

Via the Golden Gate Bridge

Top-down driving across the Golden Gate Bridge is a wonderful experience, but you will have to be mindful of the San Francisco traffic. If at all possible, try to cross the bridge from San Francisco before 2pm, as the drivers become more enthusiastic after that hour.

When coming from the South, we recommend approaching the city on I-280, taking either 19th Avenue (lousy pavement and stoplights, but direct) to the GGB, **or** by taking:

Exit 47 from I-280 N for CA-1 S toward Pacifica, then CA-35 N to Skyline Boulevard. Skyline is the old road in the hills before 280 was built.

Stay on Skyline as it heads through some lights and past the Olympic Club and then Lake Merced

right turn onto Sunset Blvd North.

Follow Sunset until it goes under the Lincoln over crossing and dead ends at Martin Luther King Jr Blvd

Turn right on Martin Luther King Jr Blvd into Golden Gate Park (you will go over several speed humps).

Left on CA-1 N, which is called Crossover Drive at this point.

Follow CA-1 N, which becomes Park Presidio Boulevard, until it merges with US-101 N

Continue across the Golden Gate Bridge (no toll in this direction) and on to San Rafael.

This route avoids steep hills and minimizes traffic (but there will be some, of course). Recommend when coming down the hill on 101 into San Rafael to be in the second or third lane from the right. If you are making this drive at 3pm or later, the traffic is challenging and cars use this route to get to 580 E and the East Bay. The slow lane is a mess as a result of this traffic.

Take 101 N past Central San Rafael over downtown

Move over to the left at least one lane to continue. The freeway crosses above downtown San Rafael, then goes through a four lane walled section. At the top of the hill, be in the right lane exit at San Pedro Road/Civic Center.

Turn right at the fork of the exit.

Go down the hill to the stop light and

turn left onto Civic Center Drive. The Frank Lloyd Wright designed Marin Civic Center is on your left. Wind along the lagoon, straight through the roundabout

Turn right just on to McInnis Parkway. Hotel is about 200 yards on the right.