, Chabot is a hands-on celebration of sights, sounds, and sensations. The center includes a 70-foot dome-screen auditorium and Planetarium with a full-dome digital projection system. 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, Ca. 510.336.7300 • [chabotspace.org](http://chabotspace.org)

## DUNSMUIR HOUSE & GARDENS HISTORIC ESTATE

This 37-room colonial revival mansion, built in 1899, along with its surrounding horticultural park and gardens, allows visitors to see how the wealthy lived a century ago. Grounds maps are available at the Dinkelspiel House. Check website for open days and times. 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, Ca. 510.615-5555 • [dunsmuir.org](http://dunsmuir.org)

## FORTUNE COOKIE FACTORY

A tour of the Wong family's bakery is a delicious rainy-day activity that gives a glimpse into the future. Fortune Cookie Factory, 261 12th St., Oakland, 261 12th St., Oakland, Ca. 510.832.5552 • [chinese-fortune-cookie.com](http://chinese-fortune-cookie.com)

## GRAND LAKE THEATER

A mainstay of the community since its construction in 1926, this first-run movie theater is graced with a colorful, lighted marquee and a sweeping staircase in the main hall. Look for the ornately decorated walls, brass chandeliers, and faux opera boxes. Prior to curtain on Friday and Saturday nights, an organist serenades the audience on a Wurlitzer pipe organ. 3200 Grand Ave., Oakland, Ca. 510.452.3556, [renaissancerialto.com](http://renaissancerialto.com)

## LAWRENCE HALL OF SCIENCE

The Hall of Science is perched high above UC Berkeley and offers wonderful views of San Francisco and the bay. The interior of the brown geometric building is devoted mostly to hands-on exhibits for the kids. There are many permanent as well as traveling science displays. Grown-ups may find the Ernest O. Lawrence Memorial Hall more their speed. 1 Centennial Dr., Berkeley, Ca. 510.642.5132 [lawrencehallofscience.org](http://lawrencehallofscience.org)

## Wine Tasting

It's easy to visit these two boutique wineries which are located just a few blocks away from each other in an industrial area near the estuary. Both have tasting rooms; see websites for details.

### LOST CANYON WINERY

Lost Canyon Winery's focus is on producing small lots of vineyard designated Pinot Noir and Syrah from some of the finest vineyards in the Russian River, Sonoma Coast, and Los Carneros appellations. 2102 Dennison St., Oakland, Ca. 510.534.9314 • [lostcanyonwinery.com](http://lostcanyonwinery.com)

### JC CELLARS

JC Cellars are producers of hand-crafted single vineyard wines specializing in Syrah, Petite Syrah, Viognier, and Zinfandel. Renowned for Rhône style wines, and hailed as one of the masters of zinfandel. 55 4th St., Oakland, Ca. 510.465.5900 • [jccellars.com](http://jccellars.com)

