



Extend Your Conference Experience: Explore San Francisco, Connect with Colleagues, and Celebrate Immigration History

Optional Networking Dinners

Thursday, November 5, and Friday, November 6

Continue the conversations beyond the conference with exclusive networking dinners organized by AILA National.

These small-group dining experiences provide a relaxed setting to connect with fellow attendees, exchange ideas, and expand your professional network at select restaurants near the Hyatt Downtown SOMA.

Space is limited, and reservations are expected to fill quickly.

Sign up information will be provided after conference registration.

Angel Island Immigration Station: A Pacific Gateway

Thursday, November 5 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Price: Without Lunch: \$88.28 | Lunch Included: \$113.89

Sales end on October 22, 2026

Step into a defining chapter of America's immigration history with an exclusive guided visit to Angel Island Immigration Station, often called the "Ellis Island of the West."

Located in the heart of San Francisco Bay, Angel Island offers spectacular views of the city skyline, the Golden Gate Bridge, and Mount Tamalpais. Despite being just a short ferry ride from downtown, the island feels a world away.

Between 1910 and 1940, more than 500,000 immigrants passed through Angel Island, many arriving with hopes of building a new life in the United States. During this immersive experience, you'll explore the historic Detention Barracks, view the powerful poems etched into the barracks walls by detainees, and learn how exclusion-era immigration policies shaped generations of newcomers. You'll also visit the Angel Island Immigration Museum, where exhibits trace the immigrant experience from the early 20th century through today.

Your guide, **Ed Tepporn**, Executive Director of the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, will share unique insights into the site's history and ongoing preservation efforts. The day includes a scenic ferry ride, a boxed lunch from local favorite Delica, and free time to explore the island's trails and viewpoints.

Meet at the San Francisco Ferry Building at 9 a.m. and return to the city by approximately 3 p.m.

[Reserve your spot for the Angel Island Immigration Station tour.](#)

Grace Hoppin Memorial Pub Crawl

Thursday, November 5 | 8:30–10 p.m.

Price: Union Square/Financial District: Free | Chinatown/North Beach: Free

Sales end on November 5, 2026

Join AILA members, conference attendees, and friends for an evening celebrating the life and legacy of immigration attorney and AILA leader [Grace Hoppin](#).

Participants will choose from one of two guided pub crawl routes through some of Grace's favorite San Francisco gathering spots. The event honors her longstanding contributions to AILA, her mentorship of countless immigration attorneys, and her role in launching one of the organization's first conference pub crawls in San Francisco in 2002.

Grace's advocacy left a lasting impact on the profession, including her work in *Matter of Sanmina-SCI Corporation* (BALCA), which helped establish important standards for documenting employee referral recruitment in PERM cases. Her commitment to supporting colleagues and advancing immigration law continues to inspire AILA members today.

[Register for the Grace Hoppin Memorial Pub Crawl.](#)

An AILA Evening with the Buena Vista Orchestra at The Warfield

Friday, November 6 | 8–10 p.m.

Price: \$85.08

Sales end on October 16, 2026

Experience an unforgettable evening of world-class music at San Francisco's iconic Warfield Theatre.

The Buena Vista Orchestra carries forward the legacy of the internationally renowned Buena Vista Social Club, featuring acclaimed musicians connected to Cuba's rich musical tradition. Audiences will enjoy a vibrant performance celebrating the classic rhythms and timeless sound that have captivated listeners around the world.

The evening takes place at The Warfield, one of San Francisco's most historic entertainment venues. Since 1922, its storied stage has welcomed legendary performers including Louis Armstrong, Bob Dylan, David Bowie, and Prince.

Whether you're a longtime fan of Cuban music or discovering it for the first time, this special AILA event promises a memorable night of culture, connection, and entertainment.

[Reserve your ticket for an evening with the Buena Vista Orchestra.](#)

Welcome to Lands End: San Francisco's Wild Edge

Saturday, November 7 | 9 a.m.–Noon

Price: Free

Sales end on November 6, 2026

Discover one of San Francisco's most breathtaking natural treasures.

Perched along the city's rugged northwestern coastline, Lands End combines dramatic ocean vistas, rich history, and scenic walking trails. This spectacular destination offers panoramic views of the Golden Gate Bridge, Marin Headlands, and the Pacific Ocean.

Once home to the Ohlone people, later a popular 19th-century resort destination, and now part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Lands End blends natural beauty with fascinating history. Along the way, you'll encounter the ruins of the historic Sutro Baths, windswept Monterey cypress groves, and the modern Lands End Lookout visitor center.

Join fellow attendees for a refreshing outdoor experience and a unique perspective on San Francisco's natural landscape.

[Register for the Lands End walking experience.](#)

Jackson Square History and Architecture Walking Tour

Saturday, November 7 | 1–2:30 p.m.

Price: \$28.52

Sales end on November 7, 2026

Explore San Francisco's Gold Rush past with AILA member **Lucy Lee** on a guided walking tour through historic Jackson Square.

Beginning at the conference hotel, participants will walk through the Financial District to the Transamerica Pyramid before continuing through one of the city's oldest and most architecturally significant neighborhoods.

Along the route, you'll learn about approximately 15 historic sites and buildings that helped shape early San Francisco, including the Hotaling Building, the original Ghirardelli Chocolate Building, the former Customs and Border Protection building, the Bank of Lucas, Turner & Company, and a historic fire station. Participants will

receive handouts to enhance the experience and provide additional historical context.

The tour concludes at the Old Ship Saloon, where attendees are welcome to continue networking at an optional no-host gathering. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

[Reserve your place on the Jackson Square History and Architecture Walking Tour.](#)