

# Berkeley, California



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# Tour Summary

The oldest and arguably the most prestigious school in the University of California system is UC Berkeley, or “Cal,” as it is affectionately known by students and alumni. Berkeley, the city, grew up around Berkeley, the university, beginning in the mid-19th century. University and city endured Vietnam anti-war protests and brutal police confrontations, but turned out for the better with the founding of People’s Park. Fashion and social movements also have their birthplace at Berkeley. In national studies conducted for decades, the students and residents of Berkeley consistently measure as the most politically liberal people in the nation.

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# Some Call it Berzerkeley





The Northern California city of Berkeley is a beautiful college town, nestled between the rolling East Bay hills and the shores of the San Francisco Bay.





Strawberry Creek is a major landscape feature of the University of California at Berkeley. The waterway flows in an east-west direction along the length of the city, and empties into the San Francisco Bay. This is one of the primary reasons the site was chosen in 1860 as the campus location.



University founders settled on a area north of Oakland, astride Strawberry Creek, along the foot of the hills. At an elevation of about 500 feet above sea level, this site commands a fantastic view of the Bay Area and the Pacific Ocean through the Golden Gate.





The egalitarian, some would say socialist, mentality of UC Berkeley students still remains strong on the campus today.





From Mission Colonial to ultra-modern, those who appreciate architecture will enjoy a wide array of styles within the confines of the city.



Public art is a unique aspect of Berkeley, both on campus and around town.



One of the most famous streets in the city is Telegraph Avenue. As a center of campus and community life, this section of Telegraph Ave. is home to many restaurants, cafes, and clothing shops, as well as street vendors who occupy the sidewalks.





As a bastion of free speech, “Berzerkeley” attracts a wide range of soap-box preachers, who have opinions and conspiracy theories on virtually every subject.



Just off of Telegraph Ave. is People's Park, a choice parcel of land given up reluctantly by the university in 1969. In that year, Telegraph Ave. was the location of a massive confrontation between police and demonstrators, over the fate of People's Park.



Protesters prevailed, and now People's Park is a refuge in a busy city; a place where free speech is celebrated, sports are enjoyed, and hungry people are fed 5 days a week. This tour will explore the anti-war



movement of the 1960s and the integral role that Berkeley played.



The people of Berkeley have always been seen as "a little different." They live the way they want to live, and residing in a houseboat is an attractive option for a few citizens.



From ultra-liberal views and anti-war protests to modular apartments and carbon-free cars, Berkeley is truly one of a kind.

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