

# 101 THINGS TO DO IN Oakland

**1.** Take a private tasting tour of Oakland's **Blue Bottle Coffee** factory.

**2.** Get a taste of Oakland's foodie neighborhoods with Savor Oakland, Edible Excursions: Temescal Tastes, Localite, and **Dishcrawl Oakland**.

**3.** Upgrade your **Fox Theater** experience with a "Telegraph Room" VIP pass.

**4.** Stop and smell the tulips at the **Mountain View Cemetery Tulip Festival**.

**5.** Test your crafting skills with a class at **Rock Paper Scissors Collective**

**6.** Go "hops" wild at one of Oakland's **gastropubs** or **tasting rooms**.

**7.** Indulge in a variety of Dim Sum at the **Legendary Palace** or **Shan Dong** in **Chinatown**.

**8.** Spend an afternoon trotting in the **Oakland Hills on horseback**.

**9.** Work on your dance moves at a class at the **Linden Street Dance Studio**.

**10.** Sample food truck treats and see the latest exhibits at **Oakland Museum of California's Off the Grid** each Friday.



**11.** Visit a **farmers' market** for fresh produce and prime people watching.

**12.** Witness the **Mighty Wurlitzer** before a Saturday evening film at the **Grand Lake Theater**.

**13.** Warm up with a round of bocce ball at **Make Westing** before a night out on The Town.

**14.** Channel vintage vibes while shopping at **Pretty Penny** on College Avenue in Rockridge.



**15.** Get a classic straight razor shave at the **Temescal Alley Barbershop**.

**16.** Kick off the summer with Summer Solstice at **Chapel of the Chimes**.



**17.** Chat with the locals as you sip a delicious fresh-squeezed greyhound from **Cafe Van Kleef**.

**18.** Show your LGBT pride at the **Oakland Pride Festival**, the second largest in Northern California.

**19.** Fly through the sky at the **Trapeze Arts** circus school.

**20.** Tap into your inner coffee aficionado at the **Peerless Coffee Museum**.

## 21. SPEND THE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS AT CHABOT SPACE AND SCIENCE CENTER.

**22.** Stroll through the beautiful maze of roses at **Morcom Amphitheatre of Roses**.

**23.** Play with fire at **The Crucible**, Oakland's own industrial arts school.

**24.** Walk the labyrinth at **Sibley Volcanic Preserve** in the Oakland Hills.

**25.** Explore the **Secret Stairs of the East Bay** as you wander through the city.

**26.** Sample great wines and get some exercise by joining a cycling trip with **East Bay Winery Bicycle Tours**.

**27.** Enjoy architectural greats on an Oakland walking tour, including the **Cathedral of Christ the Light** along Lake Merritt.

**28.** Travel presidential style with a cruise on the **USS Potomac**.

**29.** Captain a kayak on the Oakland Estuary and paddle over to Oakland's new beer garden, **Brotzeit**.

**30.** Rent a bike at **Bay Area Bikes** and join the **East Bay Bike Party** each month.

**31.** Get lost in the one-of-a-kind magazine collection at **Issues**, located off of Piedmont Avenue.

**32.** Follow Jack London's footsteps by stopping into **Heinold's First & Last Chance Saloon** for a beverage.

**33.** Bask in the sun or take a swim at **Lake Temescal**.

**34.** Bring your kids to **Children's Fairyland**, or leave them at home for the featured "grownups" events.

**35.** Mingle with the monkeys at the expansive **Oakland Zoo**.

**36.** Do the **Bernie Lean** at an **Oakland A's** game at O.co Coliseum.

**37.** Treat yourself to a show at the iconic **Paramount Theatre of the Arts**.

**38.** Learn to juggle at the **Kinetic Arts Center**.

**39.** Board a yacht at Strictly Sail boat show in **Jack London Square**.



**40.** Listen to live music almost every night of the week at **Yoshi's Jazz Club Oakland**.

**41.** Show your Oakland pride by sporting your favorite **Oaklandish** apparel.

**42.** Venture into the Black Hole at an **Oakland Raiders** game at O.co Coliseum.

**43.** Indulge in cheesy goodness at Oakland's own mac n' cheese restaurant, **Homeroom**.

**44.** Whoop it up with the Black Cowboys in the annual **Black Cowboys Parade**.

**45.** Watch the sun set from the deck at **Paragon Restaurant & Bar** at the **Claremont Hotel Club & Spa**.

**46.** Catch the iconic cranes in action at **Middle Harbor Shoreline Park** in West Oakland.

47. Pretend you're a "Shark" at the **Oakland Ice Center**, the practice facility for the San Jose team.

48. Cruise on an authentic **Italian gondola** at **Lake Merritt**, or choose to rent your own watercraft.

## 49. Write your own future with custom fortunes at a cookie factory tour in Chinatown.

50. View the Uptown art galleries during **Saturday Stroll** each week.

51. Pay a visit to the **Remember Them** bronze statue in Uptown, honoring our champions of humanity.

52. Get into the holiday spirit with the **Oakland Children's Holiday Parade** and Oakland Ballet Nutcracker performances.

