



BARS

# Best Spots for a Tinder First Date in San Francisco

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Our generation is weird — there, I said it. We meet on dating apps instead of at bars, Instagram story our mundane breakfasts, and live-Tweet our commutes to work. So when you’ve been flirting for two weeks with that hot girl from Tinder, making witty banter and sending her memes of cats and cucumbers, it can be terrifying to segue that into real life. There’s the question of what to wear, the doubts of who should pay, and the horror of making conversation face to face without time to Google what he meant by “FML” (not to mention the fear of having something in your teeth the whole time)



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Dating is hard and internet dating is even harder. While I can't tell you what to say, help you pick out your outfit, or prevent spinach from getting stuck in your teeth, I *can* help you out with where to go on the all-important first date. No matter what kind of vibe you're looking for, here are the perfect places.



Sit down for a coffee or a cocktail at The Interval's beautiful bar (Because We Can).

## FOR COFFEE

### The Interval

I'm the kind of person who will always say no to a coffee first date. It's too awkward, too bright, too sober, and hell, if I'm getting myself gussied up, I want a cocktail in hand. But I understand the appeal of a quick, low-pressure date, so my first choice would be The Interval. Located in a beautiful non-profit space in Fort Mason, The Interval has quality brews and fancy teas, plus, if it goes well you can parlay it into drinks! The cocktail menu here is extensive and unique, with one of the best piña coladas in the city.

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## FOR A DIVE DRINK

### The Page

A dive bar is a great call if you want to rock jeans and sneakers and keep it casual (and under 20 bucks). But don't scare your date off too soon by taking them to Happy Lounge (even if this *is* your kind of bar). The Page is a perfect combination of dive and class — there are some fancy beers on tap and in bottles, a full bar in case one of you wants a martini, and a pool table and foosball for entertainment. It's got the cheap, cash-only vibe without the funky smells.



ABV's sleek bar is the perfect spot to meet your date (Melissa Chow).

## FOR A CRAFT COCKTAIL

### ABV

ABV is consistently listed as one of local chefs' and bartenders' favorite bars, so it has the professional seal of approval. The cocktail menu is small but mighty, with some great spirits behind the bar and tasty concoctions served. [Plan your weekend!](#) , if things go well and you start

getting hungry, their small, shareable plates are delicious and all under ten bucks. There are even some options for the vegetarians, if that's not an immediate deal-breaker for you.

## FOR DINNER

### Fat Angel

A dinner first date is a tricky one. You don't want to pull out all the stops right away, but if you're getting seriously good vibes, why not have the first date be a bold one? I recommend holding off on a big fancy meal until a little further down the line, but a bar-cum-restaurant is the perfect place for a first dinner date. Fat Angel is ideal — the small, cozy spot has a killer beer and wine list and great food perfect for sharing. From giant salads and flatbreads to baked mac 'n cheese and chicken pot pie, it's an easy pick for dinner-for-two.

## FOR LUNCH

### Barcha

If you're the classy type who takes a break from your fancy tech job to grab lunch with your newest match, Barcha is your perfect stop. The homey space is bustling day and night, and perfect for the sunshine, when you can enjoy your lunch on the outdoor, European-feeling patio. Order a glass of wine and some shareable "mezze," then enjoy a fresh salad or shawarma sandwich at this Mediterranean bistro with Parisian flare.



## FOR A WINO

### High Treason

Although it's been open for a year, High Treason doesn't get the acclaim it deserves. Unassumingly located on Clement Street in the Richmond, this modest wine bar is owned by wine big-wigs (the pair boast a collective resume of Quince, Meadowood, and Gary Danko). So you'll get fine-dining service and *excellent* wines without the fine-dining pretension. And with wine-friendly food perfect for pairing, you're going to want to stay at this bar all night long (unless, hopefully, things go well).

## FOR A BEER LOVER

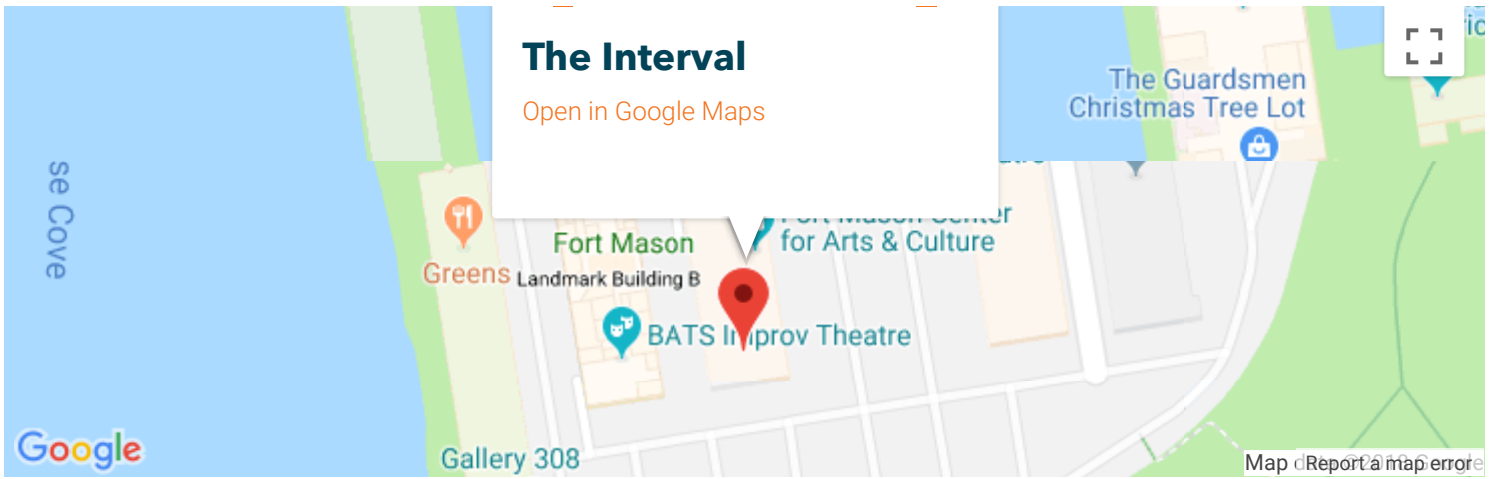
### Mikkeller

Our city is overrun with great breweries, beer halls, and taprooms. While it's hard to pick just one, Mikkeller has a great vibe for a first date. There's tons of bar space, plus a menu of snacks perfect for fueling your beer tasting (I recommend sharing a charcuterie board to go along with your brews). And the beer? There are 42 taps and specialized bottles from around the world to choose from, so there's no doubt your date will find something perfect.

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