



The Architecture of San Francisco Chinatown

A Walking Tour



- ① Chinese Historical Society of America / Chinese YWCA**
 965 Clay St.
 Designed by Julia Morgan in 1932.
 City Landmark # 122
 Home of CHSA Museum since 2001.
- ② Cameron House** 920 Sacramento St.
 Designed by George McDougall 1907.
 City Landmark #44
 Known for early Presbyterian mission work providing refuge to young Chinese girls.
- ③ Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association** 843 Stockton St.
 1908 Headquarters building of Six Companies, once the “voice” of all Chinese of America in the 19th century and first half of the 20th century.
- ④ Kong Chow Temple** 855 Stockton St.
 4th Floor. One of the oldest Chinese temples in North America. Relocated from Pine St. to this location in the 1970s.
- ⑤ Gum Moon Residence**
 940 Washington St.
 Julia Morgan 1912.
 Methodist Mission first established in 1870 at 916 Washington St.
- ⑥ Chinese Telephone Exchange**
 743 Washington St.
 1909 Only Chinese Telephone Exchange in the United States.
- ⑦ Portsmouth Square**
 Originally Spanish Plaza of Yerba Buena. Renamed Portsmouth Square in 1846 when Commander John B. Montgomery from the naval ship, Portsmouth, raised the American flag in the conquest of California.
- ⑧ Waverly Place**
 Tien Hou Temple (125 Waverly Place) is the Chinese namesake for Waverly Place, where many Chinese associations located their headquarters. Tien Hou is the Queen of Heaven and Goddess of the Seven Seas.
- ⑨ Old St. Mary’s Church**
 700 California at Grant Avenue
 City Landmark #2
 Rebuilt 1907 William Crane and Thomas England, Architects.
 First church on site in 1853.
- ⑩ Sing Chong Building**
 Northwest corner California and Grant
 1908 T. Patterson Ross and A.W. Burgren Look Tin Eli, manager of Sing Chong Bazaar, led the effort to create a new “Oriental City.” Building was owned by K.A. Rivers and M.A. Music
- ⑪ Sing Fat Company**
 Southwest corner California and Grant
 1908 T. Patterson Ross, Architect
 A.W. Burgren, Engineer.
 First buildings constructed following 1906 quake. Company established by Tong Bong in 1866, one of the first pioneers in merchandising oriental arts and antiques.