53. Ring in the New Year at the **Lunar New Year Bazaar**.

54. **Cruise the Bay** as you travel to and from Oakland and San Francisco via the ferry.

55. Retrace Amelia Earhart's flight route at the **Oakland Aviation Museum**.

## 56. Shop 'til you drop along Piedmont Avenue.

57. Enjoy the sounds of music at **Woodminster Amphitheatre**.

58. Groove with the sounds at **Art & Soul Oakland**, voted one of the best festivals in Northern California.

59. Cozy up on a couch with a beverage as you watch a film at **The New Parkway** theater.

 60. Become an actor for the day with **Oakland's Pan Theater** improv group.

61. Lace up your running shoes for the annual **Oakland Running Festival**.

62. Enjoy the outdoor festivities in Jack London Square: **Dancing Under the Stars**, **Jack's Night Market**, & more!

63. Visit **Creative Growth**, the oldest and largest art center for adults with disabilities.

64. Catch a flick or view a mesmerizing performance by **Project Bandaloop** outdoors on the Great Wall of Oakland.

65. Stroll down **Temescal Alley** for a sampling of Oakland's hip and happening creative shops.

66. Keep your eyes peeled for the next Rolling Stones reunion at **Oracle Arena**.

67. Track down your ancestors at the **Mormon Temple**.

68. Keep rooting for the **Golden State Warriors** to make it to the NBA Playoffs again!

69. Honor black history at the **African American Museum and Library** of Oakland.

70. Engage in a food-focused workshop at the **Eat Real Festival**.

71. Savor some souvlaki at the annual **Oakland Greek Festival**.

72. Walk along College Avenue in Rockridge after collecting wine, cheese, and other gourmet goodies from **Market Hall**.

73. Order a French press and enjoy the sunshine outside at **Cole Coffee**.

 74. Identify birds at **Lake Merritt's Rotary Nature Center**, the country's oldest wildlife refuge.

75. Listen to a Mariachi band at a **Fruitvale district restaurant**.

76. Bring the family to an Easter Egg Hunt at the historic **Dunsmuir Estate**.

77. Enjoy a seasonal lunchtime concert at the **Oakland City Center**.

## 78. RELIVE A MOMENT FROM THE MOVIE UP! WITH A CONE AT FENTON'S CREAMERY.

79. Visit Oakland's architectural past at **Preservation Park**.

80. Take an evening drive along **Skyline Boulevard** for an amazing view of the sun setting over the Bay.

81. Enjoy sips of wines by Oakland wineries at the annual **Urban Wine Experience** at Jack London Square.

82. Join the Classical Revolution each week at **Awaken Cafe**.

83. Watch an inspiring performance by the renowned **AXIS Dance Company**, including performers with and without disabilities.

## 84. Honor the history of our local ancestors at Peralta Hacienda Historical Park.

85. Take a class or enjoy a concert at **Piedmont Piano Company**.

86. Enjoy cocktails al fresco along the dock at **Lake Chalet on Lake Merritt**.

87. Participate in a pig roast on the third Sunday of each month with **Chop Bar** at **Linden Street Brewery**.



88. Stroll through the boutique shops in **Old Oakland's Popuphood**.

89. Test your balance with a stand up paddleboard lesson at **California Canoe and Kayak**.

90. Try your hand at rock climbing at the **Great Western Power Company** climbing gym.

## 91. Celebrate the Day of the Dead at the Fruitvale's Annual Dia de los Muertos Festival.

92. Leave your peanut shells on the floor at **Quinn's Lighthouse and Pub**.

93. Enjoy a Belgium Ale from **The Trappist** while noshing on Taco Tuesday from **Tamarindo Antojeria**.

94. Celebrate **Oaktoberfest** and learn about the Dimond District's rich German History.

95. Enjoy fried chicken, waffles and BBQ by California's Chef of the Year, Tanya Holland at **Brown Sugar Kitchen** or **B-Side BBQ**.

96. Tour the **Hodo Soy Beanery** and witness the tofu masters at work.

97. Enjoy a moment of peace at the **Kaiser Rooftop Garden** downtown.



98. Learn the art of fruit and vegetable carving or a variety of cultural dance at the **Oakland Asian Cultural Center**.

99. Find a unique treasure at the **Oakland Museum of California's White Elephant Sale**.

100. Keep your eyes peeled for stand-up comedian Dave Chappelle at **Yoshi's Jazz Club** or **The New Parish**.

101. Show off your chops while singing a solo at Oakland's piano bar, **The Alley**.

