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## See an Iconic Production of Les Mis, and More Things to Do in San Francisco This Weekend

There are also plenty of festivals and food & drink to enjoy!

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### WEEKEND GUIDES

Hope you're hungry and thirsty because this weekend is all about indulging. Caviar extravaganzas, a wine and food festival in Napa, the annual Foodwise Summer Bash, a Bastille Day Festival on Belden Place, Martini Week, and more...This is your chance to enjoy the best of what the Bay Area has to offer. There are also a couple of film festivals, a block party in Oakland, and a performance of *Les Misérables* where you'll hear the people sing like never before.

## Food & Drink in San Francisco

[Raise a glass to doing good during Martini Week](#)

## Friday, July 14–Saturday, July 15

*Bars all over the Bay Area, Prices vary*

Junipero Gin is hosting this year's Martini Week, a tribute to a classic drink (that was most likely invented in SF in the mid-1800s). Dozens of local bars and restaurants (see which ones on the map) are crafting their take on the best martini recipes while raising funds for The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and their efforts to supporting local organizations and projects that provide direct services to under-served and embattled communities.

## Indulge in caviar in honor of National Caviar Day

### Saturday, July 15–Sunday, July 16

*SoMa and Tiburon, \$175 and up*

Bump up your National Caviar Day (July 18) celebration with two indulgent events from The Caviar Co., including an extravagant National Caviar Day event on Saturday (early evening) at Saint Joseph's Arts Society with premium caviar, delicious bites,, champagne, and martinis from St. George Spirits. Plus: live music from local DJ, Golden Bell, and a drag performance from Snapfiesta. On Sunday, make your way to Marin for the National Caviar Day Tiburon "Caviar Crawl." Get your caviar passport and make your way around Main Street for specialty caviar bumps, bubbles, bites, and exclusive discounts.

## Get a Taste of Napa at the Meritage Resort & Spa

### Saturday, July 15

*Napa, \$150*

Festival Napa Valley is hosting all kinds of amazing events through July 23 to raise money for the arts, including its signature event, Taste of Napa at The Meritage Resort, where you'll enjoy wine and drinks from over 70 wineries, breweries, craft beverages, restaurants, and culinary artisans. Doors open at 11 am, and the event runs until 2:30 pm.

## Feast on unlimited food and drinks at the Foodwise Summer Bash

### Sunday, July 16

*Embarcadero, \$125*

The Foodwise Summer Bash is one of our favorite food events of the year because it's a chance to try unlimited food and drink from 45 beloved Bay Area restaurants and beverage makers AND the proceeds provide vital funds for Foodwise's farmers markets, food access initiatives, and education programs.

## Get a free pint of Salt & Straw ice cream

### Sunday, July 16

*Local delivery orders, \$12.95 and up*

Sunday is National Ice Cream Day and Salt & Straw is celebrating by offering a free pint with purchase on local delivery orders! It's the perfect excuse to indulge in and of the five beloved berry delicious berry flavors only available this month (not that you need one).

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## Enjoy rooftop cocktails at Loló's bar takeover at Cavaña (for a good cause)

### Sunday, July 16

*Mission Bay, Prices vary*

SF's newest rooftop destination, Cavaña, is hosting a bar takeover by Loló's renowned mixology team from 8 pm to close. Enjoy an evening outdoors (with plenty of heat lamps) sipping drinks that showcase's what's so amazing about Loló's fusion flavors with a twist of Cavaña's creative touch. Best of all, a portion of the proceeds from the sales of their cocktail menu will be donated to Calle 24 to help support their initiative to preserve, enhance and advocate for Latino cultural continuity, vitality, and community in San Francisco.

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afternoon and evening of French culture, cuisine, and history? All of the restaurants on Belden Place (Sam's Grill, Cafe Tiramisu, Cafe Bastille, Toy Soldier, and more) are offering French-themed dishes and promotions, and there will also be live music, free berets, festive decor, and more.

### Watch a slew of independent films at the Frozen Film Festival

Friday, July 14–Sunday, July 16

*Financial District, \$25*

Named in honor of SF's notorious frozen summers, this film festival "includes an epic collection of films from over 50 countries, including inspiring feature and short documentary films, mind-bending experimental films." You can watch them all at The Cut's outdoor theater or, if you prefer to chill at home, streaming online.

### Experience the magic of the AfroSocaLove Festival

Saturday, July 15

*Oakland, \$15*

Everyone is welcome at this block party/multicultural celebration of love. There will be live performances and DJs playing music from all over the world, local vendors, African-American Caribbean, African, and Afro-Latin cuisine, photo booths, giveaways, and more.

### Watch silent films with live music accompaniment at the SF Silent Film Festival

Friday, July 14–Sunday, July 16

*Castro, \$18 and up*

The 26th San Francisco Silent Film Festival comes to the Castro Theatre from July 12–July 16 with five days of silent-era movies played with live musical accompaniment. It's a delightful way to experience classic films of a bygone era, and you can buy a pass or individual tickets.

### Come one, come all to a carnival in Hayes Valley

Saturday, July 15

*Hayes Valley, Free*

The circus is coming on Saturday afternoon for the 112th annual Hayes Valley Carnival. There will be performances by Circus Bella and the Circus Bella All-Star Band at 1 pm and 3 pm, live music, food, carnival games, and more.

## Arts & Entertainment in San Francisco

### Hear the people sing at an iconic production of *Les Misérables*

Friday, July 14–Sunday, July 16

*Mid-Market, \$100.50 and up*

Les Mis is the world's most popular musical for good reason. There's injustice, a political revolution, unrequited love, and one of the best musical scores ever to exist—and the current production, playing at The Orpheum through July 23, is one of the best we've ever seen. The costumes, staging, sets, and lighting will all draw you into early 19th-century Paris, and the performers (especially Éponine) embody the characters so well that you should bring a tissue. If you're already a Les Mis fan, you'll be delighted—and if you're not, this production that will change that forever.

### Sing along to *The Sound of Music* at the SF Symphony

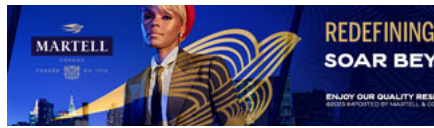
Sunday, July 16

*Civic Center, \$18.75 and up*

If one of your favorite things is *The Sound of Music*, climb every mountain (or just click) to grab tickets to this sing-along production of the Julie Andrews classic, which will play on the big screen so you can sing-along while accompanied by the San Francisco Symphony.

### See Dead & Company: The Final Tour at Oracle Park

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### Friday, July 14–Sunday, July 16

*Mission Bay, \$150 and up*

In all likelihood, if this is your jam, you’ve already scored tickets to all three nights of Dead & Company’s SF shows, but just in case you missed it—This is Dead & Company’s final run featuring former Grateful Dead members and John Mayer on vocals. Tix are pricey, but you can always hope for a Miracle.

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