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Observation Wheel Opens October 21!

The 150-foot, illuminated Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park will be ready to ride, beginning Wednesday, October 21. The wheel celebrates Golden Gate Park's 150th anniversary. Its spring opening was delayed by COVID-19 restrictions. Take a ride on the wheel – you'll have sweeping views from the ocean to downtown San Francisco. To honor its launch, all tickets will be reduced to \$10 from October 21 through 25. Buy your tickets today! (https://www.skystarwheel.com/tickets)

COVID-19 precautions: All reservations to ride must be made in advance. Riders must wear masks and practice social distancing. Each of the 36 fully-enclosed, climate-controlled gondolas will be thoroughly cleaned between uses. Each gondola will be shared only by people in the same household.

The Observation Wheel is located in the Music Concourse, the outdoor plaza near the de Young Museum, the California Academy of Sciences, and the Japanese Tea Garden.

Visit Other Golden Gate Park Attractions!

Pair up your Observation Wheel ride with a visit to nearby Golden Gate Park attractions:

<u>California Academy of Sciences</u> (https://www.calacademy.org/) reopens to the public on October 23! Tickets are available for purchase, so reserve your tickets today to secure your entry date and time. Advance purchase of tickets is required. Guest reservations are being limited as a safety measure. The Academy wants visitors to wear a mask, wash your hands and watch your distance.

The <u>DeYoung Museum</u> (<u>https://www.famsf.org/about</u>) is open! Capacity has been reduced to 25% of overall building capacity. To ensure your preferred time slot, reserve your entry date and time <u>in advance online</u>. Or if you need assistance in booking tickets, Fine Arts Museum members should call 800.777.9996 and non-members should call 888.901.6645.

The <u>Japanese Tea Garden</u> (https://www.japaneseteagardensf.com/) is also open! The Tea House and gift shop are open daily, with no holiday closures. Here are the hours of operation: Now through 10/31 from 9:00am to 5:45pm; 11/1 through 2/28 from 9:00am to 4:45pm.

SF's Playgrounds Open!

San Francisco's more than 180 public playgrounds opened on October 14. Signs are posted, reminding families of capacity limits and other guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. To comply with State regulations, playground visits must be limited to 30 minutes when others are present.

Visitors of all ages must stay 6 feet away from non-household members and everyone 2 and older must wear masks. To maximize the number of children who can play, only one adult may accompany each child. Eating and drinking are not allowed, and visitors should clean their hands before and after playing. Adults must actively supervise children at all times and avoid non-essential cell phone use.