

Things to Do in the Pleasanton / San Francisco Area

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Welcome to Pleasanton and the NMRA Doubles-Only tournament! There are so many things to do in and around Pleasanton that we suggest you take a few extra days to see them. Below is an abridged list, but please ask me and the other local area players for suggestions on sightseeing and dining for your non-court hours. Below are some excellent ideas you might want to check out during the tournament.

Climate Average high temperature 65, average low 42 for December

City of Pleasanton There are several local web pages for visitor information.

<http://www.trivalleycvb.com/>

<http://www.pleasantondowntown.net/>

Downtown Pleasanton is about a 10-minute drive from the club and host hotel, but the hotel has a shuttle, of course. My personal choices would be the walking downtown self-tour, which will feature most of Pleasanton's best restaurants,

<http://www.pleasantondowntown.net/pdfs/WalkingTourGuide.pdf>

An interesting museum in downtown Pleasanton :

<http://www.museumonmain.org/>

Also right downtown, on Saturday mornings:

Pleasanton Farmer's Market @PleasantonFarmersMarket

A great comedy club right near the hotel:

<http://www.tommyts.com/>

The Pleasanton/Livermore area has several local wineries:

<http://www.mitchellkatzwinery.com/>

<http://www.rubyhillwinery.net/>

<http://www.wentevineyards.com/>

Fremont is only a 20-minute drive to see the Mission San Jose (or the Tesla plant for Tesla owners).

<http://www.missionsanjose.org/>

BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) is less than 5 minutes from the club and host hotel. This train conveniently takes travelers to many destinations, including San Francisco.

City of San Francisco There are endless attractions to see in the city of San Francisco, and for those who have never been to SF, this would be the city to see while visiting this area, a few highlights listed below:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Forty-Niners host the Miami Dolphins on Sunday, December 9 at Candlestick Park at 4:00 pm!• Alcatraz• Pier 39 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coit Tower• Chinatown• Golden Gate Bridge• North beach• the list goes on ... |
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Napa Valley Wine Country Beyond San Francisco to the north are the Napa wineries.

San Jose and South San Jose and the Silicon Valley are less than a one-hour drive south of Pleasanton

South of San Jose Santa Cruz is a well known beach site and refuge of many hippies still living in the 1960's.

The Pacific Coast Highway is a legendary drive that leads down past Los Angeles and to San Diego and beyond. It is best enjoyed when you take two or three days to enjoy all of the scenery, Monterey, Carmel, Big Sur, the Hearst Castle, Pismo Beach, Morrow Bay, Solvang, the Sideways Wine Country, Ventura, Santa Monica, and all of the beaches down to Orange County.

With so much to do, you will definitely want to come back soon. Make sure you bring your racquet!